



IN BRIEF



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Season's greetings

On behalf of the UFUA's elected officers, we extend season's greetings to all Members. Thanks for your support for the Union in 2009; here's to a safe, secure and rewarding 2010.

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UFUA National Website

It's a good spot to visit. New stories are posted regularly and it's also the place to download the Union's national newsletters and *The Australian Firefighter Magazine*.



Australian FireFighter

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The front line



The impact of climate change will be significant for Australia in the coming decades and firefighters will be at the front line in the battle. Unfortunately, state and national governments – and fire authorities – are challenging the resourcing and industrial conditions that enable firefighters to protect the community and do the job safely. In times like this the Union is your best protection.

Vale Steve Rodman

Aviation firefighter and UFU member Steve Rodman was stationed at the Hobart airport for more than twenty years

Solid, dependable, strong, trustworthy, and a dry sense of humour; these are the words Members use to describe Steve 'Moose' Rodman," says UFUA Aviation Branch Secretary and National President Mick Farrell. Earlier this month Aviation firefighters were shocked to hear the dreadful news that one of their respected Members lost his life while on duty.

Steve Rodman, from Hobart Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF), was found unconscious at the airport Fire Station on December 2 and was not able to be resuscitated. He was 51 years old. "Steve was a man of few words but when he did speak you took notice," says Mick Farrell. "He leaves behind a wife and children and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and to his fellow workmates."

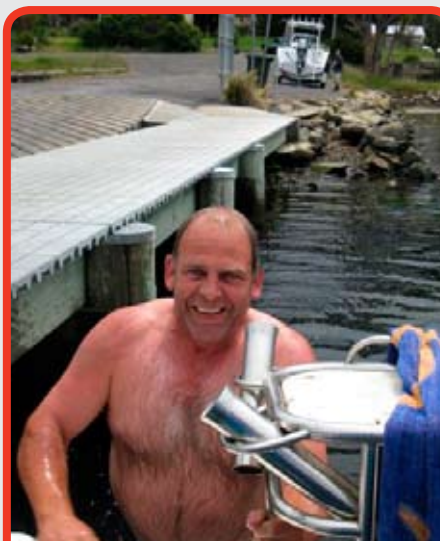
Steve joined the ARFF – and the Union – in 1986 and as his cousin, Tasmanian BCOM member Dave Arnott, says, he liked a joke.

Steve was something of a 'phantom pen' around the station, cutting out stories from newspapers, adding his own comments and then 'posting' them on the notice board or a locker door.

Steve Rodman was a great station workmate, a good Union man and he enjoyed his work. His school nickname 'Moose' stuck with him throughout his adult life.

"Steve Rodman loved his family," says Mick Farrell. "He enjoyed camping, fishing and golf. He was also an

enthusiastic eBay fan, so I wouldn't be surprised if you came cross a set of jousting sticks in his garage. Steve will be sadly missed."



Moose never let his mates down, even if it meant diving into the drink to retrieve a mobile phone when there was fishing to be done