

BARRY BADMAN...

Was a colourful Sydney Eastern Suburbs identity around town in the 1980's and 1990's. A man of the people and for the people, Barry was known to everyone. It didn't matter if you were doing it tough and down on your luck, or a high-flying businessman looking for something in particular, Barry Badman could help.

He loved a beer did Barry. He also loved a punt. Above all though, he loved to be around characters. People with personality, easy to laugh, and fun to be around. It only stood to reason then that Barry liked the pub life. And to anyone who visited any drinking establishment from Sydney city to the Eastern Suburbs, to South Sydney...well let's just say Barry knew a few people.

Known as 'The Badman', Barry was anything but. A gentleman who preferred loving to fighting and a parlay to a win bet, his nickname was about as Australian as you could get. Completely opposite to the man himself. He was no angel though, nor was he a devil, he was simply Barry Badman.

No good man could survive without a good woman of course, and Barry's love was Ginny. In their later years together, they were seldom spotted without each other. America had Bonny and Clyde, we had Barry and Ginny. They were a dynamic duo.

Apart from Ginny, Barry loved horse racing. He loved a battler. He loved a drink with mates. He loved the Coogee Dolphins footy club, and he had more than a penchant for banana paddle pops. In his heyday, he would have a freezer full of the iced confectionary with the mascot lion on the front. Many a story could be told about Barry and his banana paddle pops... but they shall remain urban myths until we have more time where they can be told in full.

Ginny and Barry passed away some years ago. Not far along from each other. The gentleman that is Barry Badman and his girl Ginny were now somewhere in the heavens, flying, together. Barry is too much of a legend to not remember. There is no doubt he would be looking down and laughing at the Barry Badman tipping contests. He'd be urging you to 'back the value' and for your selections to 'get up you good things' but above all he'd be happy just knowing old friends and new were being brought together in the Baddest of ways!