Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
108th Annual Conference
Saturday 21 September 2024
Lincoln Fire Station

Conference Opened at 0930hours
Ed Anscombe welcomed the official party to the stage. Russell Wood National Commander, Brad Mosby Te Ihu Region Manager, Warren Maslin UFBA President, Philip Hunt NZFBI, Chris Mehrtens Mid Canterbury Representative

The Chief Fire officer, Richie Bee, of Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade welcomed everyone and covered health and safety, and housekeeping.

Mayor of Selwyn District Sam Broughton….opened the AGM.

Introduction of Current Office Bearers
CPFBA President, Ed Anscombe, introduced the Current Office Bearers:
Immediate Past President, Amelia Jackman of Rangiora, Vice President, Bryce Bisphan of Lincoln, Executive Members: Peter Lauryssens of Lyttleton, Jeroen Hartman of Kaiapoi, Derrick Ryan of West Melton
Secretary, Jean Barr.
Challenge Panel Convenor, Ian White of Lincoln, Challenge Panel Members; Ces Pacey of Amberley, Joost Kepers of Darfield, Dave Francis of Amberly, Graham Hogg of Rangiora, Barbara Ditmer Events Coordinator

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence
President, Ed Anscombe, welcomed delegates to the 108th Annual Conference and asked all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call. Barbara Ditmer read out the list of obituaries following which 1 minute's silence was observed.
SFF Gavin Lack – Lincoln
Ian McNabb – retired SO and Life Member Sumner Brigade
Neville Speechley – retired FF Oxford, CPFBA Life member
Colin Twose – SFF Waikari
Neville Pickering – CFO Waikari
Des Hide – retired CFO Cust
Rodger Gillespie – retired SO Cust
Don Hassall – retired CFO Rangiora, Past President CPFBA
Wayne Brown – retired SO Woolston Green Watch
Lenny Stone – retired SFF Rakaia
Russell Thompson – FF Springfield

Roll Call
Secretary Jean Barr read out the roll.

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Brigades Present:
Akaroa, Amberley, Ashburton, Coalgate, Culverden, Cust, Darfield, Dunsandel, Fairlie, Geraldine, Hawarden, Kaiapoi, Kaikoura, Leeston, Lincoln, Little River, Lyttelton, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Southbridge, Springfield, Sumner, Temuka, Waipara,

Executive Present:
Amelia Jackman, Ed Anscombe, Bryce Bisphan, Peter Lauryssens, Jeroen Hartman

Challenge Panel members present
Ian White, Joost Kepers, Ces Pacey, Dave Francis, Graham Hogg, Barbara Ditmer

Past Presidents present:
R Ashby, B Schimanski, P Dench, C Price, T Smith, A Cockburn, R Gardner, P Helps, W Maslin, C Sharp.

Life Members present:
B Palmer, I White isn't a life member yet, C Pacey B Ditmer Isnt Jan Hayes life member?

Apologies
Jean Barr read out apologies received prior to Conference and asked for any further apologies.
Apologies from:
Kerry Gregory, Shane Robinson, Rob Hands, Greg Harper OSPFBA, Nicola Grigg, Megan Wiseman, Tyrone Burrowes, Frank Watson, Nigel Hope, Taff Hubbard, Natasha Rankin, Derrick Ryan, Nigel Lilley

Jeroen Hartman took over the meeting as MC.

Guest Speakers:

Hon Peter Dunne
Peter spoke to the meeting about the service volunteers give to their communities. He shared how the UFBA supports each and every member. $820 million dollars is contributed nationally by volunteer fire fighters. 86% of fire fighters are volunteers. He stated that it is time to change some past attitudes both within and without the organization.

Bill Butzbach – CEO UFBA
Spoke about raising awareness of just how much firefighters do to protect their communities. He shared about his experience at the national volunteering conference.

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NZ has a tradition of generosity and whanaungatanga. Volunteerism isn't free, high cost to train and equip people. He spoke of changes coming in the future to ensure the UFBA meets the needs of it's members.

Sub Association Reports

Mid Canterbury – Chris Merhtens

Chris thanked the CPFBA for their continuing support and advocacy. Chris spoke of a busy year hosting the Drivers Challenge combined with CPFBA, with particular attention to the benefits for all competitors. He also mentioned the annual fire fighter challenge which was held in Lyttelton this year.

UFBA President – Warren Maslin

Warren spoke to the meeting about how the provincials are getting stronger and the need to keep this momentum going. It is very valid to support all brigades. A new initiative is two monthly conference calls with provincials to keep everyone informed and connected.

He gave a brief history of the UFBA and it's partnership with NZFS and more recently FENZ. He pointed out that nothing has changed in the purpose of the organization since it's inception 150 years ago.

Election of Scrutineers

PP R Ashby, LHM Jan Hayes, Patron A Cockburn – Moved: J Hartman/ Ed Anscombe - Carried

Voting numbers: Executive 4, Delegates 24, Total 28

2/3 = 19 = 15 majority

Minutes of previous conference

President Ed Anscombe asked for someone to move that the Minutes of the 107th Annual Conference in 2023 as circulated be taken as read.

Moved/Seconded J Hartman –Kaiapoi / B Bisphan Lincoln

Business arising from the minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Russell Wood – National Commander

Russell acknowledged the dignitaries present.

'I walk backwards into the future with eyes fixed on my past' was the theme of his speech. He shared his thoughts on some of his higher priorities which included attending as many provincial AGM's as possible, Health, safety and wellbeing, fiscal

challenges, political decisions, and culture changes. He spoke to all of these points, informing the meeting on upcoming initiatives. He urged delegates to remember that our mood is contagious and how leaders need to set the tone for those they are leading.
He gave a second presentation on the Public Safety Network which is digital and secure, also a cellular network for emergency responders and getting rid of aging and insecure technology.

