

IMPORTANT UPDATE

FROM MASTER ELECTRICIANS

Memo 1637

MEMO TO: All members

SUBJECT: Announcement of The Electrical Contractors Association of NZ (T/A Master Electricians) Vice President

1. Further to the recent nomination and voting process for a new Branch Vice President, we are pleased to advise Mark Rawson has been elected to this role.
2. We would like to extend our congratulations to Mark on his appointment, which comes into effect immediately and he will formally join the ME Board after the 2022 AGM being held in Auckland in October.
3. Our sincere thanks goes to Buzz Barham and Tim Kennedy for agreeing to put their names forward and engaging in the process.
4. We would also like to thank the Branch Presidents, Secretaries and all our members for their support of this election and, in anticipation of, your support of our new Vice President, Mark Rawson
5. To refresh your memory, below is the profile Mark sent through with his nomination.
6. Any queries should be directed to board@masterelectricians.org.nz.

Kind regards



Gary Roxburgh
National President - Master Electricians

Mark Rawson
Representing Otago

In response to the nomination for the position of vice president for Master Electricians I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Mark Rawson, and I am the co-owner of the Plunket Electrical Group and Managing Director of Plunket Electrical Oamaru.

I have been involved with Plunket Electrical from my early years when this was a company owned by my father and his business partner; however, after starting my apprenticeship in 1992, I felt it was important to create my own pathway and worked at Alpine Energy for seven years dedicated to generating independent relationships and contacts within the industry.

At 22 I moved to America where I spent six months in Texas and from there on to London where I spent a further two years. Here I was the electrical foreman at the Royal Albert Hall electrical upgrade supporting up to 20 staff. These opportunities gave me an in-depth insight to diversity and inclusion and the need for providing the many facets of employer / employee relationships. It was during this time I was also exposed to the pressure of working to timelines and deadlines and although a great learning curve it ignited a passion for people, relationships and rising to the challenge.

People and building relationships are a real passion for me and this begins at home with my family. I have three children ranging from 12 to 20 and with my partners two children added to the mix I am kept busy and entertained.

Over the years I have been a coach and manager for my sons' rugby, scout leader and avid side-line supporter for all the kids in their various endeavours.

Between my business partner and I we support over 50 staff.

The challenges it brings have been accentuated by the trying times we live and work in today. We regularly discuss ways in which we can work positively work through challenges while promoting further opportunities for both our apprentices and qualified staff.

I have been involved with Master Electricians (originally ECANZ) since 2005 and have been a committee member for about 12 years, a decade of which I was the Vice President of the Otago Branch. I was also a representative for three years on the National Presidents Advisory Forum. I enjoy the opportunities to mentor and share experiences with our younger members and support growth for the industry whilst also reflecting on my own practice.

During this time, I attended annual conferences and Otago Branch meetings maintaining a strong active role. In an industry that is constantly evolving and dedicated to creating solid futures for its members I am incredibly humbled to be nominated to take on the Vice President role.

I feel the connections I have made with industry leaders and the groundwork I regularly do with both staff and clients would offer me valuable insight if I was given the opportunity. One of my own biggest mentors has been my father who himself has held the position of Vice President and President and is extremely supportive of my nomination.

Engagement and interaction are very important to me. With networking from Master Electricians Representatives and between members we can all get more out of the organisation as a team. There are a lot of members that I would like to

see more involved, and this could be achieved with more connection and encouragement within the smaller towns and rural areas. My vision for the next two to three years includes:

- Assist in bringing communication and interaction both from Master Electricians Representatives and between members
- Support existing newer members to the organisation
- Encourage fun and further opportunities for the members and their businesses
- Assist in ensuring members understanding of the advantages of being involved as a Master Electricians member including technical support availability, quality assurance reviews, fuel schemes, and other member benefits.

It is my view that the Master Electrician organisation needs to continue to be regarded as an important vehicle; where new challenges and increased performance expectations are met so all members can benefit as a group. The active input from all branches is a priority for maintaining variable perspectives and a solid foundation for future proofing.

Thank you for taking the time to consider whether I would be the right fit for the role and I welcome any further questions you may pose to support your decision.

