

Annual General Meeting

of the

NZ Federation of Young Farmers Clubs Incorporated

Date and Time:	Saturday 11 th October 2025: 1:00 – 3:00pm
Location:	Marist Sports Clubrooms – 19 Pascal Street, Palmerston North 4410
Minute Taker	Claire Clement, Board Secretary

Agenda

Meeting Opened at

1. Introductions and Welcome

Health and Safety

2. Opening Karakia

*Tūtawa mai i raro
Tūtawa mai i roto
Tūtawa mai i waho
Kia tai ai te mauri tū
Te mauri ora ki te katoa
Haumi e, hui e tāiki e*

3. Apologies

4. Roll Call

Region	Members	Other	Number
Northern		Current Board Members	
Taranaki/Manawatu		NZYF Life Members	
Tasman		Past NZYF Presidents	
Otago/Southland		Contest Grand Finalists	
Waikato/BOP		Kellogg Rural Leaders	
East Coast		Nuffield	
Aorangi		Guests	
Total Attendees			

5. Additions to the Agenda

6. Minutes of the Previous AGM (July 2024) and SGM (August 2024)

Recommendation:

THAT “the minutes of the NZ Young Farmers AGM meeting held on Saturday 13th July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record”.

THAT “the minutes of the NZ Young Farmers SGM meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record”.

7. Matters Arising

8. Motion of Sympathy

9. Appointment of Scrutineers

Paul Olsen

Gary Massicks

10. Voting of Officers

Nominations have been received for:

- **Jessica Wilson**, Dunsandel Young Farmers
- **Graham Johnson**, Te Kawa West Young Farmers
- **Emma Ractliffe**, Eskview Young Farmers

The voting is based on the total number of members in each region (e.g. if a region has 100 members, then they have 100 votes). Each region has two voting representatives. Vote will be via ballot papers. Only those officially appointed as regional representatives can vote.

Voting Representatives from each Region are:

Northern	Kate Hawkings & Annaliese Morgan
WaiBop	Claudia Lyons & Georgia Young
TaraMan	Sarah Avery & David Reesby
East Coast	Ashlee MacFarland & Jackson Woodhouse
Tasman	Isla Dodson & Georgia Steel
Aorangi	Mitch Aldrige & Samuel Allen
Otago Southland	Emma Wilson & Connor Miller

Total Number of Members per Region are:

New Zealand Young Farmers members (as of 6th October 2025)

Region	# Members	Region	# Members
Northern	75	Waikato/BOP	308
Taranaki/Manawatu	330	East Coast	127
Tasman	328	Aorangi	239
Otago/Southland	278	TOTAL	

Destroying of Votes

THAT “the voting ballot papers by destroyed”

11. Proposed Constitution amendments

The primary driver for updating the NZ Young Farmers Constitution is to ensure compliance with the new Incorporated Societies Act. To meet the re-registration deadline of 5 April 2026, we must align our Constitution with the updated legislation. This process also provided an opportunity to modernise the Constitution, clarify grey areas and remove any unnecessary administration.

Following an initial review by the Board and National Office, the National Committee participated in a workshop in May, where members provided feedback on proposed changes and had the opportunity to suggest further amendments. A draft constitution was then developed and reviewed by a lawyer.

To ensure the revised Constitution reflects the needs of our members, we ran a formal consultation period from 23 June – 24 August. Members were able to review all proposed changes via a dedicated landing page, which included detailed explanation for each change proposed. To encourage member engagement, reminders were sent through email and our social channels to members and committee members.

Six members provided feedback through this process, and their input directly informed amendments to the draft. A full summary of member feedback and subsequent changes is available on the [landing page](#).

This robust consultation process has ensured members were actively engaged in shaping the proposed Constitution. This replaces the need to review each clause individually at the AGM. Instead, representatives from each region will be asked to vote on the Constitution as a complete document.

Voting process per above motion.

The NZ Young Farmers Board recommend to the Society AGM:

THAT “the proposed constitution amendment be approved and adopted”.

12. Reports (Contained within the Annual Report 2024/25):

- a. NZYF Board Chair Report – Chloe Jones
- b. CEO Report – Cheyne Gillooly
- c. Donald Pearson Farm Report – Sam Waugh
- d. Financial Report – Stanley Fraser

13. Auditors

Previous years’ auditors

- 2021 – 2022 PKF Goldsmith Fox (Christchurch)
- 2022 – 2023 PKF Goldsmith Fox (Christchurch)
- 2023 – 2024 PKF Goldsmith Fox (Christchurch)
- 2024 – 2025 PKF Goldsmith Fox (Christchurch)

Recommendation:

THAT “PKF Goldsmith Fox be confirmed as the auditor for the 2025/2026 Financial Year accounts.”

14. Board Honorarium

The Board will present an Honorarium strategy.

The honorarium fee is to be set for the year ahead – 2025/2026

The NZ Young Farmers Board recommend to the Society AGM:

THAT “the honorarium be set for the 2025/2026 year at a total available of \$23,000 for Elected Board Members.”

15. General Business

16. Vote of Thanks

- Sponsors, Industry and Community Partners
- NZ Young Farmers National Board
- Donald Pearson Farm Board
- Contest Sub-Committee, Grand Final Committee and Regionals Committees
- National Committee
- Club, Regional and District Committees
- NZ Young Farmers Staff

17. Next AGM

October 2026 – Christchurch

18. Closing Karakia

*Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou ki a tātou katoa*

Meeting Closed

At the conclusion of the AGM, drinks and nibbles will be available at the Marist Sports Clubrooms.