

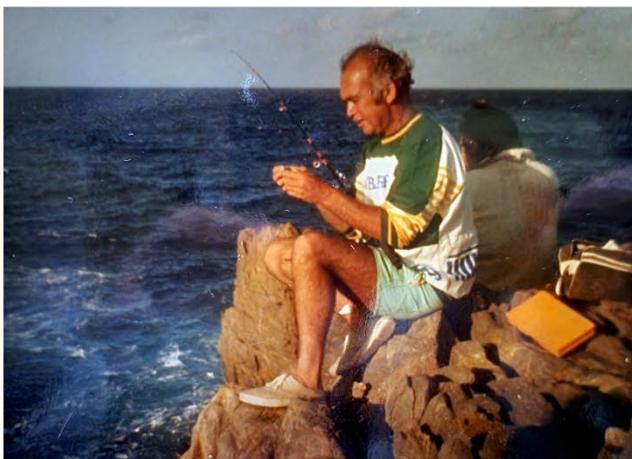
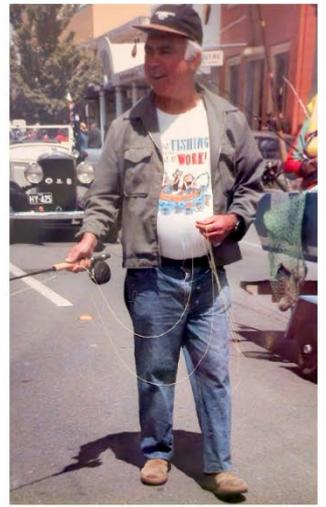
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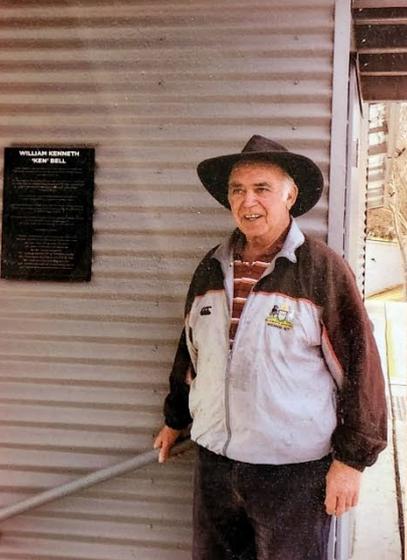
10 OCTOBER 1946 – 12 JUNE 2024



MEMORIAL SERVICE | WALKER PARK YASS
FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024 AT 11.00AM







WILLIAM KENNETH 'KEN' BELL

A proud Wiradjuri Ancestral Elder of Yass (NSW), Ken was born on 19 October 1946 and overcame many obstacles to become a role model for the local Aboriginal community and a highly respected citizen.

Ken began working for the Yass Municipal Council in 1968 and, 46 years later, retired from the Yass Valley Council in 2015. Respected by his workmates and all who came in contact with him, he had the ability to talk to anybody, and treated everyone equally regardless of their social standing.

Ken has given his time to many community and sporting organisations and his selfless commitment has been recognised on numerous occasions.

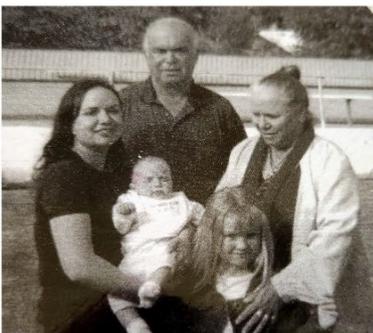
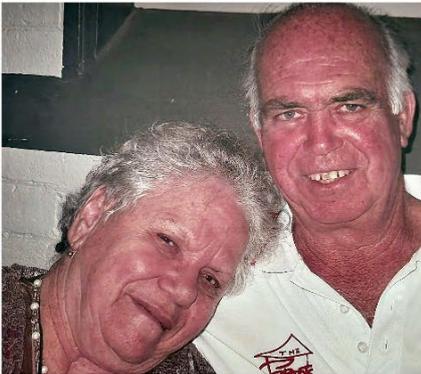
Ken became the President of the Boys Club at a time when racial tensions were running high. Taking on the role was brave; staying in the job for 12 years to oversee the growth of the club was a testament to the man himself.

