

Memorandum of Understanding

Between Volunteering New Zealand

and

United Fire Brigades' Association of New Zealand

August 2024

Volunteering New Zealand Incorporated (VNZ) is an association of New Zealand organisations that have a commitment to volunteering, such as volunteer centres, national volunteering leadership and other community organisations. VNZ is the “voice of volunteering” and is the only national organisation in New Zealand that focuses purely on supporting volunteers, volunteering, and volunteer management.

Our aspiration for Aotearoa New Zealand: volunteering is be valued as part of who we are as a nation. We thrive and are enriched by the goodwill of volunteers in every community and their contribution and impact is recognised and supported.

- **Our purpose:** to empower volunteers to enrich Aotearoa New Zealand
- **Our Values:**
 - To care, nurture and grow | manaakitanga
 - To build connections and enduring relationships | whanaungatanga
 - To inspire by example | tūao
 - To hold ourselves to the highest standard | whaiwhakaaro
- **Our Goals:**
 - **Whakamana:** Recognise the value of volunteering in all its forms
 - **Hāpai:** Advocate for inclusive, diverse, and impactful volunteering
 - **Arataki:** Lead volunteering in Aotearoa New Zealand

United Fire Brigades' Association of New Zealand (UFBA) represents around 14,000 members from volunteer, career, industrial, defence and Cook Island fire brigades. We champion volunteerism, the independence of volunteer brigades as a community-based resource, and advocate on behalf of c. 14,000 members in the fire and emergency services sector.

The UFBA is the only national organisation that unites and represents fire brigades of all kinds, with 85% of our members being volunteers.

Our purpose is to support, advocate, recognise, and promote the work of our members that they carry out to serve and protect their communities.

Purpose of this MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes the partnership between VNZ and the UFBA. It records the intention of both parties to work collaboratively to benefit volunteers and volunteering in New Zealand.

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to:

- provide a framework within which we can work collaboratively together
- establish a basis to further develop the relationship and achieve greater collaboration
- confirm a shared intention to working together with other relevant professional partners
- define common objectives for joint participation and engagement

VNZ and UFBA are entering this partnership to Promote, value and support volunteering in New Zealand by:

- cooperating in identifying opportunities for VNZ and UFBA to fulfil their charitable purposes;
- identifying, exploring and implementing potential areas of future collaboration for the benefit of their respective memberships;
- promoting volunteering best practice through education and training opportunities;
- relevant coordination cross-promotion of New Zealand National Volunteering Week;
- recognising each other in public or published information or materials where appropriate, relating to agreed opportunities, activities and initiatives;
- recognising and endorsing VNZ and UFBA as valued partners;
- establishing a close working relationship, by liaising regularly on an equal partnership basis through regular formal and informal communication and activities, to ensure there are no surprises.

Measures of success:

For both VNZ and UFBA, success in the partnership will be measured by:

- increased co-promotion of each organisation's objectives
- increased opportunities to influence the policy and regulations associated with volunteering
- more effective volunteering with greater attention to the principles of volunteering best practice
- greater public profile for each organisation

In this partnership, it is agreed that:

1. We have the right to re-visit this agreement should circumstances change for either organisation and adjust the MOU accordingly
2. Recognition of this partnership by displaying each organisations logos and website links on their respective websites – www.volunteeringnz.org.nz and www.ufba.org.nz
3. Review this MOU two years from the date of adoption

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