

Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
107th Annual Conference
Saturday 23 September 2023
Te Wairepo Spencerville Fire Station

Conference Opened at 0930hours

Amelia Jackman welcomed the official party to the stage.

The Chief Fire officer, John Reed, of Te Wairepo Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade welcomed and spoke about the meaning of the Te Wairepo taonga and covered health and safety, and housekeeping.

Introduction of Current Office Bearers

CPFBA President, Amelia Jackman, introduced the Current Office Bearers:

Immediate Past President, Cath Sharp of Darfield, Vice President, Ed Anscombe of Geraldine, Executive Members, Ed Anscombe of Geraldine, Bryce Bisphan of Lincoln., Peter Laurysens of Lyttleton.

Secretary, Jean Barr.

Challenge Panel Convenor, Ian White of Lincoln, Challenge Panel Members; Ces Pacey of Amberley, Joost Kopers of Darfield, Dave Francis of Amberly, Graham Hogg of Rangiora.

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence

President, Amelia Jackman, welcomed delegates to the 106th Annual Conference and asked all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call.

Jean Barr read out the list of obituaries following which 1 minute's silence was observed.

Retired SO and Life member Rangiora – Rangiora

Ex CFO Noel Thian – Leeston

Ex FF Ian Thomas – Leeston

Des Earl – Ex CFO Culverden and life member, Ex-President CPFBA (70-71), and Ex-President Canterbury Gold Star Assn (88-89)

Paul Habgood - Christchurch

Eric Archibald – Ex DCFO Amberley, Ex CFO Waipara

Roll Call

Secretary Jean Barr read out the roll.

Brigades Present:

Amberley, Culverden, Darfield, Diamond Harbor, Kaiapoi, Kaikoura, Lincoln, Lyttelton, New Brighton, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Sheffield, Spencerville, Sefton, Springfield, Sumner, Swannanoa, Timaru, Waikari, West Melton.

Executive Present:

Amelia Jackman, Bryce Bisphan, Peter Laurysens

Challenge Panel members present

Ian White, Joost Keper, Ces Pacey, Dave Francis, Graham Hogg.

Past Presidents present:

D Hassall, T Smith, A Cockburn, R Gardner, G Duke, T Hubbard, N Lilley, P Helps, T Burrowes.

Life Members present:

B Palmer, I White, C Pacey B Clarkson.

Apologies

Jean Barr read out apologies received prior to Conference and asked for any further apologies.

Apologies from: S McClennan, Lincoln

Moved/Seconded J Barr, B Palmer, Diamond Harbour,

Peter Laurysens took over the meeting as MC.

Sub Association Reports

Mid Canterbury – Phillip Hunt

Philip spoke of a busy year holding 4 challenges, 2 of them combined with CPFBA. He thanked the competitors and the officials. He also thanked the CPFBA for their continuing support.

OSPFA President – Rudy Verplancke Jeff Manson, standing for UFBA

Rudy spoke of the growth in the provincial with the merging of urban and rural brigades. They have a strong diverse team on their executive and regularly invite their sub associations to meetings in order to ensure they cover their huge region.

The association has hosted 5 challenges RCR, Waterways, Southern Challenge, Drivers and their new trauma challenge which involves using things in the 'big red bag'. It was gratifying to see Athol in their first ever challenge win the CPR section. As a new event there will be changes made but it is proving to be a valued addition to their event programme.

Jeff Manson – Mossburn

Jeff thanked the CPFBA for the opportunity to speak as he is standing for Vice President of the UFBA. He outlined his goals for the role and invited delegates to catch up with him if they have any questions.

NZFBI – Pete Douglas

Pete spoke about the role of the NZFBI and what it had to offer members from courses to scholarships.

Election of Scrutineers

PP T Hubbard, LHM Jan Hayes, Patron A Cockburn – Moved: A Jackman/ B Bisphan - Carried

Voting numbers: Executive 3, Delegates 23, Total 26

$2/3 = 18 \frac{1}{2} = 13$ majority

Minutes of previous conference

President Amelia Jackman asked for someone to move that the Minutes of the 106th Annual Conference in 2022 as circulated be taken as read.

Moved/Seconded J Hartman –Kaiapoi / B Bisphan Lincoln

Business arising from the minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Te Ihu Region Manager – Paul Henderson

Paul shared his impending retirement in December. He shared some of the successes over the past few years. Lots of ongoing issues to be solved due to merging of rural and urban brigades provide opportunities to improve systems, PPE and uniforms.

He spoke about national and regional planning for the alpine fault including USAR roll outs.

Community engagement remains a passion, particularly households at risk, the new risk and recovery team will continue to work on this.

Lasting first impressions: the welcome of volunteer brigades throughout the region.

He thanked the meeting for the honour and opportunity to speak.

National Commander – Russell Wood

Russell thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak. He acknowledged Paul Henderson's service and wished him well.

He spoke of his service leading up to his current role.

In his speech he covered Service Delivery Purpose, both operational and design going forward. Fiscal sustainability is an ongoing challenge, needing government approval for any insurance levy increases. Health, safety and wellbeing remain a focus:

“Psychological safety is a belief that one will not be punished or humiliated for speaking up with ideas, questions, concerns or mistakes.” Balancing risk taking is a concern. The final point made was how the organizational culture must embrace respect, diversity and inclusiveness, and how this can be achieved.

