MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND Incorporated

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Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting

Date	Wednesday 6 May 2026
Time	4:13 PM – 6:43 PM (NZST)
Location	Online via Zoom
Chairperson	David Broadhead (Chair/President)
Secretary	Maurice Slingerland
Treasurer	Garry Bryant

1. Opening and Welcome

David Broadhead (Chair/President) chaired the meeting in accordance with Rule 3.4 of the MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND Incorporated Constitution and Rules 2024, and declared the 2026 Annual General Meeting open at 4:13 PM.

The Chairman thanked all representatives for their attendance and for the work they do for their member sheds and shed members.

Notice of Meeting: The Chairman confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly given in accordance with Rule 3.4, which requires at least 30 Working Days' notice. Notice was issued by email on 3 March 2026, providing 32 Working Days' notice prior to the meeting date of 6 May 2026 (accounting for Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April, and ANZAC Day 25 April as non-Working Days).

2. Quorum and Attendance

Quorum: Rule 3.4 requires the attendance of at least 25 member sheds or 20% of eligible financial members, whichever is the lesser. Based on 137 eligible member sheds, 20% equals 27.4, making the lesser figure 25 sheds. The meeting recorded attendance from 21 member shed representatives present online via Zoom, and proxy votes held on behalf of 4 absent member sheds, for a total of 25. (Note: subsequently corrected to 20 in-person representatives and 5 absent proxy sheds — see correction note below.) Quorum was therefore met.Note: Brent Russell (Auckland Central Community Shed), Wayne Anderson (Matamata Community Men's Shed), and Dave Packer (Renwick Menz Shed) were not included in the opening quorum count of 25 as the Chairman was not aware at that point that they were also representing their own member sheds in addition to attending as Executive Committee members. The quorum count, had this been known at the time, would have been 28 (23 member shed representatives in person + 5 proxy-only absent sheds). Quorum was met in either case.

Proxy Verification: Geoff Leigh (Hibiscus Mens Shed Trust), acting as independent proxy referee, confirmed all proxy documentation prior to the meeting. The Secretary (Maurice Slingerland) maintained a voting spreadsheet to ensure that only one vote per member shed was counted and that all voting members were financial.

Note on vote tallies: Following review of the minutes by the outgoing Chairman, the Member Shed Representatives table and Executive Officers table have been updated to include Brent Russell (Auckland Central Community Shed, Region 1 Representative), Wayne Anderson (Matamata Community Men's Shed, Region 2 Representative), Ian Miller (Region 5 Representative), and Dave Packer (Renwick Menz Shed, Region 6 Representative), all of whom were present at the meeting. The vote tallies recorded in Section 6 are unaffected by these corrections. All four individuals were already captured in the Secretary's voting spreadsheet and their votes were counted in the tallies as announced at the meeting. The outcomes of both the Amendment Motion (Lost) and the Substantive Motion (Carried) are confirmed as unchanged.

Member Shed Representatives Present (Online via Zoom)

#	Member Shed	Representative
1	**MenzShed Kapiti Inc**	Michael McKelvie
2	**Motueka Menz Shed**	Mark Jones
3	**Masterton Mens Shed Inc**	Graeme Morris
4	**Te Awamutu Community Menz Shed**	Graeme Lomax
5	**Halswell Menzshed**	Tim Joyce
6	**Howick Community MenzShed Inc**	Dennis Easton
7	**Bishopdale Menzshed**	Richard Rendle
8	**South Dunedin Blokes Shed**	Gordon Bishop
9	**Taieri Blokes Shed**	Colin McIntosh
11	**Menz Shed Napier**	John Barrett
11	**Martinborough Mens Shed**	Doug Rowan
12	**Tawa MenzShed**	John Gibson
13	**Thames Community Menzshed**	Terry McKay
14	**Cromwell Menzshed Charitable Trust**	David Moreton
15	**Temuka Menzshed**	Maurice Butler
16	**MENZSHED Omokoroa**	David Whitehead

