

Ian Wright NZPFU

Ian started his journey with the NZPFU in 1996, where he came a local union representative. The need to get everyone in the tent was his driver.

Union positions held:

- 2000/01-11 Wellington local secretary
- 2004 Central branch secretary
- 2009-15 Union elected Firesuper trustee (this came to an end as Ian took a year's LWOP)
- 2012 Elected as the NZPFU Vice president, where he served two terms
- 2018 Union National president, where he served two terms, ending this year in August.
- 2023 Re-elected as Union FireSuper trustee

Ian's dedication to the NZPFU doesn't stop at the positions he has held; the following are some of his achievements and milestones during his tenure.

- Administrator for the Union's compensation insurance, changing the coverage from 50K to 100K. Still administering today and working on releasing it to Bonnie!
- Wrote a paper to the FireSuper trustees urging that we investigate adding a global infrastructure portfolio to our investments. This was seeded with a 10 million dollar start, it is now worth more than 40 million dollars.
- Involvement in CEA negotiations since 2004.
- Moved the resolution, seconded by the now President Joe, that the National committee endorse and take removal of labour strike action in last dispute.
- Started national committee meetings and national conferences to be opened in Te Reo Māori.
- Commissioned the Māori naming of the NZPFU into Te kahui Kaipatuahi O Aotearoa through the great Union stalwart Barry Thomas from Gisborne.
- Worked with Hutch to get a significant sect 66 policy for the Wellington local.
- The Union's lead in the implementation of career staffing for Paraparaumu, agreeing to using the snorkel's 3rd person while waiting for new type 5.
- Instigated the honours board on the Union website to recognise life honorary members.
- Built the Union's organisation chart.
- Wrote 26 heads up President's blogs over his two terms.
- The Union lead in changing from elected national secretary to an employed national secretary and ultimately employed Wattie Watson.

Ian over the years has gone above and beyond for the NZPFU, regularly turning up to meetings with his young children in their car seats, being available on social media platforms, with the goal to dispel rumours and tell members what they needed to hear, not necessarily what they wanted to hear.

While Ian was President he kept up with his personal and professional development where he: undertook SSO qualification, EO qualification, including A passes in the Otago Uni papers, ILDC and Tactical command course.

Currently Ian's persistence on local planning is paying off with a project being set up and being seconded onto as principal advisor.

Ian has spent half of his life in the Union in one way or another and wouldn't change a thing. He still believes the Union makes a difference to all firefighters, comcen dispatchers, RR and CRR members and feels his contribution has been more than worth it.