



# THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED (ECANZ)

## Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 3 June 2026

**Time:** 3.30pm

**Venue:** Master Electricians National Office, 220a Thorndon Quay, Wellington and via Microsoft Teams

## PRESENT

### Board

- Mark Rawson (National President and AGM Chair)
- Rhys Burton (Vice President)
- Omri Ash (Board Chair)
- Shaun Dent (Director)
- Daniel Amner (Director)
- Martin Sawyers (Independent Director)
- Alexandra Vranjac-Wheeler (Chief Executive)

### Branch Delegates

- Auckland – Peter Simpson
- Waikato – Ben Thornton
- Taranaki – Callum Margetts
- Hawke's Bay – Darren Evans
- Whanganui – Stewart Thomas
- Wellington – Peter Couchman
- Upper South Island – Tim Kennedy
- South Canterbury – Kelly O'Driscoll
- Otago – Hayden Thomson
- Southland – Don McLellan (Life Member)

### Past Presidents

- Gary Roxburgh
- Mike Rawson
- Alastair Gee
- Ian Buttrini (Life Member)
- Mike Barr
- Ross Beal (online)

## Members, guests and staff

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Adam Smith	Master Electricians	In Person
Allan Fyfe (ECANZ Trustee)	Allan Fyfe Electrical Ltd	Online
Andreas Kasoulides	Master Electricians	In Person
Anna Rawson	Guest	In Person
Anne Rawson	Guest	In Person
Aoife Lakeman	Master Electricians	In Person
Bree Taylor	Master Electricians	Online
Daniel Berry	Dalton Electrical	In Person
Dave Burt (Life Member nominee)	Team Cabling	In Person
David Pearce	Master Electricians	Online
Gareth Wilkin	Ultraflex	Online
Glenn Connor	Melray Electric Limited	Online
Jacqui Roxburgh	Guest	In Person
Michael Macklin	Macklin Consultancy	Online
Morgan Jones	Master Electricians	Online
Nicola Dashper	Apprenticeship Training Trust	Online
Neelam Kardhekar	Master Electricians	In Person
Nigel Picard	Master Electricians	In Person
Peter George Tompkins	Peter Tompkins Electrical	Online
Rachel Exeter	Master Electricians	In Person
Regan Caldwell	Bishmans	In Person
Shane Bell	Master Electricians	Online
Storm Holgate	Master Electricians	Online
Thalia Hargreaves	Board Secretary	In Person

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Graeme Church	ElectraServe
Matt Munro (ECANZ Trustee)	Roscoes Rewinds & Repairs
Graeme Baker QSM	Life Member

### **Resolved:**

That the apologies be received.

### **1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

The National President, Mark Rawson, opened the meeting at 3.30pm and welcomed members, delegates, directors, trustees, past presidents, life members, guests and staff.

Housekeeping and emergency procedures were noted. Members were advised the meeting was being recorded and that only Branch Delegates were entitled to vote.

### **2. QUORUM**

The Chair conducted a roll call of Branch Delegates and Board members.

Ten Branch Delegates were present, representing all branches. A quorum was confirmed in accordance with the Constitution.

**Resolved:**

That the Chair declare the 68th Annual General Meeting duly constituted.

### **3. OBITUARIES**

The Chair acknowledged the passing of:

- **Morrie Chandler** (Ward Chandler Waikato Limited / Elektron Group Limited)

Members observed a moments silence in his memory.

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 67TH AGM**

The minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were presented.

**Moved:** Tim Kennedy

**Seconded:** Darren Evans

#### **Resolution AGM26/01**

That the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried unanimously**

### **5. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair advised the Annual Report had been circulated to members.

**Moved:** ECANZ Board on 28 April 2026

**Seconded:** Hayden Thomson

#### **Resolution AGM26/02**

That the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 be received and accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **5.1 Board Chair Report**

Board Chair Omri Ash presented his report, highlighting:

- Continued organisational growth despite challenging economic conditions.
- Success in the Stanley Construction retention case.
- Growth and expansion of Trade Master.
- Establishment of the Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC).
- Increased engagement between members, branches and the national office.
- Success of the inaugural New Zealand Electrical Conference.

**Moved:** Peter Couchman

**Seconded:** Don McLellan

**Received.**

## **5.2 National President Report**

National President Mark Rawson presented his report, reflecting on:

- Increased member engagement and collaboration.
- The value of the NPAF and NZ Electrical Conference.
- Know Your Regs roadshows.
- Regional engagement with members.
- Appreciation for support received during his health challenges.
- The contribution of Vice President Rhys Burton.

**Moved:** Don McLellan

**Seconded:** Ben Thornton

**Received.**

## **5.3 Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Report**

Ross Beal presented the FAR Chair report via Teams.

