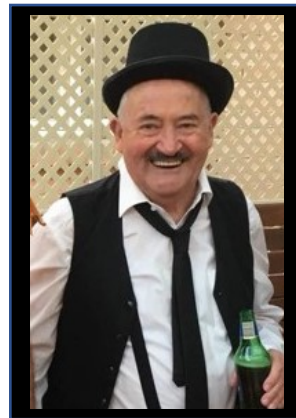


Barry Cummings

The following are the words read out by President Greg at the Club meeting on 24 Sept 2020 on the passing of Barry Cummings.



Our Rotary family is Mourning the loss of dear friend and long-time Rotary Member, Barry Cummings last Tuesday. Our thoughts are with Kristine and family at this sad time.

Barry Cummings was born on 8th July 1941, and had a long, successful, and always interesting career with the Australian Customs Service.

He was a Fellow CPA and joined Chelsea Rotary in 1979. Barry subsequently joined RCNB in Feb 1998, sponsored by Ralph Lee. Over the many years with us, Barry carefully managed our various property items – whether it be the laptop, projector and cables for Club Meetings, Rotary clothing of all makes and sizes, our crucial array of bbq paraphernalia or whatever else is in our storage container, Barry knew the whereabouts.

Everybody loved and admired Barry!! A quiet, unassuming gentleman who loved a good chat and to tell a story or two.

Jen/my endearing memory is of Barry and Kristine at our Fellowship weekend last November at the Point Lonsdale where Barry joined Rowan and Maurie on guitars in entertaining us post dinner - he claimed during a particularly lively and noisy session that the other two were way out of key. Of course, the “Barry grin” and twinkle in his eye was ever present. Sadly, Barry was meant to be one of our performers at last week’s Talent night but not to be.

Barry and his wife Kristine had such a loving relationship that genuinely endeared them both to us all – always together, always contributing in their own way and always colourful and positive.

To Kristine and family, our sincerest thoughts are with you and be assured that the Rotary family will always be beside you.

Members and Friends, could I ask you to join me for a minute of reflection in memory of Barry J Cummings - may he rest in peace.

Thank you everybody.

President Greg