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## President's Address

Gary Roxburgh

National President

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Wow the last year has flown by since our last AGM in Wellington 2023, so much has happened this last year what with our CEO Bernie leaving and our new CEO Alex arriving, she has been a breath of fresh air throughout the organisation, so we have a bright future.

We will celebrate our Master Electricians Apprentice Challenge 2024 and the Master Electricians Excellence Awards 2024 in October this year which we are certainly looking forward to that event. These events showcase excellence across the industry and at the time of this AGM, the 2024 Challenge event, begins next Wednesday. We are hoping that we have more registrations than last year, we will have events from Invercargill through to Whangarei – my congratulations go to the team who have worked so hard on delivering this phenomenal experience for the future of our industry.

Again, special mention this year must go to our colleagues who sit on the National Presidents Advisory Form (or NPAF as its commonly recognised). NPAF is the link between members, the Master Electricians Board and National Office and we are consistently getting a 90% turnout to our monthly meetings. These meetings provide branches with an opportunity to have their views heard, and for branch representatives to feedback information directly from National Office and the Board. We find it the most successful format to interact at a more personal level and with 2 face to face meetings under our belts already this year, it is going from strength to strength.

The Board has set up the Rules Review Committee with representees from around the branches, so as to get fair representation from around the country, to go over the association rules to correct, add and alter to bring us all up to date. There will be some minor corrections to the rules to vote on at this AGM.

Our priority for the next 12 months will be to focus on the more serious rule changes, like the significant rule change, which is voting rights and whether we should be changing to an individual voting model, which is becoming more apparent in this modern age. Rest assured, any changes are being wholly



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discussed within the committee and then NPAF and will be widely circulated with plenty of notice if and when the time comes.

It would be remiss of me not to extend thanks where it is due, to our Board, I'm not sure whether it's appreciated how big their commitment is to their roles and they all work diligently for the betterment of the membership and sector, to our team at National Office, whilst small in numbers, you are large in your contribution and work tirelessly to ensure our members are looked after and to Alex Vranjac-Wheeler & Courtney Guttery for their continued support of me and our NPAF representatives – I am truly grateful for your support, guidance and friendship.

It has been my pleasure to serve for the past 12 months and as I am now standing down, the batten is now being passed to Mark Rawson as your new President. So, thanks very much to everyone.

Gary Roxburgh

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