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Letter to the Editor

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Corangamite honours Stewart McArthur

I was delighted to attend a dinner recently at Skilled Stadium to honour Stewart McArthur for his parliamentary contribution and service to the people of the federal seat of Corangamite.

More than 320 friends and guests joined Stewart and his family in celebrating his 23 years as member for Corangamite. Stewart was elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 due to the resignation of the Honourable Tony Street, who was Foreign Minister in the Fraser Government. Generous, hardworking and above all a willing listener, Stewart was always available to his constituents.

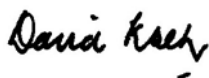
Stewart held numerous parliamentary party positions and was Government Whip from March 1996 until the end of the Howard government. He also served on many parliamentary committees.

Stewart's family has had a long association with the Victorian Parliament. His father, Sir Gordon, was a member of the Legislative Council from 1931 to 1965 representing the former South-Western Province and was elected President of the Legislative Council in 1958. He was still President at the time of his passing in 1965.

Among Stewart's recent accomplishments were the successful funding of both Geelong's bypass and the rural medical school at Deakin University. He lobbied incredibly hard for these regional projects, and they would not have happened without his contribution. Both these projects will bring tremendous benefits to Geelong, and more importantly western Victoria.

I congratulate Stewart on his magnificent service to the people of Corangamite and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Yours sincerely



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