

FAREWELL LEN

JAMES LEONARD 'Len' MULLARD was farewelled at a packed St Luke's Anglican church funeral service at Wallsend last Friday week August 20.

Len was born in Wallsend Hospital November 30, 1943 with his younger twin brother John. In February 1960 Len was diagnosed with meningitis and spent a long time in Wallsend Hospital and forced to go on to an invalid pension.

In 1985 he moved to Weemala Home at Ryde where a new life began with a highlight being a meeting with Princess Diana in 1996.

Len was wheelchair bound but this did not prevent him from becoming very active in community affairs especially as a member of City of Ryde Lions Club where he served as president and longtime bulletin editor.

He was a past president of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney Community integration Program and a member of the City of Ryde Access Committee and was heavily involved in local community affairs.

Len with five others including his good friend Jill were the first to move into a community housed in Parry Street Putney. From there he could regularly attend St Chad's church Putney.



He was recognised for his community work with the Centenary Medal from Prime Minister John Howard in 2003 and in 2006 was Ryde City Volunteer of the Year Award winner.

His service to Lions International was recognised with the highest award of Melvin Jones Fellowship for dedicated humanitarian services. City of Ryde Lions Philip Mullard and Ernie Kidd presented the eulogy at the funeral service where a bus load of members attended.

Recently he spent time in Royal North Shore Hospital before returning to be near his brother John at Wallsend at Sugarloaf Gardens where he overlooked his original family home.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in Peace Len.