



**University of Canterbury Rugby Football Club
142nd Annual General Meeting
Monday 14 July 2025 at UC Clubrooms - 6:00pm**

Minutes

In Attendance: Jared Brixton (Chair), Justin Rafton (Secretary), Ben Potter (Treasurer), Ben Fox, Rilee O'Rourke, Mark Thomson (Executive Members) plus 57 bonafide members of the UCRFC (Old Maroons, Womens and Mens Premier, Premier Reserve and Colts sides)

Apologies: Sophie Anderson, Nicole Purdom, Mark Meates, Max Watson (Executive Members), Dave Thompson (Old Maroons)

The Chair welcomed all attendees and invited a moment of silence to remember James Kora, former Premier Captain for the University of Canterbury Rugby Football Club who had recently passed.

1. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (13 June 2024) be adopted.

**Donaldson/Fox
Carried unanimously**

2. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

NIL

3. Presentation of the Annual Accounts

Ben Potter, Treasurer presented the annual account for the University of Canterbury Rugby Football Club. The highlight of the reports were as follows.

- The club is in a tighter cash position, with \$7,277 on hand as of 31 December 2024. Increases in bar sales and registration fees; sponsorship revenue remained steady; grants reduced from prior year.
- Rugby-related expenditure was lower, but overall club overheads increased due to changes in role remuneration
- A proposed constitutional change was noted to align the financial year balance date to 1 January–31 December (currently 1 April–31 March) as recommended by the auditor. Consultation is open on the club website, and formal confirmation to follow in 20 working days.

Jared Brixton (Chair) thanked Ben Potter for his continued work as Club Treasurer.

Moved that the Club's Annual Accounts for 2024/2025 be adopted.

**Potter/O'Rourke
Carried unanimously**



4. Chair's Annual Report

Jared Brixton (Chair) presented the annual report for the University of Canterbury Rugby Football. The highlights of the chair's report were as follows:

- Throughout 2024, the club was extremely successful on the field, being finalists in the Men's Premiership, Men's Premier Reserve and Colts Tahī competitions and champions of the Women's Premiership and Colts Rua competitions.
- The club grew to 320 members, maintaining status as the largest senior rugby club in Canterbury and New Zealand. The club recorded 156 colts triallists in 2024.
- New sponsors joined, and the full coaching lineup returned, with additional coaching appointments.
- Chair acknowledged and applauded the Executive Committee's efforts
- The Chair noted this would be his final AGM in the role after serving since 2018; expressed gratitude and confidence in the incoming Committee

Moved that the Chair's Annual Report for 2024/2025 be adopted.

Brixton/Black
Carried unanimously

5. UCRFC Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Jared Brixton (Chair) presented the University of Canterbury Rugby Football Club's Strategic Plan, developed over recent years through the collective effort of many Committee members. The Plan sets the direction for the next three years, with progress to be reported at future AGMs.

6. UCRFC Life Member - Nomination

Les Black and Brian Hays, on behalf of the UC Old Maroons, nominated Craig Dickson for Life Membership, recognising his long-standing contributions as a player and volunteer.

Moved that Craig Dickson be instated as a UCRFC Life Member.

Black/Hays
Carried unanimously

7. Reports from Executive Officers

Given this was Jared Brixton's final AGM as Chair, acknowledgements were made of his long tenure and leadership of the Club by:

- Brian Hays
- Justin Rafton
- Matt Donaldson

The Committee presented Jared Brixton with a framed Premier jersey in recognition of his service.

8. Appointment of Executive Committee Officers



Following a call for nominations, nine members put forward their names to stand for the Executive Committee in the upcoming term.

Moved that the following nominated members be appointed to the Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 term:

Sophie Anderson, Tim Belcher, Ben Fox, Jamie Leen, Jared Mitchell, Rilee O'Rourke, Ben Potter, Justin Rafton, Erana Te Moananui

Brixton/Hays
Carried unanimously

9. General Business

Ruzz Barr provided an update on the Maroon Foundation and encouraged member involvement.

The meeting concluded at 6:29 pm

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Justin Rafton
Secretary
14 July 2025