Ross reflected on a number of significant strategic decisions made by Master Electricians over many years, including:

- Purchase of 220a Thorndon Quay.
- Retentions advocacy.
- Sale of ETCO.
- Appointment of the CEO.
- Establishment of ETITC Industry Skills Board
- Lease of the Mt Wellington property.
- Creation of Trade Master.

Ross acknowledged committee members past and present and thanked the Board and management team for their support.

**Moved:** Ross Beal

**Seconded:** Don McLellan

**Received.**

## **5.4 Chief Executive Report**

Chief Executive Alexandra Vranjac-Wheeler presented her report.

Key highlights included:

- Continued delivery against the 2024-2027 strategic plan.
- Membership growth and engagement.
- Significant advocacy outcomes.

- Establishment of the Trade Master training hubs.
- Launch of the inaugural NZ Electrical Conference.
- Creation of the Electrotechnology Industry Skills Board.
- Delivery of substantial member support services.
- Expansion and growth of Trade Master nationally.
- Strong financial stewardship and long-term investment strategy.
- Advocacy priorities for 2026 and beyond.

The CEO acknowledged the Board, NPAF, trustees, staff and members for their support.

**Received.**

## **6. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 were presented.

**Moved:** ECANZ Board on 21 May 2026

**Seconded:** Darren Evans

### **Resolution AGM26/03**

That the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 be adopted.

**Carried unanimously**

## **7. DIRECTOR REMUNERATION**

The Chief Executive presented the Board's recommendation to increase Director remuneration from \$18,000 to \$30,000 per annum.

Members were advised that:

- Director fees had not increased for approximately ten years.
- Governance responsibilities had increased significantly.
- FAR and Property governance responsibilities would be consolidated into the Board role.
- The proposal was broadly cost neutral overall.

**Moved:** Darren Evans

**Seconded:** Callum Margetts

### **Resolution AGM26/04**

That Director remuneration be increased from \$18,000 to \$30,000 per annum and that governance responsibilities currently undertaken through FAR and Property governance roles be consolidated into the Board structure.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

**Moved:** Mark Rawson

**Seconded:** Tim Kennedy

### **Resolution AGM26/05**

That Crowe Wellington be appointed Auditor for the 2026 financial year.

**Carried unanimously**

### **9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The Chair presented the nomination of **Dave Burt** for National Life Membership.

The AGM was advised that:

- The nomination had been submitted by Auckland Branch and seconded by Upper South Island Branch.
- Dave had contributed more than 45 years of service to the electrical industry.
- He had served Master Electricians at both branch and national level, including as Auckland Branch President and inaugural National Board Director.
- He had made significant contributions to industry advocacy, governance and member support.

**Moved:** Auckland Branch

**Seconded:** Upper South Island Branch

### **Resolution AGM26/06**

That Dave Burt be awarded Life Membership of Master Electricians New Zealand.

**Carried unanimously**

Dave Burt accepted the award and thanked members for the recognition.

### **10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Board Chair formally acknowledged:

#### **Mike Barr**

For his outstanding service as Member-Elected Director and for his contributions as Vice President, President, Past President and Board Director.

#### **Daniel Amner**

For his election as Member-Elected Director in March 2026 and welcomed him to the Board.

#### **Ross Beal**

For his leadership and service as Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and for his longstanding contribution to Master Electricians.

Mike Barr and Ross Beal each addressed the meeting.

### **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

No general business was raised.

## **12. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

The Chair advised that Tim Kennedy had been nominated by Upper South Island Branch and seconded by Waikato Branch.

### **Resolution AGM26/07**

That Tim Kennedy be elected Vice President of Master Electricians New Zealand.

### **Carried unanimously**

Tim Kennedy addressed the meeting and thanked members for their support.

## **13. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

The Chair advised that Rhys Burton had been nominated by Upper South Island Branch and seconded by Waikato Branch.

### **Resolution AGM26/08**

That Rhys Burton be elected President of Master Electricians New Zealand.

### **Carried unanimously**

Rhys Burton addressed the meeting and accepted the office of President.

## **14. PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER**

The Chains of Office were formally transferred from outgoing President Mark Rawson to incoming President Rhys Burton.

Rhys Burton paid tribute to Mark Rawson's leadership, commitment and resilience during his presidency.

Past President Gary Roxburgh presented Mark Rawson with the Past President's Jacket.

Mark Rawson thanked members, the Board, staff, family and supporters for their encouragement and assistance throughout his term.

## **15. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at **4.44pm** and invited attendees to refreshments and networking.

**Signed as a true and correct record**



**Rhys Burton**  
National President

Date: 10 June 2026