



Delegates please ensure that all workers on your site or branch get a copy of this update
Westpac
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Westpac South Island union representative confirmed

KEY POINTS:

- Voting for the Finsec Westpac Union Council South Island representative was completed on Friday.
- The two candidates standing for the position were Gayle Downie from Eastgate branch, and Sandra Huffadine from Invercargill branch.
- Sandra Huffadine was the successful candidate for the 2008/2009 year.

ACTION:

Delegates: Please circulate this Update around Finsec members in your worksite and pin a copy up on your union notice board, so staff know who their South Island representative is on the Union Council

New South Island Councillor elected

Congratulations to Sandra Huffadine from Invercargill branch, the new South Island Westpac Union Councillor for 2008/2009.

Thanks to outgoing Councillor Gayle Downie for all her hard work on behalf of South Island Finsec members during her time on the Council.

The Council is Members' leadership team

Elections are an important component of the Finsec democratic process and we thank both candidates for putting their names forward, and to all members who voted in the election.

Nominations still open on Union Council

Nominations for the positions of Auckland Branch Rep and National Call Centre Rep are still open, and delegates from these areas are encouraged to consider standing for these positions. Nominations close on 21 October.

An Update will be circulated to all members providing details of the full Westpac Council once all positions are confirmed.

Key functions of a Union Councillor

The Union Council is our union leadership team at Westpac, so it is important that union members understand the key functions of our Council.

The key functions of a Councillor are:

- To raise and resolve member issues.
- To grow union membership and increase union activity levels.
- To develop our strategy, tactics, and campaigns at Westpac.
- To provide advice and support to delegates in their area.
- To develop a functioning and productive relationship with the bank in order to resolve members issues.
- Some members of the Union Council form the team that negotiates our Collective Agreement.
- Attend Finsec's biennial conference.

Councillors need members support

Please support your Union Councillor, and don't hesitate to contact Sandra if there are any issues that you wish to discuss with her.

From the Westpac Union Council