




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Goodwin, Mr HJ

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (7.22 pm): I rise tonight in the House because 28 March 2021 was a very sad day in Maryborough with the passing of Henry Joseph Goodwin, better known as Harry. Harry was a life member of the Australian Labor Party and the longest serving Scoutmaster—or Falcon, as they called him. I have known Harry for many, many years. He was a true gentleman.

Harry Goodwin was one of the living legends of our branch. Harry was the last connection the Labor Party branch in Maryborough had to whom we felt was the greatest Labor man from our area, Billy Demaine. Harry contributed a lot not only to the Australian Labor Party in Maryborough but also to the Maryborough community. Harry served on the council for 16 years in the old alderman days and was instrumental in a lot of the changes that came through Maryborough city in those days. I first met Harry many years ago when I was in Maryborough as a young radio announcer. Harry was on the council and he always had a vision, like the other councillors, for Maryborough city.

One of Harry's specialities was his sponge cake. Harry made the best sponge cake you will ever taste, and when we used to have party functions or someone would have a birthday Harry always came with a sponge cake. I can tell you that Harry's sponge cake is going to be greatly missed in Maryborough because he had a unique recipe. He would never tell us what he put in those cakes, but they were very nice. If he ever put them in bakeries throughout Queensland his family would have become very wealthy.

It is men like Harry who built the great city we live in today. People served on councils for very little money in those days. They went to work during the day. Council meetings were at night. They had a sandwich and a cup of tea, and they always put their community above everything else. At Harry's funeral his family talked about how the community came first with Harry. When Harry went to shake your hand or put his hand up, because he worked in sawmills there were quite a few digits missing from his years working in sawmills. Harry also served our country in the Air Force in World War II.

Harry is going to be greatly missed. He was one of the last true gentleman. I can honestly say that all in of the years I have known Harry—about 36-odd years—I cannot recall him ever swearing. He was just that type of man. So to Harry and his family—or Falcon, as the Scouts call him—you are going to be greatly missed. Another great Labor man has passed away. Maryborough is going to miss you, Harry.