



Minutes of the 21st BRaid Annual General Meeting held on Thursday September 17, 2026, 1.00pm at DOC office, 31 Nga Mahi Road, Sockburn, Christchurch

The Chairman, Nick Ledgard, welcomed those present: Sonny Whitelaw, Sue Mardon, Grant Davey, Ellie Resendiz (ARRG), Frances Schmechel and Amy-Grace McIlraith (ECan), Edith Smith and Peter Howden (Ashburton), Bec Simpson (Boffa Miskell) and Colleen Philip (BirdsNZ).

Apologies: Emily Wium, Ellery Mayence, Ailsa Howard, Val Clemens, Peter Smith, Don Geddes, Donna Field.

Minutes of the last AGM (November 7th 2025) were confirmed as a true and correct record. Sue/Sonny. All Action Items have been attended to, or are dealt with at this meeting (see below).

Chairman's report: Nick presented his report outlining BRaid activity in the past year. Report available on the website..

Manager's Report: Sonny presented her manager's report (available on BRaid website).

Action Item:

- *Sonny will be applying for funding from the Waitaha Action to Impact fund in the near future.*

Treasurers Report - Presentation of Financial Statement and Performance Report to Charities commission: Sue presented the Financial Statement as at June 30th 2026, plus a Performance Report to Charities. The financial report has been checked by Community Capacity Accounting (CCA), and can be viewed on the BRaid website. It was noted that BRaid currently has good reserves to cover the immediate future. Sue moved that the statement and Performance Report be accepted. Sonny seconded. Carried

Election of Officers: Last year's officers were re-elected. Chairman: Nick Ledgard (Sue/Frances). Secretary: Edith Smith (Nick/ Sue). Minute secretary position remains with Nick. Treasurer: Sue Mardon (Nick/Sonny). The meeting agreed that a Vice-Chair position be established. No nominations were received. The position will remain vacant and may be filled during the year by appointment of the Committee in accordance with the Constitution, with any appointment to be ratified at the next AGM.

Committee: Re-elected as for last year - Nick, Sonny, Edith and Sue are officially registered with Charities. Added to the working Committee are Ailsa Howard, Ellery Mayence or DOC rep, Frances Schmechel or ECan rep, plus Grant Davey and Bec Simpson. Nick / Sonny.

Accounting Services: Agreed that Community Capacity Accounting be retained. Sue acknowledged their ready assistance. Sue / Nick

Signatories: Sue, Nick and Edith reappointed.

General Business:

ECan future. This matter was raised at the July Conference, and has since been addressed by a draft statement of concern relative to the sustainable future of braided river management. The statement was circulated to the committee, and the meeting agreed to amend further before final sending around for consideration. Once accepted, the statement will be placed in the members area of the website, and members alerted to its presence – for their reference if wanting to follow up further.

Next AGM. Aim for Sept 2027.

AGM concluded at 2.05 pm

Actions:

- *Sonny to apply for 2026-27 funding with Waitaha Action to Impact fund.*

Signed:

Date: