



**THE HON RICHARD MARLES MP
SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
MEMBER FOR CORIO**

THE HON GORDON SCHOLES AO

Yesterday the Labor movement lost a giant.

Before entering Parliament the Hon Gordon Scholes AO was a train driver. He was a staunch unionist and became the President of Geelong Trades Hall Council in 1965.

He served as the Member for Corio from 22 July, 1967 to 8 February, 1993.

He won the seat during a by-election with a swing of 11 percent to Labor. His election was the first triumph of the then newly elected Leader of the Opposition the Hon Gough Whitlam AC QC.

Gordon was the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives at the time of the Whitlam Government's dismissal.

In the Hawke Government he served as Defence Minister and Minister for Territories.

Like Ben Chifley he rose from the shop floor to our nation's cabinet.

Gordon Scholes witnessed history and participated in it. He is a huge figure in Geelong and the nation and today we mourn his passing.

Husband to Della (dec.) our thoughts are with his family, his daughter's Kerry and Anne and his grandson Jed.

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