

Vale Rod Tilden
Rotary Club of The Hills Kellyville



Rodney James Tilden 16/5/1951 - 3/12/2021

Aged 70 years

Passed away peacefully on Friday 3rd December 2021.

Late of Glenhaven.

Adored husband of Toni.

Loved Father of Nikki, Fiona and Amanda.

Father-in-Law to Paul, Rob and Andy.

Cherished Poppy to Zac, Fynn, Lily and Harvey.

Brother to Caroline.

Will also be sadly missed by his extended family and friends.

Rod joined Rotary 13th May 1988, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Kellyville. He passed away, peacefully, aged 70, on Friday 3rd December 2021. At age 37, Rod was the youngest Charter member of Kellyville Rotary Club (13th May 1988) and served as President in 2004-05. He remained a member until July 2021, when he retired due to his illness. He was the longest serving member of the Rotary Club of Kellyville. He held various Board positions in the Rotary Club of Kellyville and the Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville. We will all remember his smile and the happy demeanour he has always displayed and the support he always gave, on all our fundraisers and community projects, throughout his 33 years with our club. His absence was already being missed, at our meetings. Rod has also been a major contributor to the Dural Men's Club. I know you all share my deep sorrow. Our thoughts are with Toni and all her family. Rod will certainly be missed. May he Rest in Peace.

Jim Sifonios.

Past President Ray Campbell, the second longest serving member of The Rotary Club of Kellyville, offered the following statement:

Rod was the youngest Charter Member of The Rotary Club of Kellyville. In those early years it was very much a family Club where our young families were together often. Rod and Toni were always there with their three girls, Nikki, Fiona and Amanda, creating and enjoying the camaraderie.

Rod is best described as a hands-on Rotarian. If there was work to be done Rod was volunteer number one. The Rotary Park at Kellyville was one such endeavour. When holes needed to be dug and fences needed to be erected, Rod did more than anyone else because he loved that kind of work. The "paint your heart out" program where The Club painted buildings etc., inside and out for those who needed help, was another that Rod featured in. He was so adept at swishing a paint brush that he never missed an assignment. His cheery and cheeky outlook on life plus his technical skills made those assignments extremely enjoyable and added greatly to the team building of The Club. Another Club program was the car parking for various horse and dog shows at Castle Hill Showground, guiding drivers where to park their vehicles so order was maintained. Rod helped more people park than anyone else. He carried out this task without ever getting frustrated but always displaying his friendly smile. Rod was reluctant to be President and it took us a long time to convince him that he could perform the role, which he did many years later, with distinction. Rod was the epitome of the Rotary credo, Service Above Self.

Vale my friend.

Ray Campbell.

I met Rod when I joined the Rotary Club of Kellyville in January 1991. We related through a love of cars & motor racing. At one stage, we both owned the same brand & model of Holden V8 ute. Inspirationally, Ron & Toni visited the English mecca of motoring Goodwood Revival Festival, & spoke so highly of the event, that I added it to my bucket list of things to do. His passing will ensure I visit soonest. Likely Sept 2022, COVID permitting. I have known Rod through many business dealings with both Rod & Toni, as well as through Rotary. A truly, swell guy who will be missed.

Rest in Peace, Rod.

President Thomas Cann.