17	**East Otago Blokes Shed**	Neil Kennedy
18	**Cambridge Community MenzShed Inc**	Garry Bryant *Also Treasurer — see Executive Officers below*
19	**Eastbourne & Bays Menz Shed**	Barrie Littlefair
20	**Hibiscus Mens Shed Trust**	Geoff Leigh *Also acting as proxy referee*
22	**Renwick Menz Shed**	Dave Packer

Absent Member Sheds — Proxy Votes Held

#	Member Shed	Proxy Holder / Authorised Contact
1	**Menzshed Manawatu**	Greg Nixon
2	**Alexandra Men's Shed**	Trevor Goudie
3	**Otaki MenzShed**	Les Frost
4	**Mens Shed Auckland East Inc**	John Tattersall
5	**Riverton Menzshed Inc**	Ngaire Bartley
6	**Porirua MenzShed Inc**	Alastair Woodfield
7	**Oxford Community Men's Shed**	Ray Charles
8	**Eastbourne & Bays Menz Shed**	Barrie Littlefair

Note on proxy forms: A Proxy Appointment Form is a written authorisation from a shed officer confirming that a named person will represent the shed at the meeting, and may direct that person on how to vote on each item of business, or leave voting to that person's discretion. A Proxy Voting Form appoints the Secretary of MENZSHED NZ (or the Chair if the Secretary is unavailable) as the shed's proxy, with the shed's voting preference for each motion indicated on the form. If no box is ticked for an item on a Proxy Voting Form, the proxy will abstain on that item.

Attendance correction (14 May 2026): Following circulation of these minutes, Barrie Littlefair (Eastbourne & Bays Menz Shed) advised that he did not attend the meeting via Zoom and that his votes were cast entirely by Proxy Voting Form. The attendance record has been corrected accordingly — Eastbourne & Bays Menz Shed is listed below under Absent Member Sheds. Vote totals, outcomes, and quorum are unaffected by this correction.

Executive Officers Present

Name	Role	Note
David Broadhead	Chair/President	*Stepping down at close of AGM*
Maurice Slingerland	Secretary	*Serving — mid-term*
Garry Bryant	Treasurer	*Serving — mid-term; also representing Cambridge shed*

Richard Cato	Ex-Officio Publications Officer	*No voting rights for this meeting; Te Awamutu shed represented by Graeme Lomax*

Conflicts of Interest

No disclosures of conflicts of interest by Committee Members were recorded in the Interests Register during the 2025 financial year. No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting.

2a. AGM Document Set

The following documents were circulated to all member sheds as part of the AGM notice package on 5 May 2026. These documents are retained on file by the Secretary and are available to member sheds on request in accordance with Rule 7.4 of the Constitution.

#	Document Title	Relates To	Circulated
1	1_AGM25 — Minutes & Reports	Agenda Item 3	5 May 2026
2	2_EOY25 — Treasurer's Report	Agenda Item 5	5 May 2026
3	3_EOY25 — Financial Statements	Agenda Item 5	5 May 2026
4	4_AGM26 — Chairman's Report	Agenda Item 4	5 May 2026
5	5_AGM26 — Agenda Final (04 May 2026)	All items	5 May 2026
6	6_AGM26 — MSNZ FY26 Budget	Agenda Item 5	5 May 2026
7	7_AGM26 — Motion for $5 Per Member Subs	Agenda Item 6	5 May 2026
8	8_AGM26 — Motion for $4 Per Member Subs With $160 Shed Cap	Agenda Item 6	5 May 2026

2b. Apologies

No apologies were received prior to the close of the meeting.

Note: A letter of apology was subsequently received from St Martin's Community Menzshed (NZ0154 — Richard Millett, Secretary) dated 7 May 2026, after the meeting had been closed by the Chairman. This is noted for the record.

3. Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes

Motion	Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes
Motion Wording	That the minutes of the 2025 AGM be confirmed as a true and correct record, with amendments.
Moved By	Ian Miller
Seconded By	Garry Bryant (Cambridge)
Discussion	Two amendments to the 2025 AGM minutes were tabled and accepted: (1) Doug Rowan noted that Martinborough Mens Shed's attendance via Zoom was not recorded in the original 2025 draft minutes. (2) David Harll (Vice Chairman, Hibiscus Mens Shed Trust) noted that his attendance at the 2025 AGM via Zoom was not recorded. Both amendments were accepted without objection.
Votes For	Unanimous
Votes Against	0
Outcome	CARRIED (with amendments)

4. Chairman's Report

Motion	Adoption of Chairman's Report
Motion Wording	That the Chairman's report for 2025 be adopted.
Moved By	Michael McKelvie (Kapiti)
Seconded By	Dave Packer (Renwick)
Discussion	No comments or questions were raised. The Chairman noted in his report the challenges of obtaining government funding and expressed the view that MENZSHED NZ's focus should be on supporting regional representatives to assist member sheds directly.
Votes For	Unanimous
Votes Against	0
Outcome	CARRIED

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Garry Bryant presented the 2025 Financial Report. Key points included:

- The Society is in a healthy cash position, primarily due to unused Selwyn Foundation funds.
- Major expenses for the year were travel and hub meetings.
- Government funding efforts during 2025 were unsuccessful; no funding from government is expected during the current parliamentary term.

- The 2026 forecast (previewed at the November 2025 preview meeting) projects total operating expenses of approximately $27,539 against revenue of $25,000 (based on 5,000 members at $5 per member), resulting in a projected operating deficit of $2,539. This forecast is based on each Regional Representative being able to visit each cluster twice per year plus one or two individual shed visits as required.
- Fixed costs (domain name, Zoom fees, AGM expenses, courier, website maintenance) are budgeted at approximately $3,200.

Motion	Adoption of Financial Statements
Motion Wording	That the financial statements for 2025 be adopted.
Moved By	Garry Bryant (Cambridge)
Seconded By	Dennis Easton (Howick)
Discussion	Michael McKelvie (Kapiti) asked about the absence of a budget in the financial statements. The Treasurer explained the budget had been set at the November 2025 preview meeting. John Gibson (Tawa) requested that a budget comparison column be included in future financial statements, showing prior year actuals, current year actuals, and the coming year budget side by side. The Treasurer agreed to include this going forward.
Votes For	Unanimous
Votes Against	0
Outcome	CARRIED

6. Subscriptions (2026)

Background

The Chairman provided the following background for the benefit of members:

At the 2025 AGM held in Invercargill, Akaroa and Halswell Sheds proposed that MENZSHED NZ subscriptions be set at $5 per capita. Following approximately 90 minutes of discussion, the motion was carried. Given the significant increase from the previous flat rate of $25 per shed, it was agreed that the $5 rate would take effect from 2026 rather than 2025, and MENZSHED NZ committed to providing member sheds with a preview of how the funds would be used. This preview was delivered at a special online meeting in November 2025.

However, it subsequently came to the attention of the Chairman that Rule 2.4 of the Constitution states: “The annual subscription and any other fees for membership for the then current financial year shall be set by resolution of a General Meeting.” On the strict reading of this rule, the 2025 AGM resolution to set the subscription for the following (2026) financial year was not compliant with the Constitution. The Chairman therefore invited Akaroa and Halswell Sheds to resubmit their $5 proposal as a motion for the 2026 AGM.

Separately, Thames Community Shed and Hamilton Community Shed proposed an amendment motion to set the subscription at $4 per member with a cap of $160 per shed.

The Chairman advised that the amendment motion would be considered first, followed by the substantive $5 motion in either its original or amended form depending on the outcome of the amendment vote.

Amendment Motion

Motion	Subscription Amendment
Motion Wording	That the 2026 subscription to MENZSHED New Zealand be set at $4 per individual member, capped at $160 per shed, as an affordable increase from the previous amount given the tight financial times facing many sheds.
Moved By	Terry McKay (Thames Community Shed)
Seconded By	David Heming (Hamilton Community Shed, via proxy)
Discussion	Terry McKay argued that the $5 per member increase was excessive for many sheds. Michael McKelvie (Kapiti) suggested that larger sheds could make voluntary donations if the lower rate were adopted. John Gibson (Tawa) and Dennis Easton (Howick) spoke against the cap, arguing that it would disproportionately benefit larger sheds and reduce MENZSHED NZ's total revenue by approximately half, undermining its ability to fund Regional Representative travel. Gordon Bishop (South Dunedin) expressed support for the amendment on behalf of a smaller shed. Voting was conducted by roll call (one vote per shed).
Votes For	10
Votes Against	18
Outcome	LOST

Note on vote count: The figures above reflect the Secretary's post-meeting validated tally. The counts announced at the meeting were 12 For and 20 Against, based on the Secretary's live spreadsheet. Following post-meeting verification of proxy forms against the attendance record, two adjustments were made: (a) proxy votes submitted in advance by sheds who subsequently attended and voted in person were de-duplicated in accordance with the Chairman's ruling that an in-person vote supersedes a prior proxy submission, and (b) one proxy vote direction was clarified after obtaining a clearer image of a partially illegible form. Neither adjustment affects the outcome — the Amendment Motion was Lost by a clear margin under either count.

Substantive Motion

Motion	Member Levy for Regional Representatives' Travel and Accommodation
Motion Wording	A levy of $5 per shed member to primarily fund the travel and accommodation of elected Regional Representatives.
Moved By	Howard Wilson (Akaroa Men's Shed Trust, via proxy)
Seconded By	Tim Joyce (Halswell Menzshed)
Discussion	The motion was received after the 20 Working Days notice deadline specified in Rule 3.4. The Chairman invited the meeting to consider accepting the late motion on the basis that it reflected the will of the sheds present at the 2025 AGM, and that all parties had been operating in good faith on the assumption that the 2025 resolution was valid. A procedural motion to accept the late motion was moved by Graeme Morris (Masterton), seconded by Tim Joyce (Halswell), and carried with one vote against (Thames). Tim Joyce (Halswell) spoke in favour of the substantive motion, noting that Halswell had levied its

	members $5 each with no resignations and strong support. Members discussed the importance of MENZSHED NZ as a national umbrella organisation and the value of funded Regional Representative visits to sheds. Voting was conducted by show of hands.
Votes For	21
Votes Against	6
Outcome	CARRIED

Note on vote count: The figure of 6 Against above includes 3 proxy votes Against from absent member sheds (Alexandra Men's Shed, Otaki MenzShed, and Mens Shed Auckland East Inc) which were not separately announced at the meeting. The announced figure of 3 Against reflected only the in-person votes Against. The validated tally correctly consolidates both in-person and proxy votes. The outcome is unchanged — the Substantive Motion was Carried.

Note: The subscription levy of $5 per financial shed member for the 2026 financial year is now set by resolution of this Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 2.4 of the Constitution. Member sheds that have not yet paid their 2026 subscription invoices are reminded that under Rule 2.4 sheds more than three calendar months in arrears will become unfinancial and lose membership rights.

7. Election of Officers

The Chairman acknowledged the following Committee Members currently serving mid-term: Maurice Slingerland (Secretary), Garry Bryant (Treasurer), Brent Russell (Region 1 Representative), Murray (Region 3 Representative), and Ian Miller (Region 5 Representative).

The Chairman thanked all outgoing and continuing Committee Members for their many hours of dedicated service.

