

My name is David Phillips, SFF Blue watch, Mt Wellington, and am currently serving on the Auckland Local Committee. I would like your vote for member, and Vice President, of the Auckland Local Committee.

What do I stand for:

- Support and advocacy on behalf of Auckland Local members
- Adherence to rules
- Transparency
- Teamwork and Unity
- Increased two-way communication with the membership
- Honesty and accountability from our Local and National Committees
- Moving to Electronic voting
- Real solutions for systemic Auckland-centric issues such as; cost of travel, cost of living, retention, recruitment, transfer policy

There has been a lot of drama this last year over the expulsion of John and Sulu, and as a lot of you will know I spent a lot of time and effort fighting for their reinstatement, researching rules, writing complaints and setting up the support fund for the legal challenge. It was great to recently see a resolution, and I am glad both John and Sulu now have the chance to stand again for their positions on the Local Committee. To me, this situation was a prime example of what being part of a Union is all about. Gathering around to support our brothers and sisters at the time they need it, and not backing down just because the challenge facing them seems big or hard to overcome.

Auckland is a large and complex place, and all of us know there are issues now and more coming that need a strong and united Local to face with confidence. I believe that unity begins with clear communication. The Auckland Local Committee have to effectively communicate with each the membership in order to represent what is ACTUALLY important to you. To that end, giving the membership regular opportunity to be informed and to inform the committee is my priority.

David Phillips