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JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT DEPUTY CAPTAIN

I was brought up in Bowral NSW and educated in the public system. At the age of 15 I left school to be an apprentice mechanic and fulfil my passion of working on motor vehicles.

Wanting to be self employed, my wife (who I've now been married to for 37 years) and I started our business, eventually owning a freehold workshop in Moss Vale. From this I learnt that the key to a successful business is happy and well looked after employees. Whilst working hard to ensure the success of the business we also somehow managed to raise two children.

A good mate of mine who was a NSWFB fire introduced me to the local brigade which I joined in 2000. After serving 5 years of another apprenticeship with NSWFB I applied and successfully became the Deputy Captain when the position became vacant.

In 2007 Rhonda and I sold our business in Moss Vale after 22 years, moved to Woolgoolga and I transferred to the Woolgoolga station. Woolgoolga is a primary rescue station and after doing my first jobs with these highly skilled members I knew that yet another apprenticeship had begun. A few years later the Deputy position which I still hold came up and I again applied and was awarded the position.

My union values came from my parents- my mother was a factory worker and my father a professional soldier before WWII, serving his country throughout the war period. In later years my father worked for NSW Public Works as a painter and was the State's Union Delegate.

I still remember as a child going to the Union picnic days at Warragamba Dam and other places over those years. It is this upbringing that forged my strong Union values.

I became one of two FBEU Station Delegates in Woolgoolga and worked on the Retained Subbranch for some years. At the last FBEU elections I was voted by members onto the Executive as one of the Vice Presidents a position I currently hold with pride.

In this position, I have always been openly contactable and have assisted members with enquiries by being the conduit to FBEU Officials. Even though I have a Retained background my tenure has been to work hard for the benefit of all Union members and make decisions for all when needed.

Unity within the FBEU is something I am extremely passionate about!

If I'm successfully voted onto the State Committee of Management again I promise I will:

- 1: Be open and contactable for all members.
- 2: Constantly look for ways to improve the conditions of all firefighters.
- 3: Be willing to work with all members on the SCoM.
- 4: Most importantly; keep all Union values high.

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