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 **Hon. AJ STOKER** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (9.43 am): I rise to honour the life and parliamentary service of Paul Clauson—former member for Redlands, at a time when it took in much of my now electorate. It is a privilege to do so in the presence of members of his family, especially his daughter, Camilla, whom he loved dearly, and several friends whose trust and companionship he enjoyed to the end.

Paul was a Redlander through and through. He was educated at Wellington Point State School and later Churchie before studying at UQ and commencing a legal career that saw him practice as a solicitor, serve as a judge's associate and be admitted to the Queensland bar. He was a National Party, and later Liberal National Party, man throughout too. He never lost his passion for the policy that sits at the heart of politics—the desire to deliver better infrastructure, economic opportunities, education and stronger communities for Queenslanders.

Paul served as attorney-general at a critical time. He ensured that the Fitzgerald inquiry was granted, in his words, 'the full resources of government' to complete its difficult but important work. Several times he had to extend the scope and powers of that inquiry and he never hesitated to act in the interests of transparency and accountability. Our institutions today are the stronger for it.

Paul met his beloved wife, Kate, at Mooloolaba Yacht Club—their shared love of sailing continuing throughout their life. That passion would also see him contribute substantially to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Redlanders are very passionate about their cricket and he too was an advocate for local cricket throughout his life. The Redlands Tigers, that make us so proud today, are the stronger for his work to build cricket in our neck of the woods.

He will be remembered, of course, for his contribution in this place, but he continued to serve the community with distinction well beyond his time as a parliamentarian. As an adjunct professor at Bond University, he continued his thought leadership. He served as a member of the board of Ormiston College from 1991 to 2014, helping to build that school into one of the state's top academic performers and an institution of which my community is today deeply proud. I see the school's chairman, John Miller, in the gallery to honour that legacy.

His commitment to an ever improving legal profession continued too when, as Legal Services Commissioner, he set the standard for legal ethics and transparency for clients, and that service continued on the AAT. For 15 years he served as a committee member and as the executive director of the Infrastructure Association of Queensland, continuing the National Party legacy of getting things built across this state.

Even in his last year, a group of mates who shared a passion for the policy that gets major infrastructure projects off the ground would regularly meet at the Cleveland Lighthouse over a meal and a drink, always engaged in the project of how they could make this state better for those who come next. He leaves fingerprints in terms of the sound legal advice and the smart design initiatives he championed on projects from the Redlands to the Airtrain to the Sunshine Coast and beyond.

It is perhaps not surprising, in light of this work, that he was recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia for his significant service to the law and to the people and parliament of Queensland. He will be remembered as a man of great integrity and professionalism, kind and humble. He wanted no fuss at his passing, not even a memorial—oriented always to his family. That humility is a model to those of us who now serve. Paul Clauson—friend, attorney, servant of Queensland, may you rest in peace.