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### **KEIRON PATRICK BUTLER**

Keiron Patrick BUTLER was born on 15 March 1950 and his family lived initially at Kelsey's farmhouse Old Logan Road past Gailes, near Sandy Creek, before moving to Goodna.

Keiron lived at Woogaroo Street Goodna for most of his young life and for all his adult life.

He was called up for compulsory National Service in 1970, serving for the ensuing 2 years in 1971 and 1972 and celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday away from his family in the Australian Army, as a conscript at the height of the Vietnam War

Back in civilian life, he worked for the Department of Main Roads but soon developed a life-long interest in racing greyhounds.

The height of his career as a greyhound trainer was his win in record time in the Johnnie Walker Final at The Gabba in May 1985 with Town Hall Flyer, owned and named by a local Ipswich alderman.

Keiron was known over the years by his many friends as either Jimmy, Buttsy, the Lord Mayor of Goodna or The Colonel – so named after a look-alike southern fried chicken American entrepreneur.

He worked as a volunteer at the Goodna Rugby League Club and with the Goodna Rugby League Old Boys, as well as assisting many people over the years in the Greater Goodna community – often performing tasks such as erecting a new fence for the princely sum of just a carton of beer.

He tirelessly promoted the naming of the Eddie Gilbert Field at the former Wolston Park Hospital and the official naming of Dingo Hill at Gailes discovered by John Oxley in his famous voyage up the Brisbane River to Goodna in 1823.

At the age of 38, Keiron was struck with cancer and endured the after effects of major surgery for the next 36 years of his life.

He passed away peacefully at the Ipswich Hospital on the evening of 29 May 2024 with his sister Maureen at his bedside.

A beautiful ceremony was held at the Centenary Memorial Gardens at Wacol on Friday 14 June 2024 attended by almost 150 friends and major acquaintances. The service was presided over by Ron Oostenbroek.

Blair Hope, Keiron's Great Niece wrote a beautiful poem which was read at his funeral, with these concluding words:

The Colonel of Goodna, a one of a kind  
He lights up a room all of the time.  
Loud and proud always had stories to tell  
A Butler Boy Goodna knew so well.  
A generous person to others in need  
A caring person you will always be.  
RIP Keiron - always know  
We love you dearly and miss you so.

Vale, Keiron, Jimmy, Buttsy, Lord Mayor of Goodna, The Colonel.

May you Rest in Peace.