

Julian Hill MP

Federal Member for Bruce

*Spoken on behalf of Julian Hill MP who cannot be with us here today to deliver these comments himself.*

I am sorry I cannot be with everyone in person to mourn and celebrate Alf's life, as unfortunately I'm still in isolation with COVID.

Alf was one of a kind, and in many ways the last of his kind.

The last WWII serviceman at Noble Park RSL, his passing marks the end of an era of service in the air-force and navy, which no doubt others will talk of.

Alf was also a true Labor man. A stalwart in the local ALP, Alf's cheery smile and energy will be sorely missed.

Alf served in formal roles including local branch and FEA President many times.

But above all else, it was Alf's willingness to always lend a hand, lend you an ear and live his values that were the mark of the man respected and loved by so many across the Labor family.

People like Alf are the moral compass of elected MPs and Councillors. Whether he agreed with you or disagreed with you, he'd always remind you what was right based on deep Labor values.

And then having said his bit, was always there, always loyal and Alf always had your back.

Alf was brought up in the Depression era. Seeing so many people go without forged Alf's values and willingness to always dig in and dig deep to help other people.

Condolences to Alf's family for sharing Alf with the community for so long.

Vale Alf. Your life made a difference to so many people in our community. Thank you for your years of service. You'll be missed and never forgotten.