



8 August 2017

DFES General Circular No: 93/2017

**FAREWELL TO
COMMISSIONER WAYNE GREGSON APM**

Commissioner Gregson made a formal announcement in General Circular No: 60/2017 that he will not be seeking a renewal of his contract on expiration in September. His last official day in his office will be Friday 15 September.

As we lead up to his departure there will be a number of opportunities for staff and emergency response personnel to say farewell, to wish him the best and to acknowledge his commitment to us during his time as the inaugural Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner. Formal and informal arrangements are in place to say goodbye.

Brigade, Group and Unit visits

The Commissioner is attempting to continue his visits around the State as the opportunity presents itself. It will not be personally possible for him to say goodbye to everyone and only limited specific visitations have been put in place. Volunteers and staff will need to be aware of any local arrangements if they wish to meet with him.

Staff Farewell

There will be a farewell at the Emergency Services Complex at Cockburn Central on Thursday 14 September for staff from all commands. This is likely to take the form of a morning tea. While there will be some formality associated with his departure there will also be the opportunity to mingle and talk to the Commissioner. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

Transfer of Command Ceremony

A formal Transfer of Command ceremony will be held at the Fire and Emergency Services Academy at Forrestfield at 10am on **Friday 15 September**.

The ceremony will acknowledge the contribution of Commissioner Gregson as he transfers the command of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to an incoming Commissioner. It will also provide staff and volunteers with another opportunity to say goodbye to the Commissioner and meet the Commissioner Designate.

If you wish to attend this event, you will need to [register](#) as places are limited.

Please note the required [dress standard](#) for attendance at the Transfer of Command ceremony.



Farewell Book

Staff and volunteers attending the ESC at Cockburn Central are encouraged to sign and leave an entry in a Farewell Book. The Book will be located on the counter in the foyer of the ESC and will be available for signing up to September 14, after which it will be presented to the Commissioner.

Requests for Information

Further information on any of the arrangements being put in place for the departure of Commissioner Gregson can be directed to the Executive Coordinator, Rebecca Howlett via email on rebecca.howlett@dfes.wa.gov.au or on 9395 9586.

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