

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

**Whyte, Hon. A.M.**

**Mr PEDERICK ( Hammond ) ( 14:22 ):** I rise today to pay my respects to Arthur Mornington Whyte. I did not know Arthur personally but I knew many members of his family and obviously the Hon. Caroline Schaefer who served in the other place. Apart from all the other contributions that Arthur made during his life, he was a charter member of the Kimba Lions Club, so he was always out there being involved or helping start something. As we have heard today, he served with the 2nd/48th Battalion with distinction as a Rat of Tobruk.

He also served here for nearly 20 years and he was the President for almost eight years. When I take people to show them the portraits of all the presidents, I ask them, 'What is different about this portrait?' No-one can work it out, and that is how well that portrait has been done, and most times I have to tell people that he was missing an arm.

As I said, he was President for almost eight years. In 1987 he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia. I would like to read from one of the obituaries for Arthur that was in *The Advertiser* on 16 December last year:

WHYTE, Arthur Mornington. 12/03/1921-15/12/2014. Ex Second 48 Battalion, Former President of Legislative Council. Loved husband of Mary for 69 ½ years. Loved father of Caroline, Annette, Martin and Nola. Great friend and father-in-law of Roy, Garry, Deborah and Sam. Grandfather and mate of Tim, Angela, Natalie, Kate, Jessie, Jeremy, Lissy, Emily, Hamish, Bridie, Ellen, Matt, Joe and partners. Great grandfather of 13. You were our hero.

In my closing comments I would like to acknowledge a farmer, a soldier and a politician. Vale Arthur Mornington Whyte.