
PWUA MEMBERS' UPDATE!

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PWUA seeks members' ideas on future options for mail delivery

With Paxsters nearing the end of their working life and a reducing number remaining in service it is timely to gather members' ideas about how mail delivery should be done in future.

It is almost certain that mail volumes will continue to decline from their current levels although what is less certain is the level at which they may reach a plateau and stop dropping. These factors need to be considered when future delivery options are explored.

The PWUA encourages members to think about how best to deliver the mail when Paxsters are no longer in use.

Please discuss ideas among yourselves and with union delegates and Organisers.

Factors to consider include:

- What mode or modes would work best - bicycles, e-bikes, motorcycles, electric motorcycles or some other mode?
- How many hours per day could these delivery methods be maintained?
- Would this require a change to current rosters?
- How much mail and parcels could be carried? If reloading was required how would this be done - using fixed or mobile overflow depots?
- Is there a single solution for the whole country or should there be different solutions for different types of rounds?
- Should there be different modes available on the same round so that each postie can chose a delivery mode that suits them best?

PWUA delegates will be discussing and evaluating initial ideas at regional PWUA delegates' meetings in February.

The Union plans to hold further members' meetings in future months to explore proposals in more depth.

Proposals that are promising will be discussed in detail with senior NZ Post management.