

National Executive Candidates 2027 – 2028

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Barb Curran

Nominated for:

- National President
- National Vice President
- General Membership

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning (Christchurch College of Education) 2002
BA Smith College (USA) 1989
MA College of William and Mary (USA) 1994
Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Taumata 1 – 4 2024
Te Kura Raunui (Te Ataarangi) 2026
ANZEI - 2016, Fellow - 2023

NZEI experience:

2015 - present National Executive
2021—present Primary Teacher Representative
2015-2020 General Membership
Liaison Roles
Ōtākou, Waitaha, Tamaki Makaurau
Committees
Finance, Audit and Risk, Co-chair Governance committee, various subcommittees
PTCA Negotiation Team 2015-16, 2021-22 2025-26
PTLT Member for Waitaha Canterbury 2012-2016

I have also represented NZEI Te Riu Roa on working groups with other unions, the Ministry, ERO and other peak bodies, as well as at national and international conferences. I have also held roles at Branch and Area Council level.

Other background and personal information:

Mauri ora ki te whānau o te Riu Roa.
Ko wai au?
Nō Aerana, nō Ingarani ōku tipuna
I tipu ake au ki Massachusetts
E noho ana au ki Raukapuka
Kō Barb Curran tōku ingoa
He tangata tiriti ahau.
He kaiako au ki te kura tuatahi o Pleasant Point.
No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ēhara tāku toa he takitahi, he toa takitini:

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone as it was not individual success but success of a collective

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve the educators of NZEI Te Riu Roa and the Tamariki we teach throughout my career. Like so many of you, I started in the Worksite Rep role in my first year teaching. In the more than 20 years since then I have never looked back, and I've never doubted the power of the work we do together.

I am, unapologetically, a proud primary teacher. Through my time with the union I have been absolutely blessed to work with equally passionate people from all the sectors we represent. I am incredibly grateful to them for the advice and education they have provided me in the joys and challenges of the work they do. I am ready to take all I have learned from these amazing people to lead this union into a future where educators are respected, listened to and valued. This starts with building on our Kotahitanga for we are stronger together – not because we are the same but because we are not – but our values and our ambition for the Tamariki of Aotearoa link us. We build from our pou, strengthening our Mōku te Ao approach. It continues with building on what is working – Touchstone groups, increasing our social media presence, strong member leaders. It continues with addressing ongoing issues – finding ways to value our worksite reps, improving communication, recognising underrepresented groups in our structures. Our challenges are huge – and could get even bigger after 7 November – but we are stronger together.

I live in Geraldine and teach an amazing Year 5-6 class at Pleasant Point Primary. When I'm not at work or a union hui, I love to swim, cook and read.

I have the support of my School Board, Principal, colleagues, Branch and AC to undertake this work, and would very much appreciate your support as well.

Ki te kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, a kore e whati.
When we stand alone we are vulnerable, together we are unbreakable.

Nominated by: South Canterbury Branch