**CPFBA Annual Reports:
Challenges and Events Report**

President Amelia Jackman asked for someone to move that the challenges and events report has been circulated be taken as read.

Moved/ Seconded A Jackman. / B Bisphan Carried

Presidents Report

President Amelia Jackman presented her presidents report.

Moved/seconded A Jackman/ P Lauryssens

Area Manager Dave Stackhouse

Dave acknowledged Paul Henderson and the fact that Rob Hands was busy at the Twizel fire.

Dave outlined the region and how it is served by his team. He shared the district plan and what it included. Risk reduction and readiness, community engagement including road safety and SADD, and Firewise are important going forward. He shared how remote weather stations are providing data and the current response focus. Post recovery is a focus going forward to establish appropriate responsibilities with other responders. The rebuild of stations is completed however there is always work in progress.

He spoke of the value of the CPFBA Challenges and the value added.

Financial Report

Past President T Burrowes explained the financial report.

Moved B Bisphan Lincoln/ P Lauryssens Lyttelton

Guest Speaker - Rob Henderson – Westpac Helicopter Crewman and Paramedic and fellow Firefighter

Rob spoke about his experiences in this role and the effects they have had on him over the years. It was interesting to hear about his overseas deployments and what was involved. Rob explained about how the Westpac helicopters are run and what is required to maintain this service. He showed the meeting several videos both training and actual events which highlighted the variety of tasks carried out by the service.

Patrons Address

Alan acknowledged the significant events coming up for several of our brigades over the next 12 months, and explained some of the history of the ufba and the provincial – Lyttleton 150, Rangiora 150, Ashburton 150, Temuka 150. He urged members to remember and celebrate the past as we move forward. He urged the members to remember the good times and be proud of your own service.

He wished all well and thanked the meeting for the honour of being their Patron.

President Taff Hubbard – Canterbury Gold Star Association

Taff thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak. He outlined the functions attended over the year. He asked member brigades to get their gold star members to update their email addresses and to follow the Facebook page.

Remits:

There were no remits.

Resumes:

Jeroen Hartman – Kaiapoi

Derrick Ryan – West Melton

Other resumes were taken as read. B Bishpan / G Williams Springfield

Election of Officers

President (1 required)

Vice President SO Ed Anscombe of Geraldine has been nominated as President – Duly Elected

Vice President

SO Bryce Bishpan of Lincoln has been nominated as Vice President – Duly elected

Executive Members (3 required)

SFF Peter Laurysens of Lyttelton – nominated - duly elected

QFF Jeroen Hartman of Kaiapoi – nominated – duly elected

FF Derrick Ryan of West Melton – nominated – duly elected

Challenge Panel Members (5 required)

SSO Ian White, Lincoln – Confirmed – Chairperson

SO, Graham Hogg, Rangiora - Confirmed

CFO, Ces Pacey, Amberley - confirmed

QFF, Joost Kepers, Darfield – Confirmed

QFF, Dave Francis, Amberley – Confirmed

– Duly Elected

Trustees (2 required)

PP LHM Nigel Lilley - nominated - duly elected

PP S Hubbard to remain as trustee. – duly elected

Accounts Reviewer (1 required)

A representative of Herbert Morton Ltd.

Moved/seconded B Bisphan / J Hartman Kaiapoi - Carried

Patron (1 required)

Alan Cockburn remains as Patron.

Moved A Jackman... approved by acclamation Carried

Invitation to hold Annual Conference

2024 – Lincoln 2025 – 2026 -

Invitation to hold Annual Waterways Competitions

2023 – Akaroa 2024 – Rangiora 2025 - Darfield

Invitation to hold Annual Golf Tournament

2023 – Oxford 2024 -

Invitation to hold Annual Firefighter Challenge

2024 – Akaroa 2025 – Kaiapoi. 2026 - Rangiora

General Business:

- T Burrowes nominate Cath Sharp for LHM , seconded P Helps, carried.

Setting of Sub Association Grants:

\$500 to Mid Canterbury –

Moved/seconded A Jackman / D Williams Springfield Carried

Fixing of Subscriptions:

President A Jackman spoke to the meeting about increasing costs being the reason for the increase. Subscriptions to increase to \$250.

Moved/seconded B Bishpan, Waikari Carried

Setting of Annual Reimbursements:

Secretary: \$400

Treasurer: \$400

Events Coordinator: \$400

Minutes Secretary: \$150

Moved/seconded D Sweeney Sheffield/ I White Lincoln - Carried

Installation of Office Bearers

Due to Ed Anscombe being in Antarctica the presentation of the Presidential chain and badge, along with IPP badge will be made at a later date.

Existing President Amelia Jackman installed the new Executive.

IPP	Amelia Jackman - Rangiora
President	Ed Anscombe - Geraldine
Vice President	Bryce Bisphan - Lincoln
Executive Member	Peter Lauryssens – Lyttleton
Executive Member	Jeroen Hartman – Kaiapoi
Executive Member	Derrick Ryan – West Melton
Challenge Panel	Convenor - Ian White – Lincoln
	Joost Kepers – Darfield
	Ces Pacey – Amberley
	Graham Hogg - Rangiora
	Dave Francis - Amberley

Any Further Business

President Amelia thanked the Te Wairepo Spencerville Brigade for hosting the Conference, and members for attending.

President Amelia Jackman declared the 107th Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed at 1430 hrs.

Signed as Approved Record:

By: President

Date: