




Speech By
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MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Milosevic, Mr M

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (2.31 pm): I rise to report the very sad news of the passing of Mr Mike Milosevic, a tireless and devoted member of the Mermaid Beach-Robina branch of the Liberal National Party and the former Liberal Party of Queensland. Mike lost his battle with cancer on Thursday, 3 April at Robina Hospital and was laid to rest on Wednesday, 9 April, at Allambe gardens at Nerang.

Mike was an outstanding and dedicated member of the LNP and had contributed to many elections over his 30 years in the party. He held many executive roles, including chairman of the Mermaid Beach-Robina SEC. On many occasions he was a delegate to the LNP convention and was never shy about being vocal about what he believed in. We will miss him as he was one of the few in the party who maintained this level of dedication and relentless commitment to the conservative cause. This dedication and commitment was shown over and over again on many a campaign, including the last three of my campaigns. On election day, Mike would be up at the crack of dawn to make sandwiches and morning and afternoon teas for over 100 campaign workers. He and his wife, Donna, would not only prepare lunch and morning and afternoon teas but also pack it all up in his car and distribute it at particular times throughout the day so that all campaign workers would be well fed and watered.

Mike was active in not only state election campaigns but also federal election campaigns and FDCs along with Gold Coast City Council elections. My federal colleagues and local government representatives have praised his help with the Gold Coast city councillors by moving a condolence motion in recognition of his hard work and commitment to the LNP. In 2013 at the LNP state convention Mike received the Outstanding Service Award in acknowledgement of his valuable service to the party, which was so deserved.

I would like to personally pass on my sincere condolences to Mike's family, particularly his loving wife, Donna, who was there by his side helping him with his volunteer work for the party every step of the way. He will always be remembered and will certainly be very sorely missed.

Mike was the main instigator in my quick acceptance as the candidate for Robina after Bob Quinn retired in 2006 at very short notice before a state election. At that time, Mike was instrumental in bringing together a lot of my branch members. We got on and won that election—and that was probably due to a lot of his help back then—and I am standing here today in this House delivering this condolence message. Mike was always a dedicated party worker. He certainly was a great supporter for Bob Quinn, the then leader of the Liberal Party. His wonderful work will never be forgotten. He will be missed, but not forgotten.