

Tributes to an outstanding newspaperman

Retired editor and former proprietor of the Dandenong Journal, Mr. Greg Dickson, has had some fine but well-deserved things said about him on the eve of relinquishing his active association with this newspaper after 25 years.

At the last meeting of Berwick Council he attended, the Shire President (Cr. Arthur Robinson), handed to him an official letter, reading:

"On the occasion of this, your last Berwick Shire Council meeting as Editor of the 'Dandenong Journal,' the President, councillors and ratepayers of the Municipality desire to convey to you their gratitude for the outstanding service you have given over the past quarter of a century.

"In every way you have maintained the highest traditions of your profession.

"In common with every other portion of the district served by your newspaper, this Shire has benefited to an incalculable degree from your factual reporting, your ready understanding of the problems of local government, your integrity and your humanity.

"In the long history of this Municipality many talented and high principled pressmen have worked in close co-operation with councillors and officers, but we know of no one who has made a greater contribution to its welfare and progress than you have.

"In expressing thanks for this co-operation, we also extend hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of you and your wife in your retirement."

There were also speeches of appreciation and regret from the councillors and from Greg's close friend and colleague, Mr. Herb. Thomas, editor-owner of the Pakenham Gazette.

After all was sincerely said and done, with typical modesty Greg, said



"Greg"

"I will treasure this little tribute, even though I don't deserve it."

Dandenong's thanks

At the last meeting of Dandenong Council, the Mayor (Cr. Carl Downard), councillors, the Town Clerk (Mr. Cal. Elliott), the City Engineer (Mr. Gordon Wright), and the president of the Dandenong Chamber of Commerce (Mr. Richard Allen) took the opportunity to say "thank you" to Greg. for his help and co-operation over the years.

They congratulated him on the unswerving high standard of journalism he had maintained and on the fine service he had given to Dandenong as a citizen.

Reference was also made by all speakers — and by Greg, in his response — to the sterling work by Mrs. Dickson both for the Journal and for Dandenong.