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## **Vale Geoff Tinney – former TNT Industrial Relations Expert**

The Executive Council and Secretariat expresses its sincere sadness and deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues of Mr Geoff Tinney, who died recently.

“One of the most genuine persons you could ever meet, Geoff was a leading industrial relations advocate throughout his career in the road transport industry, being most active during the 1980s and 1990s. He was always pleasant and willing to help not only his own company but any person who asked for his advice,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

Tinney represented the transport industry during the heady days of Compulsory Superannuation and during several TWU blockades on the Hume Highway. As former VTA executive director Phil Lovel said: “Geoff was a great negotiator. The TWU representatives respected Geoff because of his integrity. He was strong, well mannered, and very experienced in all facets of road transport operations.”

Tinney was based at TNT in Sydney during the growing times there. Along with many other TNT executives he led the industry on many industrial issues. Owner driver costings, industry agreements, the early days of Enterprise Bargaining, the Superannuation Guarantee Scheme, TWU wages campaigns, transport industry awards and award modernization are just a sample of his involvement. He finished his career as the Executive Director of the NSW Road Transport Association leaving the branch in a strong and healthy position.

“Geoff retired to the Sunshine Coast in the early 2000s but kept in touch with many of us. He was a gentleman amongst his industry peers. Our condolences go out to Gwen and his family and friends,” Peter Anderson said.

A service will be held on Friday 19th February at 2.00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Tewantin and will be livestreamed on Facebook. The livestream will start 5 minutes before the service.

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