Region 2 Representative — Waikato / Bay of Plenty / Gisborne

Position	Region 2 Representative
Nominee	Wayne Anderson (Matamata Community Men's Shed)
Nomination Type	One valid nomination received from the incumbent
Outcome	Wayne Anderson declared elected by acclamation. No objections raised. Congratulations extended by the meeting.

Region 4 Representative — Canterbury / West Coast

Position	Region 4 Representative
Nominee	Nigel Young (New Brighton Shed)
Nomination Type	One valid nomination received from the incumbent
Outcome	Nigel Young declared elected by acclamation. No objections raised. Congratulations extended by the meeting.

Region 5 Representative — Otago / Southland

Ian Miller advised the meeting that he would be resigning from the position of Region 5 Representative in the short term following the AGM, having served in the role for 18 years. Ian expressed his intention to hand over to Steve Morton (Cromwell Menzshed Charitable Trust), subject to the Committee's formal appointment.

The appointment of Ian Miller's successor lies with the Committee under Rule 4.3 and will be made at the first Committee meeting following this AGM.

Colin McIntosh (Taieri Blokes Shed), supported by Peter Beale (Acting President, Taieri Blokes Shed), moved a vote of thanks via the National Body to commend Ian Miller on his outstanding contribution over his 18 years of service as Region 5 Representative. It was noted that Ian had done a tremendous job and would be greatly missed in the areas he had served. The Chairman endorsed these sentiments, adding that Ian had been an impressive mentor on governance and meeting procedure. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Region 6 Representative — Tasman / Nelson / Marlborough

No nominations were received within the required timeframe. No nominations were received from the floor. The position remains vacant. The Committee has authority under Rule 4.3 to appoint a Region 6 Representative when a suitable candidate is identified. The Secretary invited any interested parties to make contact.

Support Services

No nominations were received within the required timeframe and none were received from the floor. Garry Bryant (Treasurer, Cambridge) kindly offered to act in the Support Services role temporarily, with a focus on producing the Society's newsletter, until a permanent appointment is made. The position remains open and expressions of interest are welcomed.

Chair / President

David Broadhead advised that he would be stepping down as Chair/President at the close of this AGM. No nominations were received within the required timeframe and none were received from the floor. The position remains vacant. The Committee has authority under Rule 4.3 to appoint a Chair/President when a suitable candidate is identified.

John Gibson (Tawa MenzShed) proposed a vote of thanks to David Broadhead for his long service as Chair/President. Dennis Easton (Howick) agreed. Graham Lomax (Te Awamutu) suggested the vote be taken by acclamation. Doug Rowan (Martinborough) concurred, and Tim Joyce (Halswell) seconded. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. David Broadhead thanked the meeting.

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8. Governance Discussion — Proposed Rule Changes

The Chairman advised that this item was for discussion only and that no binding decisions would be made. The proposed rule changes require a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be formally considered and voted upon.

The following three priority rule changes were outlined:

- **Rule 10.1 — Committee authority to propose rule changes:** Currently neither the Executive Committee nor individual member sheds can easily propose rule changes at an AGM. Two new sentences are proposed to be added to Rule 10.1 to allow the Committee to propose rule changes at any General Meeting, and to allow individual member sheds to propose rule changes at an AGM with 20 Working Days' written notice.
- **Rules 2.4 and 3.2 — Subscriptions for current and/or subsequent financial years:** The current wording of Rule 2.4 restricts subscriptions to being set for the 'then current financial year' only. The proposed amendment would remove this restriction, allowing subscriptions to be set for the current and/or the following financial year. Rule 3.2 would be amended consistently.
- **Rule 4.3 / Notice periods:** The current notice periods for AGM-related matters (motions, rule changes, nominations) are misaligned. The proposed changes would clarify and standardise the deadlines.

SGM trigger requirement: Under Rule 10.1, a Special General Meeting to consider rule changes must be requested by at least 25% of members or 20 member sheds, whichever is the lesser (currently 20 sheds). The Chairman called on member sheds to register their support for the SGM. John Gibson (Tawa MenzShed) confirmed on the record that Tawa Shed would be one of the 20 signatories.

