



R.W. (Roy) Baldwin OAM - 1984/1985

Roy was the son of another RDCA Life Member W. K. (Bill) Baldwin.

Roy was interested in sport from a very young age with his passions being Australian Rules Football and of course, cricket. His football career included playing for Mitcham Under 18's where he came under the notice of the Hawthorn Football Club in the then Victorian Football League. His first year at Hawthorn was in 1944 when he played 16 reserves games before playing his first senior game against North Melbourne in Round 17. His form in the Reserves was so good he won the team Best & Fairest in that season, his first. In 1945 Roy played 17 of the first 18 games in the seniors before enlisting in the Army.

In 1951 Roy returned to playing local football at Kilsyth where he was to play around 400 games over 22 seasons. Roy and his wife Kathleen were both Life Members of the Kilsyth Football Club in recognition of their extensive service to the club. Roy's mother and father (Bill and Elsie) were also Life Members of the football club. Roy had a long and successful EFL career, winning the Division One Reserves Best and Fairest 5 times in the 1960s and being recognised as an EFL 300 game plus Life Member.

Cricket was Roy's other sporting love. At Kilsyth Cricket Club Roy built an enviable record of achievement and involvement, both on the field and off. In a career spanning some 38 years, Roy played over 400 games, was Captain of the First Eleven for 8 seasons, and was on the Committee for an extraordinary 44 years, including one season as President (1970/71) and 26 years as Secretary (1971/72 to 1996/97). He was the club delegate to the RDCA for 28 years. On the field, Roy was a competitive player and in the late 1970s and through the 1980's he won several club batting awards from the Third Eleven to the Sixths. Roy was awarded Life Membership of the Kilsyth Cricket Club in 1971.

Roy has also been a keen contributor to the RDCA. Besides many years as a Club Delegate, Roy played a number of representative games for the Association, including captaining an RDCA team against a combined District team on the MCG. He was on the Junior and Senior Executives for three and one years respectively. He was a selector for the senior representative teams for 3 years and was also Manager of the Association's Indoor Centre at Kilsyth for a year. Roy was awarded Life Membership of the Association in 1984/85 and, as recognition of his support of junior cricket, the Under 12 Division Two competition is named "The Roy Baldwin Shield".

The Roy Baldwin Oval at Kilsyth is named to acknowledge the significant contribution Roy has made to the Kilsyth Cricket and Football Clubs. Roy has also been recognised by being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to Sport and the Community.



Field of View Photography

Roy's daughter Rhonda Davis proudly collects the RDCA Hall of Fame award at the RDCA Centenary and Hall of Fame Dinner held on 26th March 2021.

The following words about Roy were included in the RDCA Centenary and Hall of Fame program for the dinner held on 26th March 2021.

"A Kilsyth C.C. member with a playing career spanning close to 40 years and over 44 years on the club committee. First XI Captain for 8 years and scored over 4,200 runs, awarded club Life Membership in 1971 and a member of the club's Team of the Century. The Roy Baldwin Oval at Kilsyth is named in his honour. Roy served on the senior and junior Association Executives' and was a representative player and a club delegate for many years. Roy was Manager of the RDCA Indoor Centre at Kilsyth for a year and is an RDCA Life Member and for many years had a junior grade competition named after him. Roy received an Order of Australia for service to sport and the community."

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