As a Ancestral Elder, Ken has been a member of the Yass Indigenous Consultative Committee and a sounding board for the local Aboriginal Community. Ken has had a positive impact and greatly touched many people's lives.

Ken's sporting achievements:

- Mid-1960's - played and coached Junior and Senior Rugby League in Yass;
- 1976 to 1987 - President of the Yass Boys Club (from Yass Honor Rugby League);
- 1979 to 1992 - Calburns & District Rugby League Referee;
- 1985 - Awarded Life Membership of the Yass Boys Club;
- 1984-1998 - Yass Touch Football Referee;
- 1995 - Awarded Life Membership of the Yass Touch Referee Association;
- 2001 - Awarded Australian Sports Medal for Services to Rugby League;
- 2006 - Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay Bearer;
- 2009 - Awarded Life Membership of the Yass Senior Rugby League Club;
- 2009 - Inducted into Yass Sporting Hall of Fame as a Local Legend.

Loving Husband to Pam
Father to Louise, Mark and Michael
Father-in-law to Sue and Bec
Pop to Kezia & Oz, Sian, Thomas, Sean and Alex
Great Pop to Phoenix and Caitlan
Brother to Aggie (Andrew)
Family, friend and mate to many



PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC
Mountain of love by Charlie Pride

SMOKING CEREMONY
Scott Bell

WELCOME TO COUNTRY
Tyahn Bell

INTRODUCTION & HOUSE KEEPING
Master of Ceremonies - Ian Gorman

EULOGY
Michael Bell

TRIBUTES FROM FRIENDS
Michael McManus
Ross Webster

REFLECTION - PHOTO MEMORIES
Green Green Grass of Home by Tom Jones
Mississippi Cotton Pickin Delta Town by Charlie Pride

POEM

'When tomorrow starts without me'
Read by Kezia Bell and Thomas Bell

TRIBUTES FROM FRIENDS
Fiona Vickery & Narelle Bullman
Tim Clayton
Mike Inkster

MORE PHOTO MEMORIES
Crystal Chandelier by Charlie Pride
Beautiful Noise by Neil Diamond

FAREWELL MUSIC
Leave him in the long yard, by Slim Dusty



KEN'S LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS AND LIFESTYLE

Lifelong advocate, mentor, role model and supporter to many in the Yass Community

Mid 60's – played and coached Junior & Senior Rugby League

1975-1987 – President of the Yass Boys Club
(now known as Yass Minor Rugby League)

1979-1992 – Canberra & District Rugby League Referee

1985 – Awarded Life Membership of Yass Boys Club

1984-1998 – Yass Touch Association Referee

1995 – Awarded Life Membership of Yass Touch Referees Association

2001 – Awarded Australian Sports Medal for
Services to Rugby League

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Long-time Participant, supporter and advocate of Relay for Life

Member of numerous fishing and sporting clubs,
Yass Soldiers Club Cricket Club, Commercial Hotel Fishing Club.

