

**CHARLIE GREGORINI**

*Statement by Member for Swan Hills*

**MR F. ALBAN (Swan Hills)** [12.54 pm]: Yesterday, along with other members of this house, I attended the funeral of Charlie Gregorini, who was the Mayor of the City of Swan. It was such a sad occasion and his is such a sad loss. Words of condolence to his wife, children and grandchildren seem inadequate. How do people explain to his grandchildren the loss of their grandad, their nonno? I hope they were comforted by the large crowd that attended the funeral to pay their last respects to this great man.

Charlie had 30 years' experience in local government and for most of those years he was the president of the Shire of Swan, which later became the City of Swan. I imagine that his record speaks for itself. As a councillor, I had the privilege to serve with Charlie on the City of Swan for five years. Charlie, as both a mentor and an elder statesman, will be sorely missed. I am sure his influence and memory will be with us for some time. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.