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Matthew Reynolds (dec): Dominic College 1974 – 1982

In 1998, Matthew Reynolds became National President of the Commonwealth Public Sector Union (CPSU), which represents some 65,000 workers in the telecommunications, commercial banking, aviation and nursing sectors, among others. School Captain in 1982, he joined the Public Service in 1983, immediately becoming a Union Delegate and ultimately full-time Secretary of the Tasmanian Sector Branch (1996) before moving to Canberra in 1998. As National President of the CPSU, he was a skilled negotiator who brought compassion, integrity and a keen sense of justice to his work, rebuilding the ACT government sector and securing pay rises of up to 10% for employees in some areas. His sudden death from a brain aneurysm in 2003 brought tributes from hundreds of Australian workers and commendations in the Legislative Parliament in Canberra. Nurses in the hospital where he died created The Matthew Reynolds Memorial Room in his honour. A quiet achiever always, he saved other lives as an organ donor.