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TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS

Rod Knowles and Wayne Berry Interview - One Union One Voice

This year's National Committee of Management (NCOM) Conference had the theme 'Remembering our past protecting our future'. Consistent with the theme, NCOM were privileged to hear from two life members and founders of the UFUA, Wayne Berry and Rod Knowles, now in their 80's. In addition to their presentation during the conference, Wayne and Rod generously agreed to have their observations on the history of the Union recorded for the benefit of today's firefighters.

Rod and Wayne, along with colleagues from other states, travelled across Australia meeting with firefighters to get them on board the national union. They faced many obstacles but were ultimately successful in achieving national registration on August 1, 1990, the culmination of a protracted battle which spanned more than 20 years.

To view the interview with Rod Knowles and Wayne Berry, please click on this link:

<https://www.ufua.asn.au/ufua-national-conference-2022/>

Rod Knowles

National Secretary UFU (unregistered) 1980 – 1986

National President Australian Fire Service Unions 1986 – 1990

First National President UFUA 1990 – 1991

Assistant Secretary UFUA Victorian Branch 1995 – 1998

Wayne Berry

Secretary, Canberra Civil Branch of Federal Firefighters Union 1976 – 1989

National President Federal Firefighters Union 1986 – 1989

Deputy Chief Minister Australian Capital Territory June 1991 – April 1994

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We encourage all members nationally to view this video, and share widely amongst colleagues, friends, and family. Rod's and Wayne's stories serve as an inspiration to today's firefighters, and to every representative of the UFU. Firefighters today continue to benefit from their work and build on that work as a legacy to future members.

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