

Hey all, I would like to throw my hat into the ring for the position of Local Secretary.

Since I'm fairly new to the area, I thought I would drop a wee bio about me so you know a bit more about me. I've lived in Taupo for the last 3 years, and as most of you know, until recently I have been commuting to Mt Wellington station. I spent the last couple of years in Auckland on the Local Committee, and my role there centred around interpretation of our Union Rules, CEA, and legislation whenever issues were raised. I really enjoy the opportunity to advocate for member's rights and conditions, and found I had a useful skillset when it came to developing arguments using long winded written documents. I have had a few good wins with NHQ regarding policy breaches, and have a couple more on the go at the moment that should play out in favour of members nationally.

I am 100% behind a fair and equitable system that everyone can understand and adhere to. This has been evidenced by the time it took to get into the central lakes district. I was not interested in cutting corners or trying to sneak in the back door. It is my strong belief, we need to have a transparent system that members and management both adhere to, that way everyone knows what they are entitled to, and we can hold each other accountable. From that stable platform, we can then look for areas to improve things for our members, both nationally, but importantly, locally.

**What I stand for:**

- Support and advocacy on behalf of Taupo Local members
- Transparency
- Teamwork and Unity with the interests of our membership first
- Honesty and accountability from our Local and National Committees
- Increased networking with the national body

If anyone would like a reference as to my competence or passion for our union, feel free to drop Sulu Devoe a call or email. He has been around for a few years and I have no doubt he will give you a frank assessment.

Cheers

David Phillips