

MIKE McENANEY FOR NORTHERN BRANCH PRESIDENT

My name is Mike McEnaney (Macca).

I am currently a Senior Fire Risk Manager based in Auckland City. I have been in the Fire Service for 38 years and have an extensive knowledge of all firefighter roles.

My Union involvement has been extensive, starting as a Fireman's Representative as it was known in the early 80's, rising up to the National President of the Union. This was at a time of some of our members' greatest struggles during the massive attacks taken by the employer against firefighters during the 1990's and on into the mid 2000's.

I have proven experience at all levels of Union Management, including an extensive previous period in the role that I am seeking your support to be re-elected into.

My current Union position is that of President of the Auckland Local.

The challenge of representing members and being an official of the NZPFU is a role I totally enjoy. The devotion and commitment to the Union cause is one I believe in and deliver on.

My style of leadership is inclusive. I have no issues in working with Senior Management or employer representatives. I have done so in the past and will continue to do so. Part of my style, where Union membership representation is required, is to be assertive and forthright and when necessary I will fight for the rights of members.

With regards to FENZ and its new life, I hear members' concerns and your apprehension on many issues and I also share some of these genuine concerns. It may well be a new era in Fire and Emergency Services in New Zealand, however the need for strong and effective Union leadership remains.

Regardless of the political climate or the so called 'need for change', there will always be a role in our Service for the Union to remain relevant and where necessary, I will outline Professional Firefighters' points of view in descriptive terms.

I have done this, ...I can do this, ... if re-elected, I will do just that.

I would seek your vote for me as Northern Branch President. I can assure you I will serve you as a strong leader of your Branch.

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