

Ian Wright



A few achievements

- Completed CTU course on Skills of Organizing
- Completed The Workplace Savings NZ Certificate of Trusteeship for Fire super
- Super Trustees adopted a paper I wrote on communication with Scheme members
- Successful negotiation with Wellington local, management and volunteers to get 24/7 crew into Paraparaumu
- Successful negotiation with Local, of Wellington District Section 66 policy
- Administer Union's Compensation Insurance policy

About me

I'm 44 years old, have two wonderful boys and live in Lower Hutt with my girlfriend and her two boys.

During the odd bit of down time I have, I enjoy watching the kids play their sport, reading, golfing, skiing, walking the dogs, taking the boys to the cricket nets, cooking, drinking the occasional wine, making and drinking great coffee, playing the guitar (I've been known to sing a few songs too!) and spending time with my girlfriend.

I've been in the Fire Service for 24 years and still love going to work. Needless to say I am very passionate about our job as firefighters and acting as a Union official which I have been doing for 16 years.

I love the work life balance our job provides and because I have a busy home life, I want to ensure fair wages, without having to go to work for 80 hours a week!

I have been a Wellington Local committee member, rising up to Local Secretary for 11 years.

I am currently Central Branch President and a Trustee on Firesuper.

I enjoy the challenge of being a Union official and have developed a good communication style. I am just as comfortable engaging with management as I am with my fellow firefighters.

During my time as an official, it has become clear to me that times have changed; Union's aren't as dominant as before. I feel we have to position ourselves in a much different space and in a different light, changing the way we conduct our business to reflect current economic and political climates, while protecting what conditions we have.

What must be of utmost importance to all firefighters is a higher base rate of pay, while maintaining our contractual days off.

We must position ourselves for the future.

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