CPFBA Annual Reports:
Challenges and Events Report
President Ed Anscombe asked for I White to move that the challenges and events report circulated be taken as read.
Moved/ Seconded I White / B Bisphan Carried

Presidents Report
President Ed Anscombe presented his presidents report.
Moved/seconded E Anscombe/ J Hartman Carried

Brad Mosby - Te Ihu Region Manager
Brad spoke of the need to work well alongside local iwi who have particularly recently been of tremendous assistance following major events. They are well respected in their communities and well resourced.
There are only 10 career stations in this region. Mutual respect and trust are vital between career and volunteer stations. OSM among volunteers is equal to career fire fighters.
He challenged the meeting to reach out more to Natural Environment Brigades so that they feel a part of the organization, and add them to the roll call.
Brad also presented about the Implementation of the Te Ihu Portfolio, South Island Emergency Management Conference, his intent as Regional Manager and the Te Ihu Region Priorities.

Performance Report
Ed Anscombe asked that the Performance Report be accepted as circulated.
Moved Bryce Bisphan/ Seconded Peter Lauryssens

Guest Speaker - Josh Vermeulen - USAR
Josh explained the roles undertaken by the USAR teams. Points of interest included : K9 search dogs are all volunteers, Drones are very useful, USAR can provide logistics for disaster responses, USAR operates domestically and internationally.
He told the meeting about the origins of USAR in NZ. It was interesting to learn about the teams, deployments and the equipment cache.

The second part of his presentation shared his experiences on secondment to Antartica. The meeting was spellbound as he recounted the highs and lows of working in this landscape.

Patrons Address

Alan Cockburn congratulated the executive and the brigades for yet another busy year. He spoke of Rangiora, Lyttelton, Waimate, Ashburton and Temuka brigades celebrating 150 years of service to their communities. He reiterated the importance of remembering our heritage and the people who have gone before. He also spoke of the Fire Services Historical Society based in Ferrymead who are looking for new members going forward to continue to maintain the collection.
He wished all well and thanked the meeting for the honour of being their Patron.

Robin Ashby - Life Member, Canterbury Gold Star Association

Robin thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak on behalf of President Taff Hubbard. He spoke to the meeting about recent events which almost led to the association being dissolved. Several changes have been mooted going forward, such as combining the AGM with the Annual Dinner. He asked member brigades to get their gold star members to update their email addresses and to follow the Facebook page.

Philip Hunt – NZFBI

Philip spoke to the meeting about the mission of the Institute and the events they held, courses offered and support in other ways.

Remits:

There were no remits.

Resumes:

Charlie Lister – Kaikoura read his resume to the meeting.

Election of Officers

President (1 required)

Vice President SO Bryce Bisphan of Lincoln has been nominated as President – Duly Elected

Vice President

SFF Peter Lauryssens of Lyttelton has been nominated as Vice President – Duly elected

Executive Members (3 required)

SFF Jeroen Hartman of Kaiapoi – nominated – duly elected

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FF Derrick Ryan of West Melton – nominated – duly elected
QFF Charlie Lister of Kaikoura – 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 – to remain as trustee. - duly elected
CFO Ces Pacey - nominated – duly elected

Accounts Reviewer (1 required)
A representative of Herbert Morton Ltd.
Moved/seconded E Anscombe / P Lauryssens - Carried
Patron (1 required)
Alan Cockburn remains as Patron.
Moved E Anscombe… approved by acclamation Carried

Invitation to hold Annual Conference
2025 – Kaikoura 2026 – Lyttelton 2027 - Darfield

Invitation to hold Annual Waterways Competitions
2025 – Darfield 2026 - Darfield

Invitation to hold Annual Golf Tournament
2025 – Kaikoura 2026 – Fairlie 2027 - Leeston

Invitation to hold Annual Firefighter Challenge
2025 – Kaiapoi. 2026 – Waimate 2027 - Lincoln

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General Business:

- Patron A Cockburn presented Amelia Jackman with her LHM . Amelia thanked the meeting for the honour.
- PP P Dench asked the meeting to please ensure contact lists are kept up to date as some members are not being notified of events.

Setting of Sub Association Grants:
$500 to Mid Canterbury –
Moved/seconded E Anscombe / T Hutchinson , Darfield Carried

Fixing of Subscriptions:
Subscriptions to remain at $250.
Moved/seconded E Anscombe /B Bisphan, Carried

Setting of Annual Reimbursements:
Secretary: $400
Treasurer: $400
Events Coordinator: $400
Minutes Secretary: $150
Moved/seconded E Anscombe/ I White Lincoln - Carried

Installation of Office Bearers

Patron A Cockburn installed the new Executive.

IPP	Ed Anscombe - Geraldine
President	Bryce Bisphan - Lincoln
Vice President	Peter Lauryssens – Lyttleton
Executive Member	Jeroen Hartman – Kaiapoi
Executive Member	Derrick Ryan – West Melton
Executive Member	Charlie Lister - Kaikoura
Challenge Panel	Convenor - Ian White – Lincoln
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	Graham Hogg - Rangiora
	Dave Francis - Amberley
Events Coordinator	Barbara Ditmer

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Any Further Business

President Bryce addressed the meeting. He thanked those who had gone before and acknowledged his anticipation for the coming year. He spoke of the need for unity and teamwork going forward. He also thanked the Lincoln Brigade for hosting the Conference, and members for attending.

President Bryce Bisphan declared the 108th Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed at 1430 hrs.

Signed as Approved Record:

By: President



Date: 22/09/2024

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