



**Boyd Raines**

For

**National President.**

I will try to keep this short, as you have other bio's to consider and have an important decision to make...

I am a Senior Firefighter, based at Auckland City Fire Station. I have 28 years in the job. I have been a Local Union Committee member since 1990 and at present the Northern Branch Sectary. This has given me a wide range of experience both as a Firefighter and a Union Official. Given the opportunity, I want to use that experience as the next President and lead the Union into the future.

I have been heavily involved in Health & Safety for the Union and its members for many years. Been involved in working parties and committees advocating for our members. Been involved in many disputes and represented members on many occasions.

I believe that we need to make ourselves more valuable to the communities that we serve. This will ensure that we do not become extinct, like the dinosaurs became. It will give our children employment and be part of a job we all love.

I also believe that we need to fight for:

- Modern Wages
- Collective Bargaining
- Workplace Benefits

This will improve the lives of members and their families. Also we need to consult and co-operate with each other for the common good, and to help achieve the agreed aims and objects of the NZPFU by acting in unison and in accordance with democratic majority decisions.

Finally a quote.

*"Have your union. You need it. Alone you are weak. Together you are strong. But remember, that with strength goes responsibility to others and yourselves. For you cannot conquer injustice with more injustice, only with justice and the help of God." Philip Dunne.*

Thanks for your time.

*Any questions my mobile is 021 899 108*