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**WEBBER, W.M. COLLECTION 92/112**

**Note:** Mr. W.M. (Bill) Webber was Secretary of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia for twenty-five years. He compiled the records in this collection when writing the history of the U.F.U. in 1992. It consists of documents initially held by Mr. Webber and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Ern. Tamme. They were in little apparent order when received at Archives, and have now been sorted according to organisation and subject.

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**Other Collections:** U.F.U., Victorian and Federal Branches.  
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BOX 1

- 1**                    **United Firefighters' Union (UFU)**
- 1/1                    UFU miscellaneous correspondence, inwards and outwards; industrial officer's report; 1968-1991.
- 1/2                    UFU histories and ephemera.
- 1/3                    UFU report: closure of stations, 1956.
- 1/4                    UFU Victorian State reports to National UFU Committee of Management, 1964-1977.
- 1/5                    UFU memo re: investigation into accounts of Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board (MFBB), Melbourne, 1969.
- 1/6                    UFU circulars to members, 1964-85, incomplete series.
- 1/7                    UFU draft rules, n.d.
- 1/8                    UFU Credit Union Co-op. Ltd. Annual Reports, 1988-90.
- 1/9                    Firefighters' Wages Board, disputes 1967, 1972.
- 1/10                   UFU awards and determinations, 1964, 1969.
- 1/11                   UFU newsclippings scrapbook, 1973-1980.
- 1/12                   Newsclippings, 1960's-80's.
- 1/13                   Parliamentary Liberal Party Inquiry into Firefighting Services in Victoria, 1973. UFU reports and correspondence.
- 1/14                   UFU minutes. Photocopied extracts from UFU minute books, c.1911-1945. [For original minute books, consult UFU Collection proper].

BOX 2

- 1/15                   UFU publications, 1975-92.
- 1/16                   UFU Victorian Branch Bulletin, 18 April - August 1989.
- 1/17                   UFU Victorian Branch Newsletter, Vol.88, No.14, October 1988; No.7/89, June 1989; No.3/90, April 1990.
- 1/18                   UFU of Australia, The Australian Firefighter, Vol.27, No.3, March 1991.

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1/19            The Firefighter, incomplete series:  
Vol.1, No. 5, May 1959  
Vol.1, No. 8, August 1959  
Vol.1, No. 9, September 1959  
Vol.1, No.10, October 1959  
Vol.2, No. 3, March 1960  
Vol.2, No. 5, 31 May 1960  
Vol.2, No. 6, June 1962  
Vol.2, No. 8, August 1962  
Vol.2, No. 9, December 1960  
Vol.4, No. 8, November 1964  
May 1967  
Vol.12, No. 4, November 1973  
Vol.15, No. 1, February/March 1978  
August 1980

1/20            Fire Brigade Employees' Union, Melbourne, Newsletter,  
c.1946-1950. [Oversize].

**2                    Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board (MFBB)**

2/1            MFBB correspondence re: dangerous goods and hazardous  
materials, 1986-87.  
  
2/2            MFBB dangerous goods survey and placarding, c.1985.  
  
2/3            MFBB publications, c.1980's.  
  
2/4            MFBB reports and statistics, 1930's-1980's.  
  
2/5            MFBB Strategy Plan, c.1986.  
  
2/6            MFBB report on corporate planning, 1988-1992. 28 January  
1988.  
  
2/7            MFBB Melbourne, Strategic location of fire suppression  
resources. Volume 1, Report and executive summary, April 1987.

**BOX 3**

2/8            Curtis, R.C., New Training College, Laverton North, MFBB,  
Melbourne, August 1988.

**3                    Country Fire Authority (CFA)**

3/1            CFA Victoria, Statement of purpose, corporate objectives  
and strategies, 1988/89. 15 January 1988.  
  
3/2            CFA, Victoria's Volunteers Against Fire, 1973.

**4                    Retired Firefighters' Association of Australia**

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4/1 Water Off, Newsletter of Retired Firefighters' Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, 1991.

**5** Major Fires

5/1 Northcote tip fire; deaths of Jamieson and Adams, March 1968. Contains transcripts of Coroner's Inquiry and photographs.

5/2 Adelaide Hills, 1980. Coroner's Inquest and news reports.

**6** Other organisations

6/1 National Safety Council of Australia, Victorian Division Annual Report, 1987.

6/2 Combined Emergency Services Seminar Committee, 10th Annual Seminar, 26-27 November 1988.

**7** Subject files

7/1 Draeger breathing apparatus.

7/2 Brigade breathing apparatus questions and answers. Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W., 1962.

7/3 Illustrations: firefighting and equipment.

7/4 Juvenile fire awareness and intervention program, c.1985.

7/5 Nuclear issues. (Includes instructions on survival after nuclear attack). 1960's-80's.

7/6 Miscellaneous.