

Managers Forum AGM Minutes

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2026

Start Time: 10:09 am

Welcome and Opening

Tim welcomed everyone to the AGM and advised that there were two committee vacancies following the resignations of Vince and Steve from their representative roles. He then handed proceedings over to Vince to conduct the election process.

Election of Representatives

Vince welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of his time serving in the representative role before commencing the election process.

South Island Representative

Vince advised that he was standing down as the South Island Representative. An expression of interest had been received from **Tori Laban** of South Otago Town & Country Club.

As there were no further nominations or objections, **Tori Laban was elected unopposed as the South Island Representative.**

North Island Representative

Ian advised that he was happy to remain in his role as the North Island Representative. As there were no objections, Ian was confirmed to continue in the position.

Steve advised that he was standing down from his role as North Island Representative. An expression of interest had been received from **Phil Agent** of New Lynn Memorial RSA.

As there were no further nominations or objections, **Phil Agent was elected unopposed as the North Island Representative.**

Vince concluded the election process by thanking everyone for their support during his time as a representative.

Future Direction of the Managers Forum

Jane opened a discussion regarding the future direction of the Managers Forum.

She reminded attendees of the agreement made at the Mount Maunganui Club that the Managers Forum would consist of:

- An Australian Managers Forum every three years.
- A New Zealand Managers Forum held annually.

Babette and Jimmy both commented that they supported this format and believed both events provided significant value to managers and clubs.

Future Forum Locations

Jane sought feedback on the proposed rotation of hosting forums, suggesting a cycle of **two years in the North Island followed by one year in the South Island**, and invited suggestions for future locations.

Discussion included:

- Glenis suggested **Wellington** as a central location and noted that previous forums held at theatre venues had worked well.
- Mark highlighted the varying budgets of Clubs New Zealand members and acknowledged that smaller clubs often have more limited resources.
- Jane discussed the costs associated with theatre venues and acknowledged the significant contribution of sponsors in helping to keep forum costs affordable for all clubs.

A vote was then held on whether next year's forum should be hosted in Wellington or within the South Island.

Outcome: The South Island received the majority of votes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Jane then facilitated discussion regarding preferred timing for future forums.

It was agreed that:

- The Australian Managers Forum would be held in **August**, as October was considered too expensive due to the Rugby World Cup.
- The **2027 South Island Managers Forum** would be held in **October**.

Forum Content and Format

Jane invited feedback on the structure and content of future forums.

Discussion points included:

- Two-hour presentation sessions were considered too long, with a recommendation that sessions be shortened.
- Some attendees noted that sponsor presentations had become repetitive. Jane explained that sponsor presentations form part of sponsorship agreements and are essential to supporting the financial viability of the forum.
- A suggestion was made to reduce the number of speakers to allow more time for networking and informal discussion.
- Attendees requested that keynote speakers and panel members remain available for longer following their presentations to allow additional discussion with managers. Jane noted that many speakers charge hourly rates, which impacts the forum budget.
- Greater focus on practical event planning and sharing successful club initiatives was suggested.

Jane encouraged clubs to use the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with one another.

Additional comments included:

- Clubs of similar size should connect more regularly to share ideas and best practice.

- Tim highlighted the value of the regional Area Meetings facilitated by Clubs New Zealand.
- Jane reminded attendees of the Managers Facebook page and the Clubs New Zealand website as valuable resources for advice, networking, and information sharing.

Financial Report

Jane and Tim presented an overview of the forum finances.

The following was noted:

- The Managers Forum account currently holds a balance of **\$50,000**.
- The cost of delivering the annual forum is approximately **\$28,000**.
- Sponsorship plays a vital role in ensuring the forum operates on a near break-even basis.
- The 2026 forum recorded an overall operating loss of **\$175**.

Tim also advised that Michelle could prepare a delegate information document prior to future forums. The document could include attendee names, clubs represented, and membership numbers to assist managers in networking with similar clubs.

General Business

During general business, attendees commented on the disappointing level of attendance at this year's forum.

Questions were also raised regarding when presentation material and forum information would be made available to delegates.

Closure

Jane thanked everyone for attending, contributing to the discussions, and supporting the Managers Forum.

Meeting closed: 10:34 am.