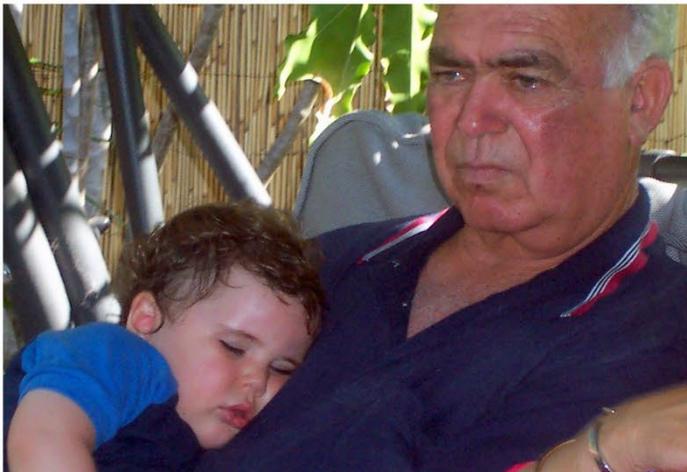
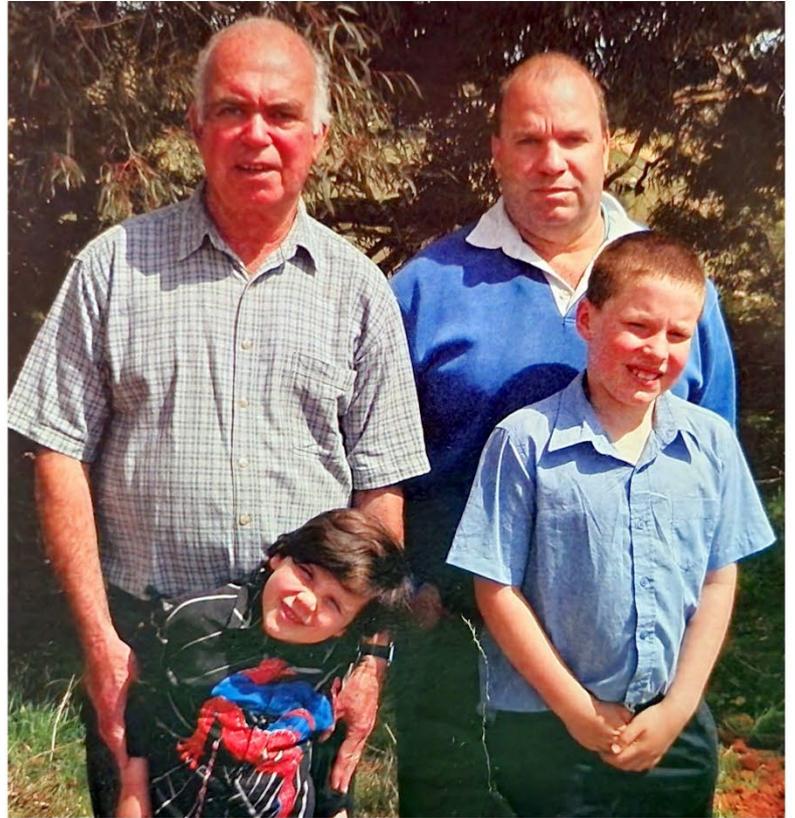
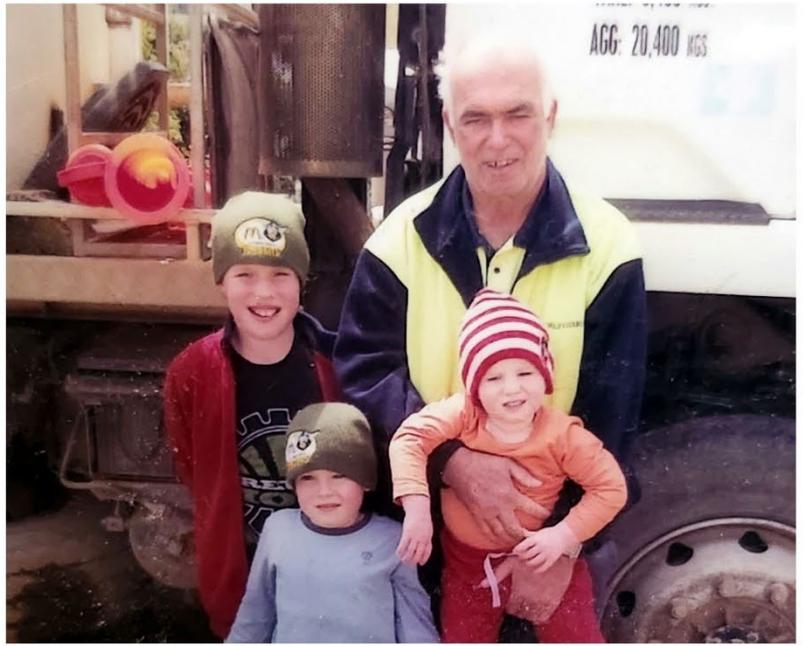
Member and multiple award-winning exhibitor with
the Yass Show Society, avid gardener of vegetables, fruit and flowers.

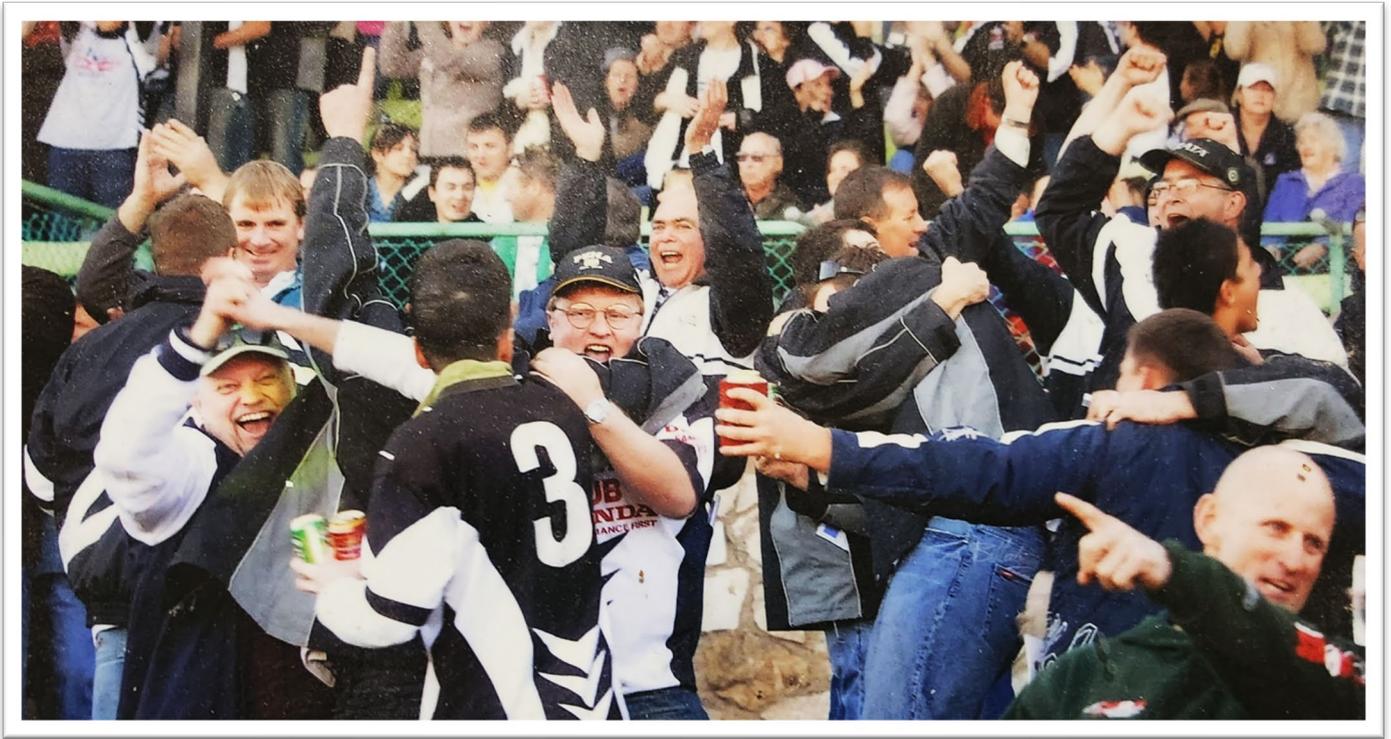
Supporter and active member involved with the
Yass River Restoration project and Yass River fish re-stocking program.

45 years employed with Yass Valley Council, retired 2013

Active participant of Aunty Jeans Elders Community Olympics
with The Yarr Crew

Honoured and respected Ngunnawal Elder who shared Culture
with numerous communities & welcomed many to Country





Thank You

*The Bell Mob wish to thank you for sharing Ken's Memorial today
- also for the numerous calls, emails and texts of condolences and support.*

*Especially the Yass United Rugby League Football Club
and Yass Minor Rugby League.*

*We would also like to invite you to share your "Kenny" stories with us
at the Yass Bowling Club, Adele Street Yass.*

