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Retired Station Officer (SO) Graham Gipson

Attention All Members:

It is with great sadness the Union formally advises of the death of Retired SO Graham Chater Gipson. Graham passed away on the 19th of May 2023. The Union particularly expresses its sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

Graham joined the WA Fire Brigades on the 11th of September 1970 after being selected for Probationary School Number 8 the "90 Man School". School 8 completed their training at the Clontarf Boys Home in Waterford due to the size of the school after the introduction of the 4th shift and 10/14 roster. On completion of his training, he was posted to Murray St Perth Fire Station on the 11th of November 1970 where he went on to complete almost 4 years of Service as a Firefighter.

Graham would continue his service as a Station Officer at Perth Station (1974-1982, 1985-1986 & 1994) and Belmont Station (1986-1994). In addition, he served as Shift Operations Officer in ComCen (1982-1985 & 1994-1999). SO Gipson retired on the 18th of March 1999, having served 28 years and 6 months with the WAFB/FRS. The Union's thoughts extend to Graham's colleagues, serving and retired.

Before entering the WAFB, Graham "Granny" Gipson was a qualified butcher and gifted athlete and Olympian. He competed for Australia at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics where he won a silver medal as part of the Men's 4x400 Meter relay. He was also the 1953 National Champion in the 440 yards dash.

Details for the funeral service are below:

Date and Time: Thursday 1st June 2023, 10:30hrs
Location: Karrakatta Cemetery (Brown Chapel)

May He Rest in Peace

Strength in Unity

Clem Chan
Acting Secretary

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