Rules subcommittee: John Gibson (Tawa MenzShed) volunteered to serve on a Constitution and Rules review subcommittee for a period of up to three months. The Chairman welcomed this offer. The subcommittee will include at least one Executive member as required by Rule 4.8.

Neil Kennedy (East Otago) suggested that the review process should be started immediately following the AGM to allow adequate time for consultation with all member sheds before any proposed changes are circulated.

9. General Business

Member Survey and Knowledge Sharing

Doug Rowan (Martinborough) proposed that MENZSHED NZ conduct a national survey of member sheds to gather and share information on what works well across sheds, including member retention, community interaction, and income generation. The Secretary advised that a previous survey exists and will be recirculated to Doug as a starting point.

The Chairman endorsed the idea of knowledge sharing through Regional Representatives, noting that the most successful sheds are invariably those that are actively engaged with their communities.

Selwyn Foundation Funding

Neil Kennedy (East Otago) asked about the prospects for further Selwyn Foundation funding. The Chairman advised that while funding had been received for men's health events in a prior year, participation by member sheds had been variable. The Chairman acknowledged that he had not adequately assessed shed appetite for health events before accepting the funding, and that he had since resolved never to accept funding on behalf of member sheds without first confirming their willingness to participate.

2027 National Conference

MENZSHED NZ is seeking a North Island shed or sheds to host the 2027 National Conference. The conference is traditionally timed to coincide with the school holiday break between Terms 1 and 2 (approximately late March to early April), and has in the past made use of school boarding facilities for accommodation. Interested sheds are encouraged to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. A well-hosted conference provides an excellent opportunity for sheds to share ideas, build relationships, and raise the profile of the Men's Shed movement.

10. Action Items

#	Action	Responsible	Timeframe
1	Circulate the November 2025 budget/forecast to all member sheds	**Treasurer (Garry Bryant)**	*Immediately*
2	Recirculate the previous member survey to Doug Rowan (Martinborough) as a starting point for a new national survey	**Secretary (Maurice Slingerland)**	*Immediately*
3	Prepare and circulate SGM sign-up request to obtain 20 member shed signatures for the proposed rule changes SGM	**Secretary (Maurice Slingerland)**	*As soon as practicable*
4	Appoint Steve Morton (Cromwell Menzshed Charitable Trust) as Region 5 Representative following Ian Miller's resignation	**Committee**	*First Committee meeting post-AGM*
5	Actively seek nominations for vacant positions: Chair/President, Region 6 Representative, and Support Services (permanent)	**Secretary / all Committee Members**	*Ongoing*
6	Notify the Registrar of Incorporated Societies of Committee membership changes (Wayne Anderson and Nigel Young re-elected; David Broadhead, Dave Packer and John Bush departing)	**Secretary (Maurice Slingerland)**	*Within 20 Working Days of AGM*
7	File notification of AGM rule-change discussion with Charities Services as required	**Secretary (Maurice Slingerland)**	*Within 3 months*
8	Establish the Constitution and Rules review subcommittee (to include John Gibson, Tawa, and at least one Executive member)	**Secretary (Maurice Slingerland)**	*Within 30 days*
9	Seek expressions of interest from North Island sheds to host the 2027 National Conference	**Secretary / Regional Representatives**	*Ongoing*

11. Meeting Close

The Chairman thanked all representatives for their participation and constructive engagement, particularly on the subscription item. He wished all sheds well and offered his continued support to the incoming Committee in whatever capacity may be helpful.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6:43 PM. The next Committee meeting will address the outstanding matters identified in the Action Items above, including the appointment of the Region 5 Representative.

Confirmed as a true and correct record	Secretary's Certification
Chairperson: ______________________ Name: ______________________ Date: ______________________	Secretary: Maurice Slingerland Date prepared: 8 May 2026 Status: APPROVED