

**House of Assembly
3 December 2009**

GUNN, HON. G.M.

Adjourned debate on motion of Mr Bignell:

That this house acknowledges and congratulates the member for Stuart, the Hon. Graham Gunn MP, for his service to the Parliament of South Australia.

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Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:52): I, too, wish to congratulate the Hon. Graham Gunn, the member for Stuart, for his service to the parliament. Before I entered this place many people would say to me, 'I know the member for Stuart, Graham Gunn' or 'My family knows Graham Gunn'—he is held in very high regard throughout the community.

As a member entering this place, it was great to receive very sage advice from Graham on a whole range of issues. Graham left absolutely no doubt about how a member of parliament should perform his or her role, either in this place or out in the community. I have received very good advice over the last 3¾ years. As everyone has indicated, Graham is very direct in what he has to say. He is very firm in his beliefs, and I believe this is why he has remained the member for Stuart for almost 40 years.

I certainly acknowledge the support of his wife, Jan, and his family. I just hope that the family are ready when Graham does leave this place because he has indicated on several occasions that he might return to the farm. Certainly, I have enjoyed the camaraderie with Graham. You can have a discussion with Graham and you can have a different point of view. I have certainly always respected his point of view and he respects the fact that you have a different point of view; but then, moving forward, he does not hold a grudge.

Graham, as I believe he has done in his whole political career, just gets on with the job, because he knows that tomorrow is another day. Graham has given me advice about the Speaker, and I note the comments made today. He said, 'Even when the Speaker is wrong, he is right.'

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: They were the days!

Mr PEDERICK: They were the days.

Mr Williams: Don't raise your eyebrow.

Mr PEDERICK: So I do not raise my eyebrow, absolutely, member for MacKillop. It has been pleasing to talk to Graham, a fellow farmer, and engage in conversation with him about the good yields from his property on the West Coast this year and hear how the harvest is going, and filling the box in eight minutes, and all that sort of thing. I have shared his excitement, because it is great when there are good yields. It is just sad when the money is not there, but every farmer enjoys it when it is pouring into the bin. I will certainly miss those discussions that we have had but, hopefully, I will run into Graham down the track and have many discussions with him either about being in this place or out in the farming communities.

I certainly wish Graham and his family all the best in the future. It has been a great career that has spanned almost 40 years. Thank you Graham Gunn.