

CENTRAL OTAGO FIRE BRIGADES' SUB-ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT David O'Sullivan

VICE PRESIDENT Hemi Cordell

TREASURER Phil Greeks

SECRETARY Mark Davidson

CHALLENGE PANEL Mark Donald
Kris King
Alan Humphry

Minutes of the meeting held at Cromwell

Meeting opened at 1940 on Wednesday August 12, 2026

Present

Alexandra	Russell Anderson Mark Donald
Arrowtown	
Blackstone	
Clyde	John Haig
Cromwell	Aimee-Gene Hughes-Faiao
Dunstan	Nigel Greaves
Frankton	
Glenorchy	
Lake Hawea	Josef Oakes
Luggate	David O'Sullivan
Makarora	
Millers Flat	
Naseby	James Hazlett

Omakau

Queenstown

Ranfurly

Roxburgh

Tarras

Wanaka

Ralph Fegan
Hemi Cordell
Phil Greeks
Tom Syben

Guests

LHM John Grenfell

Apologies

Kris King
Alan Humphrey
Willy Dowling
Paul Hart
Mark Davidson
Nic McQuillan
Bobby Lamont
Scott Lanauze

Apologies sustained: O'Sullivan/Haig CARRIED

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, are confirmed.

Taken as read O'Sullivan/Davidson CARRIED

Matters arising

ACTION	PEOPLE	PROGRESS
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Who has a waterways track	Challenge Panel	COMPLETED Wanaka Clyde Alexandra Queenstown Cromwell Ranfurly
New name badges, mainly Challenge Panel	Dave	In progress with the other subs
ACC, ensure brigades know that Katherine Lamont will assist in a submission. Enquire if we should schedule a Sub meeting around the availability of an MP to discuss ACC matters and submissions	Everyone	COMPLETED

Correspondence

Inwards

1. 16/4 NSFBSA meeting minutes
2. 23/4 OSPFBA letter declining website proposal
3. 26/4 Katherine Lamont, forwarding potential ACC letters (OS also distributed these) (&23/4)
4. 27/4 OS RCR registration reminder
5. 30/4 OS April Exec meeting minutes
6. 10/5 North Otago Meeting minutes
7. 11/5 OS circular and AGM minutes
8. 25/5 Lake Hawea/Combined Upper Clutha Honour's night invite.
9. 31/5 OS PFBA Driver's challenge registration
10. 3/6 NSFBSA AGM invite (reminder on 15/6)
11. 12/6 Ralph fegan noting Prime Minister's visit to the Upper Clutha
12. 16/6 AGM planning email from the CO Exec (multiple)
13. 21/6 OS meeting minutes
14. 30/6 Aimee-Gene confirmed Cromwell can host the Sub meeting
15. 1/7 OSPFBA Driver's Challenge registration reminder
16. 2/7 M. Donald AGM query on MP attendance
17. 5/7 Northern Southland AGM and meeting minutes
18. 5/7 North Otago Sub meeting minutes

19. 8/7 Postponed meeting due to weather (multiple)
20. 15/7 Reimburse Cromwell for catering for postponed meeting
21. 22/7 OS July General Circular
22. 6/8 Notice of AGM and Meeting (multiple replies and apologies)
23. 11/8 Moe Murray giving the Sub a Waterways date (this was declined)
24. 11/8 North Otago Sub and Otematata regarding a meeting and potential tanker removal

Outwards

1. 15/4 COFBSA Meeting Minutes
2. 20/4 Email to Katherine Lamont re ACC letters (multiple)
3. 11/5 ACC letters (multiple)
4. 13/6 Cadet's program update circulated to involved parties
5. 16/6 AGM planning email to the CO Exec (multiple)
6. 28/6 Confirm with Cromwell to host the next COFBSA meeting
7. 3/7 Reply to M Donald
8. 3/7 COFBSA meeting reminder
9. 7/7 President's report distributed to the CO Exec
10. 7/7 reply to Upper Clutha re Honour's
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Correspondence received

O'Sullivan/name

CARRIED

Financial

Paid Cromwell for supper for July's cancelled meeting

LHM to be paid for James Hazlett.

Payment to host brigade of \$80 for supper costs

Greeks/O'Sullivan

CARRIED

Reports

President's Report

Otemata's brigade's Tanker is at risk of being removed. North Otago Sub is getting stronger and is right behind this.

