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AEU NT Branch Secretary Election 2017

Candidates Election Statements

AEU NT members are being asked to vote to elect our union's Branch Secretary. It is important that you vote in this election. The Branch Secretary is a full time position responsible for running your union in line with the policies established by you and other members through our Annual Delegate Conferences and membership ballots.

In this document are 250 word election addresses supplied by the candidates standing in this election.

Please read the election addresses to help you decide which candidate would provide the most effective leadership for our union. Members are entitled to one vote.

Please return your completed ballot paper as per the instructions provided by the Australian Electoral Commission as soon as you can. Ballot papers received after the closing date will not be included in the count of votes.

I urge you to take up your democratic right to vote in this election. It's your union, have your say in who runs it.

Jarvis Ryan Branch President

Candidates Standing in this Election

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by closing date

I am OWEN GALE, a Science, Maths teacher at Centralian Middle School and I ask for your vote for Branch Secretary.

I have taught in:

- Palmerston, Borroloola and Alice Springs,
- Private sector in Alice Springs region,
- TAFE sector in the Kimberley,
- Tertiary sector at CDU Casuarina.

About me:

- FIRST came to the NT in 1984,
- lived in Darwin, Katherine, Batchelor, Jabiru, Borroloola and Alice Springs,
- graduated from University of South Australia and Charles Darwin University,
- Union Member, Delegate and Health and Safety Representative for decades,
- negotiated with management and represented staff as an advocate on various matters,
- represented peers on Health and Safety, job change and disciplinary issues, always achieving a timely beneficial resolution.

I care about:

- welfare of staff and students,
- achieving the healthiest and safest schools possible,
- continuing the rollout of wellbeing programs including Safe Schools,
- extending support programs for staff and students,
- improving relationships between management and staff,
- giving educators the resources and training to educate students properly,
- genuine needs based funding to fix the inequities in our system,
- fairer resourcing of public and private schools in Darwin, regions and remote,
- increasing overall funding until we can provide the education our children deserve.
- supporting bilingual programs,
- valuing all members of our communities,
- increasing community involvement in schools,
- stopping the casualisation of our workforce,
- pay indexation above CPI.

Not being a Labor Party member,



Right equals Might
What do you want from your AEUNT Secretary?

Do you think you are being heard?
Do you want someone who is going to listen to your concerns?
Do you want someone with integrity, respect and compassion to advocate on your behalf against injustice?

If you have right on your side you have might! As a united voice we have strength in numbers.

I was born and raised in Darwin and a proud Territorian. I was educated in the Territory as well as my children. I have been on school boards, CDU Law innocence project and Australian of the year board.

For many years now I have been a member of the AEUNT. I have served as the Sub-Branch President for Rosebery Middle School and currently a Darwin Region Executive delegate on the AEUNT.

Throughout my own career I have experienced the challenges that many of you face in the workplace. I have assisted members with dealing with a range of employment issues and achieved successful outcomes. Most notably, bullying in the workplace is rampant and this type of behaviour is detrimental to the health, wellbeing and safety of members. As such I am committed to supporting and advocating to those who have been subjected to this unsavoury behaviour and will work towards eliminating this from the workplace.

This is an EBA year and we need to approach negotiations with a collective voice focusing on better conditions such as housing, realistic workloads, pay increase, and retain existing holiday provisions.

Adam Lampe for AEU-NT Branch Secretary



- Experienced industrial negotiator
- Committed union activist for over 30 yrs
- Sub-branch representative, Darwin Regional Council President & Executive councillor, Secretary AEU-NT, Secretary Unions NT, current Treasurer
- Over 20 years teaching in the NT Urban & Remote

I am asking for your support because:

- I have **extensive experience** as an industrial officer and teacher in the NT, and I have a respected and honourable record in both those roles.
- This is a year when bargaining for a new Teacher and Educator's Agreement begins and somebody with my knowledge and expertise in bargaining will achieve good results for members and NT public education.
- I'm seeking to build on the good work of **Jarvis Ryan and Anita Jonsberg**, who have re-established the AEU-NT as an accountable and effective organisation after a difficult period of dysfunctional leadership, and to encourage more active roles for women, young people, and indigenous members.
- The AEU-NT needs to re-establish itself in the **VET sector at CDU** and continue to increase support staff membership.
- I know firsthand the consequences of the severe cuts the previous government made to NT public education and the ravages of global budgeting, and I will work to reverse the cuts, reduce unreasonable workloads and return the Education Dept. to a centrally administered organisation.
- I will make **teacher permanency** a priority.

If you'd like to speak to me about anything union related, email me at adam.lampe@ntschools.net or text/call me on 0417059797.

Please support me with your vote.

Adam Lampe