

## Biography Fred Abbott

Dear fellow Auckland local members of the NZPFU.

For those of you who I have never meet and don't know me, my name is Fred (Frabit) Abbott, I'm a senior firefighter stationed at Te Atatu on red watch.

I am standing for the vacancy created on the Auckland Local Committee left by the departure and loss to the Auckland local committee of Dave Phillips who has relocated to Taupo.

I've been a unionist and working in unionised work places all my working life. I am a strong believer that without unionism and the great work carried out on our behalf by our predecessors during the troubles of the late nineties and earlier, and the tones of work our union's present day committees do, the conditions of employment we all enjoy today would be non-existent and there would be no protection for us as a workforce.

I have a working knowledge and understanding of clauses pertaining to employment conditions contained within the Holidays Act 2003, Employment Relations Act 2000 and our CEA and how the Act's and CEA tie in with each other. I believe that this knowledge and my experience dealing with the employer over individual employment issues places me in a strong position to be the right person to work for you to successfully gain good outcomes to members individual issues.

There is no fame, glory and certainly no monetary reward for the long hours that committee members put in working on individual member issues or on the issues of the full membership. Having always lived and abided by the motto that I will help/work for the betterment of my fellow man drives me to stand again for the Auckland local for which I've served two previous terms.

A vote for me is a vote for a hard working union official who will work long and hard for you.

Regards,

Frabit

## **Josh Burton**

For Auckland Local Committee Member

I seek your support for the role of Committee Member with the Auckland Local.

I am a Qualified Firefighter currently at Auckland City Station, previously Parnell station. Before moving into Area 4 I spent time in Area 3 at both Titirangi and Glen Eden station. Prior to working for FENZ I was a Civil Engineering Technician, where I worked on small and large infrastructure projects throughout Auckland. This has provided me with many skills that I can carry over into the Local Committee including contract management and inter agency liaison.

I am highly motivated, honest, reliable and I actively seek opportunities to benefit firefighters. I have a passion for retaining our current conditions and improving future conditions. I want to get out in front of firefighters and hear what they have to say. Our union has a proud history, but is also changing. I want to reiterate to some of our newer firefighters like myself the importance of a united union and how it can work for its members. I hope to provide representation for all ranks, but particularly the lower ranks where there is currently no representation.

As we head into the next round of contract negotiations, it is imperative that Auckland has strong input and that we see some tangible benefits. Auckland members need to start seeing some returns on their significant contributions to the NZPFU. As part of the Auckland Working Group we have made a start on potential solutions but it will need the support of the rest of the country to progress into the next stage.

As your representative on the Local Committee I will work in the best interests of Auckland members. I will endeavor to be available to contact at any time.

The NZPFU has a proud history, being one of the strongest unions in the country. I would like to keep it that way.