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The Hon **David Hawker** MP
Federal Member for Wannon



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TED KENNA HONOURED IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Federal Member for Wannon, David Hawker, today joined with his colleagues in honouring the memory of Hamilton's own Victoria Cross winner, the late Ted Kenna, in Parliament.

Mr Hawker recounted the story of Ted's courageous World War 2 act which saved the lives of his mates and earned him one of the military's highest honours, the Victoria Cross.

"Ted's valour is an extraordinary story, but, in his most unassuming way, he would never claim to have done anything more than was expected of him," Mr Hawker told the parliament.

"The thing about Ted as a remarkable Australian is that he had a very strong commitment to veterans, not only locally but right throughout Australia.

"His other great commitment to the community in later life was to visit schools, helping young people to have a better understanding of the contribution that so many made during World War 2, particularly in the Pacific theatre."

Mr Hawker told the parliament of Ted's local contributions, in particular his part in winning Hamilton's 1947 football premiership.

"When he was on the ground he was never backward in coming forward," Mr Hawker said.

"He was widely known and highly regarded by many, many people right throughout the region and right throughout Australia," he said.

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