

## A Tribute to Kurt Fredericksen ~

It is with regret that we wish to inform ACF members of the passing of Past ACF President Kurt Fredericksen.

The older chefs would know about Kurt Fredericksen, A really great commercial cookery teacher who was especially admired by industry for his authoritarian, but always fair approach to classroom standards.( I loved it).

Many chefs today hold senior industrial roles because of Kurt. They learnt the basics; learning that before one can give orders, one has to learn how to accept them. They learnt simple discipline, good culinary practice and teamwork – It was a simple code. Attend class fully dressed with clean shoes and on time, or simply go back to work. The kitchen door locked at 9 AM – No exceptions, and the demo started. I can remember a few coming up to my office to complain they were only one minute late or forgot only one a button and so I only would just pick up the phone in front of them – ring their chef and tell them to expect their apprentice returning.

How many times have people said thank you for the disciplinarians amazes me, but it was the likes of Kurt that made many a good leader today.

Kurt was an early members of the Australian Guild of Professional Cooks, held many committee positions including President and totally a CHEF.

God Bless you Kurt and from all professional chefs thank you.

- George Hill AITC