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VALE Retired Station Officer Alan Murray

Attention All Members:

It is with great sadness, and with permission of the family, that the Union formally advises of the death of Retired Station Officer (SO) Alan John Murray who passed away late July 2023 at the age of 87. Alan leaves a legacy of 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. The Union extends its condolences to the Murray family. The Union also extends its condolences to Alan's nephew, current serving District Officer Jack Vanderklau, and his brother-in-law Retired member George Vanderklau.

Alan commenced with the WA Fire Brigades (WAFB) in 1964 after being selected for Probationary Fireman School 8, the "90 Man School", undertaking his training at the Clontarf Boys Home Campus in Waterford. On completion of his training, he was posted to Bedford Fire Station on the 11th of November 1970 where he served 2 years and 6 months as a Firefighter (1970-1973). Alan would continue his service at Perth Fire Station as a Firefighter (1973-1975) and Station Officer (1975-1988) including a stint with ComCen (1985). This was followed by 14 years and 6 months of service at Belmont Fire Station (1988-2002). SO Murray retired on the 29th of August 2002, having served 31 years and 11 months with the WAFB/FRS.

The Union's thoughts extend to Alans colleagues, serving and retired.

Prior to entering the WAFB, Alan completed his apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner before joining the WA Police force in 1958 where he served for 12 years at Perth Police Station, the Transport Section, and the Perth Traffic Branch. Alan is remembered as being a great mate who always had a smile and a joke.

Details for the funeral service are below:

Date and Time: Friday 28th of July 2023, 10:30hrs
Location: Purslowe and Chipper Funerals Chapel,
15 Scarborough Beach Rd, North Perth.
May He Rest in Peace

Strength in Unity

Clem Chan
Acting Secretary

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