

Josh Burton

For Auckland Local Committee Member



I seek your support for the role of Committee Member with the Auckland Local. Your vote will enable me to support Auckland members and push issues that pertain to Auckland.

I am a Qualified Firefighter currently at Parnell station. Before moving into Area 4 I spent time in Area 3 at Titirangi and Glen Eden stations. 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 put my hand up to be involved in the Auckland Working Group for this reason. While some aspects have been frustrating, I have learnt a lot about the role our union plays in representing members on projects. It has been beneficial visiting stations and hearing what you have to say. Talking to members about the issues they are facing day to day has been sobering.

I have been completely supportive of Sulu Devoe and John Waldow in their case against the National Committee. The mistreatment of these two respected Auckland members has been a reflection of the attitudes toward Auckland. There has been progress lately, but the message from Auckland members is clear. It is no longer acceptable to pay lip service to Auckland issues. Our members should benefit more from our significant financial contributions to the NZPFU. I would like to see more financial autonomy for Auckland.

I would also like to see more quality Auckland representation at the highest levels of our union like Jeff Shrimpton. Auckland is a significant part of the NZPFU and I feel we need more representation on nationwide projects, particularly those that are shaping the future of FENZ. With FENZ now entering the Tranche 2 design stage, it is still not entirely clear what the future will look like being a professional firefighter in Auckland. We need to ensure Auckland has significant input into these projects.

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.

A vote for Josh Burton is a vote for us.