

## UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH CIRCULAR

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## **Working With Children Checks**

Members are advised that in order to work with children the Government requires that you have a Working with Children Check.

The Union has been negotiating for some time to have procedures put in place so members do not have to use their limited finances to support the Authority's responsibilities.

The Authority's WWCC Policy has been amended recently, but it has not put in place an appropriate administrative payment process.

It is unreasonable for the employer to expect employees to pay from their own pockets to support the liabilities of the employer.

Please note that if you apply for a WWC Check in your own time, and have an accident travelling to or from the Post Office or whilst you are attempting to administer your application, you will not be covered by Workers' Compensation.

All members are directed:

- to complete the WWCC application in work time, not personal time;
- when submitting the application make sure you arrange to have the DO meet you (or your crew) at the Post Office to pay for the WWC Check, or request that you be supplied with Petty Cash up front to cover the costs; and
- to not work with children, other than in emergency incidents, unless you have a current Working With Children Check.

Yours in Solidarity

Graeme Geer Secretary

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