



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media statement

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### **Congratulations to John Toohey for his Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List recognition: Maranoa MP**

MARANOA MP David Littleproud thanked John Toohey for his commitment to Veterans and the community as the Goondiwindi trailblazer was today announced on the Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List.

"Congratulations, John, on your well-deserved recognition today and being presented with an OAM for your service to Veterans and their families, and to the Goondiwindi community," Mr Littleproud said.

"John, a Vietnam Veteran and RSL Life-Member, is well-known and respected in our community and was the Goondiwindi RSL Branch president for more than 40 years.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank him not only for his commitment to Goondiwindi but also for his service and sacrifice to our great nation."

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### **MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

**Mr John Cornelius TOOHEY, Goondiwindi QLD 4390** For service to veterans and their families, and to the community of Goondiwindi. Service includes: The Returned and Services League of Australia: Life Vice-President, Western District Branch, current; past Executive Member. President, Goondiwindi Sub-Branch, since 1975; Life Member, since 1993. Community: Finance Committee Member, St Mary's Catholic Parish, Goondiwindi, current. Past President and Referee, Goondiwindi Amateur Basketball Association and Life Member. Patron, Goondiwindi Junior Rugby Union Club, current; Past Fitness Coach, Goondiwindi Rugby Union Club. Member, Diggers Fishing Club, current. Qualified Justice of the Peace, current. Member, Goondiwindi Lions Club, current. Awards and recognition includes: Recipient, Meritorious Medal, The Returned and Services League of Australia, 2009 Recipient, Goondiwindi Citizen of the Year, Goondiwindi Regional Council, 2004. Recipient, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International, 1990's. Recipient, Life Member, Goondiwindi Day Touch Football Club. Recipient, Life Member, Diggers Swimming Club. Recipient, Life Member, Goondiwindi Rugby Club.