Mark Davidson's report was passed on below

Since the Lamont petition was heard by the Education and workplace committee I have-

- Have written to local MP Miles Anderson, who has replied and has some sympathy,*
- Written to the Minister of Internal affairs (our Minister) who passed it on to the Minister of ACC.*
- The Minister of ACC replied basically repeating what the bureaucrats reported to the committee, explaining why nothing can be done and not offering any solutions.*
- I wrote to the Minister of ACC pointing out that I expected better from him that he is the minister and that rather than parroting the bureaucrats, he as minister should be looking for a way to help, not offering excuses to do nothing. Also pointed out that just south of his electric there is Tauranga with its 3 composite Brigades where career and volunteer firefighters work out of the same stations, serving the same community with different levels of ACC cover. Have received no reply.*

Have put in a remit from the Tarras brigade, seconded by the Kingston Brigade offering a solution using info from the minutes of the Education and Workforce Committee hearing.

Otago Southland Report

OS meeting in June. Challenge dates and venues are set. Next meeting in September.

Challenge Panel Report

Clyde will host Waterways, on 28th November. Mark will sort this with the OS Challenge Panel.

FENZ Update Report

Nil

Any Health & Safety Matters

Nil

Brigade Reports

Alexandra

Quiet, 99 calls so far for the year. Some calls should be for Social services, instead of the brigade. No one else to call, so the brigade is called to help lift bodies out of buildings. Honours night upcoming.

Arrowtown

Blackstone

Clyde

26 Calls, not too busy. Member Richard Ryan passed. A recruit re-sat and passed his course. 1 new op support hire. A new 4WD ute arriving, funded by the brigade.

Cromwell

140 odd calls for the year. Two recruits started. An ex member has returned. Potential transfers. New CFO and DCFO.

Dunstan

29 calls for the year, more calls in the last few months than in summer. A new recruit in the last few months, and a member is operational overseas.

Frankton

Glenorchy

Lake Hawea

65 calls for the year and getting busier. New CFO and DCFO. Good progression through the ranks.

Luggate

122 calls over the last 12 months. Gradually getting busier. Two recruits are now in their second year of waiting for their recruits course.

Makarora

Millers Flat

Naseby

Going well, interesting calls with the recent snow, and trying to get to the station in those conditions.

Omakau

Queenstown

Ranfurly

More calls now in the past 7 days. Medical calls / ambulance crews down and Brigade is picking up medical calls. New recruits are still in training. 1 new recruit blew shoulder on training and injured herself when responding to a call from her home. Covered as part of 'FENZ Call Out'/worksafe involved.

Roxburgh

Tarras

At the current rate we will exceed last year's call out tally. Station upgrade is going well. Generator is being installed this week and hand over is due by the end of this month

Wanaka

158 calls, 45 were MVAs, some reasonably serious. Upper Clutha Honours night on September 4th with four brigades. Wanaka will be hosting three battalion Chiefs from the twin towers coming to do a talk. Invites to be sent to local brigades soon. Three new recruits in training.

General Business

1. A proposal to the two Southland Subs to amalgamate at their June meeting.

2. Waterways to be held in Clyde in 2026. Wanaka, Clyde, Alexandra, Queenstown, Cromwell, and Ranfurly have current tracks. It doesn't suit brigades to have a rotating roster for hosting Waterways, and setting the host for the following year suits well.
3. FENZ will now allow brigades to have an email address for treasurers such as treasurer.wanaka@fireandemergency.nz. This is encouraged and a great idea. This can be set up to redirect the emails to the treasurer so they don't have two log-ins, but means the information can be passed on.
4. Potential hosts for 2027 meetings
 - a. February Saturday 7 or 14: Naseby. Potentially a Saturday evening meeting with socialisation.
 - b. April 14: Alexandra
 - c. July 14 : Wanaka
 - d. October 13: Cromwell
5. Hemi updated us on the Cadet program. Hemi spoke about the national cadet programme on a national level. Ashburton are rolling out a cadet programme using the new programme structure/framework. No Central Otago specific updates

Action Points generated from the meeting

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Next Meeting in Clyde on Wednesday 14 October 2026

Meeting Closed at 2041