CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION

Established 1915

Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
110th Annual General Meeting
Saturday September 2026
Lyttelton Fire Station

Conference Opened at 11:30 hours

Opening Karakia: SO Yaxley - LVFB

Peter Lauryssens welcomed the official party. District Commander - Dave Stackhouse, District Commander - Myles Taylor, UFBA Representative - Daryl Sayer, Mid Canterbury Sub Association Representative - Matty Stringer, Canterbury Gold Star Association Representative - Alan Kerr, NZFBI Representative - Phil Hunt.

The Chief Fire Officer, Dwayne Pool of Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade welcomed everyone and covered health and safety, and housekeeping. He also gave a brief history of the brigade.

Member of Parliament for Banks Peninsula, Vanessa Weenink addressed the agm. She acknowledged the importance of volunteers and the value they add to their communities.

Introduction of Current Office Bearers:
CPFBA President, Peter Lauryssens, introduced the Current Office Bearers:
Immediate Past President, Bryce Bisphan of Lincoln(absent), Vice President Ed Anscombe Geraldine, Executive Members:Charlie Lister Kaikoura, Andre Jones Rolleston,Philip Hunt Darfield,

Challenge Panel Convenor: Ian White of Lincoln
Challenge Panel Members; Joost Kepers of Darfield, Dave Francis of Amberley, Daryl Sweeney of Sheffield, Graham Hogg of Rangiora, Barbara Ditmer Events Coordinator
Patron: Alan Cockburn
Trustees: Ces Pacey Amberley, Nigel Lilley Rolleston

Secretary: Rudi Marquez - Lyttelton
Treasurer: Meredith White

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence:
Murray Russell Skilling - Leeston VFB
Steve McLennan - Lincoln VFB

President, Peter Lauryssens, welcomed delegates to the 110th Annual Conference and asked all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call.
Rudi read out the list of obituaries following which 1 minute's silence was observed.

Roll Call
Secretary Rudi read out the roll.
Brigades Present: Akaroa, Amberley, Ashburton, Banks peninsula, Canterbury High Country, Cust, Darfield, Diamond Harbour, Hawarden, Kaikoura, Kirwee, Lauriston, Leeston, Lincoln, Lyttelton, New Brighton, Oxford, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Sefton, Sheffield, Southbridge, Springfield, Sumner, Temuka, Timaru, West Melton.

Executive Present:
Peter Lauryssens, Charlie Lister, Andrew Jones, Phil Hunt, Rudi Marquez

Challenge Panel members present
Ian White, Joost Kepers, Dave Francis, Daryl Sweeney, Graham Hogg, Barbara Ditmer

Past Presidents present:
Cath Sharp, Peter Helps, Nigel Lilley, Chris Price, Jeff Duke, Dave McGillen, Brian Schimanski, Peter Dench, Alan Cockburn, Alan Burgess, Tom Smith

Life Members present:

Apologies
Rudi read out apologies received prior to Conference and asked for any further apologies.
Apologies from: Ed Anscombe, Mike Allen, Warren Maslin.

Phil Hunt took over the meeting as MC.

Guest Speakers:

Daryl Sayer: UFBA
Daryl apologised for Peter Dunne who is unwell and Bill Butzbach who is attending the Nelson Marlborough AGM today. He spoke about the workshops and working groups that are open to all members who are looking to both upskill and share their knowledge to improve procedures going forward. He encouraged those not attending the UFBA agm to register a proxy vote with an attending brigade.

Provincial Associations:
William Hall, SO Port Chalmers, Otago-Southland Provincial
As William was unwell, Charlie read his report to the meeting. This outlined achievements over the past year and the desire to continue working together at a provincial level , sharing ideas and advocating for our members.

Red Knights:
Greg Barret spoke to the meeting, giving a brief history of the club, and explaining what they do beyond riding their motorcycles. He encouraged the meeting to spread the word about the club.

Election of Scrutineers:
Taff Hubbard, Alan Cockburn, Peter Dench . Nominated Peter Lauryssens, seconded Dave McGillen

Delegates: 27, ⅔ = 18, ½ = 13.5

SO Kevin Hurl - Firefighter Wellbeing:
Kevin spoke to the meeting about the importance of balancing our mental and physical wellbeing as both are equally important for us to function, especially as firefighters respond to so many traumatic events.

Minutes of 2025 AGM:
Moved/ seconded P Lauryssens/ M Leigh Southbridge

Business Arising from the minutes:
Obituaries: Neil Price, Kaiapoi

Dave Stackhouse - District Commander:
Dave spoke about being prepared both for natural events and also for succession within brigades.
Myles Taylor - West Coast District Commander:
Myles introduced himself to the meeting.

Outgoing Patron Alan Cockburn:
Alan spoke to the meeting about his delight in holding the role for 21 years. He also shared his journey as a firefighter over the years and his time on the provincial executive. He also took the opportunity to express his thoughts on the state of the current fire service and its neglect of the value the volunteers bring to the overall success of the entity. He ended his speech by reciting his poem

written for his book, Never Been Very Far Behind.
He was then presented a plaque recognising his service to the provincial by Peter Lauryssens.

