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 **Mr LISTER** (Southern Downs—LNP) (10.23 am): I was not intending to contribute to this debate but this morning in my office I saw something that really reminded me of Mark McArdle, and the wonderful picture that has been painted by so many speakers about the great, wonderful, kind gentleman and effective politician that Mark was is certainly no less than the truth.

I want to reflect on something that the member for Glass House said in his contribution when he talked about the quirky sense of humour that Mark McArdle had. The thing which reminded me of Mark was an article that was left in the office I inherited from him after he retired. We all know that after an election there is a shuffle of offices in the Annexe. After having served three years with him I took over the office that he had been using. Amongst the effects that he left in remarkably tidy array—rubber bands, staples, pens and so forth—was a very bulky padlock. Applied to the surface of this padlock was a photograph of the member for Woodridge. I am sure none of us have any inkling whatsoever what the connection would be between a lock and the member for Woodridge, but I know that the quirky sense of humour of the former member for Caloundra probably enshrined some deep allegorical significance there. I am happy to pass the padlock on to the member for Woodridge in due course.

As a new member of parliament coming in when he was an elder statesman, I enjoyed his company and I enjoyed his conversation voraciously. He was a great man and my sympathies go to Judy and his family. Vale, Mark McArdle.