Challenge panel report:
Moved / Seconded P Lauryssens/ C Lister

Presidents Report
President Peter Lauryssens presented his president's report.
Moved/seconded P Lauryssens/ M Leigh Southbridge Carried

Financial report:
Moved/Seconded P Lauryssens/ C Lister

Guest Speaker - Professor Thomas Robinson - Alpine Fault - AF8
Thomas spoke to the meeting about what is predicted to happen when the Alpine fault ruptures. He based his information on facts, research and years of study. Researchers have been able to predict what will happen but not when. He explained what planning is already happening to make whatever preparations are possible. After showing us the dramatic reality he ended by telling us that our homes are safe, people do not die in houses in earthquakes in NZ.

Alan Burgess - UFBA Firefighters Benevolent Fund:
Alan spoke to the meeting about the fund and what it can offer.

Alan Kerr - Canterbury Gold Star Association:
Alan shared happenings from over the past year and upcoming events.

Matty Stringer - MCFBSA:
Matty expressed his appreciation at the way Canterbury had worked alongside Mid Canterbury and looked forward to the coming year.

Phil Hunt - NZFBI:
Phil informed the meeting about events that have been run over the past year. Going forward they have their exam programs up and running.

Remits:
None from the floor.

Resumes:
Charlie Lister, Ian White, Darryl Sweeney as circulated.
SFF Allan McClure addressed the meeting

Election of Officers:
Trustees N Lilley addressed the meeting re position of CPFBA President 2026-2027.
Nigel put forward the motion that:
Pursuant to Rule 14(c) of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association Constitution, Rule 10 (a)

be suspended for the election of President at the 2026 Annual Conference only, thereby permitting a Past President to be nominated and elected to the office of President for the ensuing term.
Discussion/ Clarification: President could stand for another term; Ed was posted to Antarctica for much of his previous term.
Moved N Lilley / Seconded P Lauryssens Carried

President (1 required)
Vice President SFF Ed Anscombe of Geraldine has been nominated as President – Duly Elected

Vice President
QFF Charlie Lister of Kaikoura has been nominated as Vice President – Duly elected

Executive Members (3 required)
SFF Andrew Jones - Rolleston - Duly elected
SO Phil Hunt - Darfield - Duly Elected
SFF Allan McClure - Rangiora - Duly Elected

Challenge Panel Members
SSO Ian White, Lincoln – Confirmed
QFF, Joost Kepers, Darfield – Confirmed
SO, Graham Hogg, Rangiora - Confirmed
SFF Darryl Sweeney, Sheffield - Confirmed

Trustees (2 required)
LHM Nigel Lilley - confirmed
LHM Ces Pacey - confirmed

Accounts Reviewer (1 required)
A representative of Herbert Morton Ltd.
Moved/seconded E Anscombe / P Lauryssens - Carried

Patron (1 required)
P Lauryssens thanked Alan Cockburn for his service as our Patron.
PP Peter Dench addressed the meeting.
Moved P Lauryssens… approved by acclamation Carried

Invitation to hold Annual Conference
2027 - Darfield 2028 - Rangiora

Invitation to hold Annual Waterways Competitions
2026 - Darfield 2027 -

Invitation to hold Annual Golf Tournament
2027 - Leeston 2028 -

Invitation to hold Annual Firefighter Challenge
2027 - Lincoln 2028 - Amberley 2029 - Kirwee

Invitation to hold Annual Rifle Shooting Competition
2027 - Leeston 2028 - Leeston

Presentation of LHM
PP Bryce Bishpan was not at the meeting so his medal was not presented.

General Business:

- Dave McGillen - Has there been any progress made on sourcing/ pricing lapel badges for LHM?
- Dave McGillen - Roll call should have included LHM
- Joost Kepers - Challenge panel - Thanked FENZ for their help in providing equipment for challenges.
- Lloyd Clausen - informed the meeting about the Onward Project which is looking for photos of soldiers who served in the first world war, many stations have photos of members that could be sent.

Setting of Sub Association Grants:
To remain at $500 moved/ seconded P Lauryssens./ C Lister. Carried

Fixing of Subscriptions:
To remain at $250. Moved/seconded P Lauryssens/ M Leigh Southbridge Carried

Setting of Annual Reimbursements:
Secretary: $400
Treasurer: $400
Events Coordinator: $400
AGM Minutes Secretary: $150
Moved/ Seconded P Lauryssens/ I White. Carried

Installation of Office Bearers

IPP	Peter Lauryssens – Lyttleton-
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	Joost Kepers – Darfield
	Graham Hogg - Rangiora
	Darryl Sweeney - Sheffield
Events Coordinator	Barbara Ditmer

Any Further Business

SO Yaxley, Lyttelton read the closing Karakia

Immediate Past President Peter Lauryssens declared the 110th Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed at 16:00hrs.

Signed as Approved Record:

By: President

Date: