



From the Mayor

Accepting responsibility

In December 2002 Parliament passed the new Local Government Act 2002. The new legislation was long overdue with parts of the previous Act being cumbersome, unnecessarily restrictive, indeed archaic in some areas.

At the heart of the new Local Government Act is a desire to continue to strengthen the concept of local democracy and the sustainable well-being of communities.

The spirit of partnership, which was so important to the development of the Act must now be taken ownership of.

Governance is the means for collective action in society, responding to and guiding change that is beyond the capacity of private action it enables community values and aspirations to be realised Governance involves the notion of collective voice, an avenue for resolving questions of competing priorities and determining the 'public interest'.

Code of Conduct

The new legislation also provides that all Councils shall adopt a code of conduct. A code of conduct is a document which sets out standards of behaviour expected from individual elected members in the exercise of their duties.

Such a code should promote effective local governance by helping elected members establish and maintain working relationships built on trust and respect.

At our last Council meeting members adopted Ashburton District Council's code of conduct.



This important document was supported totally by our members with hardly a ripple and not sufficiently interesting to even be reported in the media. It is an interesting contrast to some authorities that are having outspoken and at times emotional debates about developing their code. There are arguments aplenty about the need for such a document, suggesting that it is a further intrusion into members rights.

It is not about this and as for our Council, it will be business as usual. We welcome and accept standards and responsibilities and have agreed to record such standards.

The code applies to elected members in their dealings with:

- each other
- the Chief Executive

- all staff employed by the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council
- the media
- the general public

It is based on the following general principles of good governance:

- Public interest
- Honesty and integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Openness
- Personal judgement
- Respect for others
- Duty to uphold the law
- Stewardship
- Leadership

There are good examples of businesses, groups and organisations in our communities having in place a code of practice. Council encourages this practice of taking responsibility and owning it.

Indeed, we would welcome our legislators, our central government representatives, also demonstrating responsibility by adopting a committed code of practice.

MURRAY ANDERSON
Mayor

Applications open for funding schemes

The Ashburton District Council provides financial assistance in a number of ways to organisations that work in the community, and applications are currently open, closing on Friday August 29, for three of those schemes.

Holiday programmes

The first scheme funds school holiday programmes for children. It is available only to non-profit organisations based in the Ashburton District. Groups may receive only one grant a year. But their application may cover more than one holiday period or programme.

The maximum grant for the shorter two-week holidays is \$250 and for the Christmas holiday period \$750.

Groups applying for holiday programme grants must supply information about their programme, its timetable, where it will take place, the number of children likely to take part and the ratio of adults to children as well as financial details for the programme.

After the event groups are asked to provide the council with a report including an income and expenses statement and an evaluation of the programme.

Annual grants

The council's annual grants scheme is available to qualifying organisations that have not already been included in the council's budget through the annual plan process.

The maximum individual grant through the scheme is \$5000.

Organisations applying for grants must be non-profit groups working to conserve or promote the welfare of the community or members of the community. They must operate within the Ashburton District and serve or provide a benefit to the community or a significant section of it. Educational organisations qualify if they make major recreational facilities available to the public.

When considering applications the council looks at the background and status of the organisation, the organisation's ability to raise its own funds, the amount of volunteer input it has, utilisation of council land and the organisation's planned development.

Grants will be prioritised on the following basis, although the priorities can be varied if the need arises: development of indoor and outdoor facilities; purchase or replacement of equipment; new initiatives.

Funding is not available from the scheme for individuals, travel costs, prize money or sponsorship, administration or running costs or wages or the hosting of regional or national events.

Groups that have not returned an accountability form from previous grants will not be considered and the same applies to groups that have not provided details of their current financial position. Projects that have the ability to obtain funding from other council administered schemes, such as Creative Communities, will not be considered.

Heritage Grants

Heritage grants are available for work on heritage buildings that are scheduled as category A heritage buildings in the council's district plan. Owners of such buildings have been notified of their building's status and the plan is available for inspection at the council office.

Grants are made for up to 50 per cent of the cost of an approved project with a maximum amount of \$5000.

Qualifying projects are those that provide for specialised maintenance such as replacing matching windows or other fittings, in order to retain the heritage state of the building. A full project and finance plan, including quotes, must be provided with the application.

The fund can not be used to pay for work already done or general maintenance, such as re-painting. Groups that have not returned their accountability forms from previous grants or that have not provided financial information will not be considered.

Among the factors considered by the council are the heritage value of the building, the contribution the work will make to the conservation of the building, the urgency of the work, the availability of council funds, other sources of funding available, the amount of any previous assistance, voluntary input and the accessibility of the building to the general public.

A brochure outlining the conditions of all council funding schemes is available from the council's office.

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New face at the council



Crissie Drummond started working for the Ashburton District Council as a receptionist/telephonist in early July. She currently lives in Geraldine, but is moving to Ashburton soon. Originally from Fairlie, she has had nine years local authority experience with the Hawkes Bay District Council.

New planning manager appointed

The Ashburton District Council has appointed a new planning manager to fill the vacancy left by the recent retirement of Michael Singleton.

Tracey Marvin, who is at present senior regulatory planner with the Selwyn District Council, will take up the position of planning and regulatory manager on August 25.

Council chief executive Brian Lester said Miss Marvin, as well as heading the planning department would have oversight of the regulatory department. The aim was to bring the two departments closer together and allow cross working. It would give the council greater ability to monitor consents, he said.

Miss Marvin had a broad planning background, having worked for four years with the Department of Lands and Survey in Auckland and three years as land subdivisions planner with the Auckland City Council. She moved to the South Island in 1993 and worked for seven years as a resource management planner with the Waimakariri District Council before being self-employed as a planning consultant.

Her qualifications include the New Zealand Certificate in Survey Drafting and a Bachelor of Commerce in Business Administration and Management.

Ashburton Library helping new residents

A number of the Ashburton District's new residents have English as their second language, and the Ashburton Library is taking steps to help them.

The library's new English Resources, or e-res, section has been established to cater for the needs of both adult new readers and those who are learning English as their second language.

Ashburton's buoyant employment market has encouraged newcomers with a variety of languages and cultures, extending the exciting need for material suitable for new readers.

The e-res section has book and tape sets, material on English grammar and first dictionaries. It also includes books about our lifestyle, employment advice and the peculiarities of New Zealand English. For those sitting entrance examinations the library has material on the International English Language Testing System. As the requirements of those using it become known the section will be expanded.

The e-res section is still relatively new, and library staff welcome feedback about the resources in it, and suggestions for further purchases.

It is situated in the reference section, but just ask the staff at the desk and they will help you.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

What have we got?

Well we have board books for the little ones, picture books for everyone, readers for those learning to read, chapter books for those who need practice or just love to read. We have non-fiction at all levels, easy and brief, pictorial and bold, long and informative.

We have videos and talking books (books on tape), cds and cd-roms.

We have staff happy to help you!

We have Bob the builder, Barbie, Saddle Club, Wiggles and Hi five.

Harry Potter, Captain Underpants, Magic School Bus, Thomas the tank engine, Spot, Kipper and Mog.

We have books by Lynley Dodd, Joy Cowley, Margaret Mahy, Gavin Bishop, Elsie Locke, Enid Blyton, Dr Seuss, Richard Scarry, Disney and R.L. Stine.

We have books about Apples, Apes, Zebras, Zoos and everything in between. We have books on genetic engineering and medieval castles. We have study guides, craft books, Horrible Histories and I spy.

What would you like to read?

What's On

Ashburton Library

New books at the Ashburton Library

Fiction

Crossing the Lines, by Melvyn Bragg

Wonder Boys, by Michael Chabon

Winston's War, by Michael Dobbs

The Murder Exchange, by Simon Kernick

Sky Mine, by Ian Marsden

Something Might Happen, by Julie Myerson

The Art of Deception, by Ridley Pearson

Revelation Space, by Alastair Reynolds

Good Faith, by Jane Smiley

Tears of the Giraffe, by Alexander McCall Smith

Non-fiction

Aircraft of World War Two, a Visual Encyclopedia

The Art of Display, by Katherine Sorrell

Blue Cuban Nights, by Ted Ferguson

Branded, the Buying and Selling of Teenagers, by Alissa Quart

The Creative Nursery, by Linda Baker

Designer Plants, by Sunniva Harte

Mastering Homebrew, by Brian Kunath

The Metaphysical Club, by Louis Menand

Reasons of State, to Kill a Polish Priest, by Kevin Ruane

What Not to Wear, by Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine

Ashburton Art Gallery

Footprint of the Spirits: The Burrinja Collection

Exhibition: 26 July 23 August — A unique touring exhibition of paintings by some of Australia's leading Aboriginal artists. The exhibition of 22 pieces includes traditional as well as contemporary works. The paintings have been selected to show the astounding variety of styles throughout the different regions of Australia and represented are artists from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory. There are paintings by established Aboriginal artists such as Rover Thomas, the first indigenous Australian to exhibit at the Venice Biennale in 1990; Lin Onus, who was well-known as a painter, cultural ambassador, and Aboriginal activist; and veteran women artists such as Queenie McKenzie and Maggie Watson. The exhibition also features the work of lesser-known, emerging artists whose development is being encouraged by the Burrinja Gallery. This exhibition features a video and education kits for use by schools.

The Magic of Stitch

Ashburton Embroiderers Guild Biennial Exhibition

Exhibition: 12 24 August — This popular biennial exhibition showcases a selection of work from members of the Ashburton Embroiderers' Guild. Members are invited to submit up to four pieces each, which must have been completed since their last exhibition two years ago. The pieces demonstrate the wide variety of styles and techniques currently being applied by embroiderers, and range from the very traditional through to contemporary pieces.

Ashburton Pottery Society Annual Exhibition

Exhibition: 26 August 7 September — The Ashburton Pottery Society Annual Exhibition once again returns at the end of August, showcasing the recent work of our local potters. Pieces in the exhibition range from domestic ware through to sculptural pieces with something for everyone. This year's guest artists are Sally Connolly from Christchurch, with her raku forms and Kumiko Black of Amberley, with her salt glazed domesticware and lidded jars.

John Edgar: Calculus

Exhibition: 30 August 16 October — Special touring exhibition featuring 100 altered stones from Auckland sculptor John Edgar. This intriguing exhibition reflects 20 years of 'altering' mainly greywacke stones. Laid out in mathematical formulas, the intercut glass, jasper, lapis lazuli and marble stones glitter in the light creating an altogether new stone. Others, with sandstone and argillite implanted in mathematical equations create a warm glow which draws the eye. Accompanying the small stones are five altered boulders or 'touchstones' which invite the viewer to run their hand over the smooth surface. Calculus is toured by the The Dowse, Lower Hutt.

Bible Miniature Art Exhibition

Exhibition: 11 September 16 October — This exhibition of 137 pieces by 34 artists celebrates stories from the Old Testament. The works reflect strong connections to the land and history of Israel and utilise many different media. Curated by Dr Moshe Liba of the Israeli Miniature Society, this presentation is touring New Zealand museums with the support of the Embassy of Israel, Canberra.

Shakespeares Heroines

Performance: Saturday 4 October — Judy Bellingham (soprano), Terence Dennis (piano) and Hilary Norris (narrator) perform a mixed programme based on the works of William Shakespeare through music, song and theatre Macbeth, Hamlet, Othello, A Midsummer's Night Dream and more. The programme includes works by Strauss, Berlioz, Verdi, Arthur Sullivan and David Hamilton. Time to be confirmed.

Ashburton Museum

Greece is the next display in our 'Celebrating Our immigrants' series and toward the end of August we will be featuring one on Peru.

The Harley Davidson motor cycle is attracting a lot of interest. We are displaying some early photographs of local people and their bicycles and motor cycles to complement the Harley. Perhaps some of your relatives are on show.

HELP! We have an object on display for further identification. It is called a "Measuregraph" and we would appreciate any information as to its exact use.

We have a new puzzle in the children's area that many adults are finding a challenge so come in and see how you and your family fare. There's something for everyone at the museum.

Shady trees still causing problem

The District Council has, for over a year, been asking people to trim trees that are shading roads and causing problems with frozen surfaces.

The approaches to individuals have met with some success but there are still some problem areas, according to roading manager David Robertson. Some people appear to be reluctant to comply with the policy and in some cases it is approaching the stage where the council may have to take firm action.

It is an ongoing issue, with problems in isolated areas, but was highlighted after the recent snowfall, Mr Robertson said.

He asked for anyone who is aware of any particularly dangerous areas to contact him or Roger Harris at the council office.

One of the problems is that property owners need reminding that trees continue to get bigger and the problems continue to get worse.

The policy applies to more than vegetation that stops ice from thawing. It also requires the removal, trimming or pruning of trees that restrict the drivers' line of sight, directly or indirectly create a safety hazard, obstruct road signage, contribute to the deterioration of the road surface either through root damage or shading causing ice or frost, or impede roadside drainage.

The policy applies, with a few minor variations, to both urban and rural areas.

The measure of whether a tree is unduly shading a road is if the roadway has shadow on it between 10 am and 2pm on the shortest day of the year. No tree can be



Major upgrade almost here

The major upgrade of Ashburton's water supply that has been worked on for some time is soon to take place.

Consultants have confirmed that work is on target to commission the new deep bore in the Ashburton Domain and the two in Argyle Park by November. From that date water from the bores will be fed into the reticulation, initially in tandem with the existing gravity main.

The new bores will not initially have treatment facilities, relying instead on residual chlorine in the system from the existing treatment plant in Greenstreet.

Initially the new wells will act like a large backup supply for the gravity main, water services engineer Andrew Guthrie said. At least one more bore will need to be in service before the gravity main can be made redundant.

A lot depended on how the bores perform and how long the existing shallower bores (the deepest is 46 metres) in the domain last. The new bore in the domain reaches 95 metres and the first one drilled in Argyle Park is 116 metres. The one being currently drilled is targeting the same aquifer at about the same depth, Mr Guthrie said.

Whether or not chlorination continues after the gravity main is cut off is something of a catch 22 situation. The Ministry of Health says water from deep bores does not have to be treated provided it is deemed to be from a secure supply. The problem is that a bore can not be declared secure until it has been in use for 12 months with clear tests,

The reality is that the council will have treatment facilities in place, but the issue of how often they will have to be used remains. In Christchurch water is not treated, but each water source has dedicated operators, something that is beyond the resources of Ashburton. It is a trade-off to gain the most cost-effective solution, Mr Guthrie said.

Ashburton currently has a reasonable trunk main system, and with the installation of a new main in Middle Road, the Argyle Park bores will be able to be connected into the network. The distance between the two bores had been chosen to avoid interference between them. Once again it was a trade-off. In the absence of a piezometric bore it was the consultant's best estimate of the distance required to avoid interference between the two bores and still connect them with a common manifold.

The target date for commissioning is November 13, Mr Guthrie said. The pump selection for the bores has been confirmed and expressions of interest are to be called for this month to construct the headworks.

Work is also going on in the background on other developments to be carried out after the bores are commissioned. One likely one is the establishment of a separate pressure zone for the top end of Ashburton above Allens Road. It is likely valves and control systems will isolate the reticulation in that area and a pump station will boost the pressure across the whole area.

Domestic violence — help is available

Domestic or Family Violence is a major problem in our district as it is in all parts of New Zealand. Domestic Violence is violence occurring between people connected by relationship, usually in the home.

Violence is conduct that damages physically, emotionally, socially and or mentally and can be of a physical, sexual and/or mental nature. It can include; fear, isolation, threats, assault, with or without weapons and sexual violation.

Violence is the abuse of power, which individuals and groups have over others.

A new group has been established in the Ashburton District to help show victims and potential victims that they do not have to put up with violence in their lives. The Family Violence Network is made up of representatives of all the local agencies who work with victims and perpetrators of family violence.

Over the past year the network has looked at all aspects of this problem and has compiled a pamphlet containing all the information anyone would need to access help.

This pamphlet will be freely available to everybody and will be distributed to every household in the district. Funding

for the printing and distribution has come from the Ashburton Safer Community Council's Discretionary Fund.

When you receive your pamphlet, keep it because "knowledge is power" and one day you may be concerned for yourself, a friend or family member and the information on the pamphlet will provide a useful resource for where to get help.

Family Violence occurs irrespective of age, social status or ethnic group and it affects a significant number of people in our community. Don't put up with it!!

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Ashburton District Council, Wastebusters Trust and you — working together to recycle

The journey towards Zero Waste

Many businesses in the Ashburton District are committed to working towards zero waste.

An example is the Ashburton Hospital who eliminated their incinerator and introduced a comprehensive resource recovery programme throughout the wards, offices and kitchen areas. Monthly newsletters inform staff of recycled volumes. They have also designated a special area within the hospital grounds for the sorting of recyclable materials which are then taken to the Ashburton recycling depot. With an excellent team approach Ashburton Hospital are well on their way to zero waste.

All schools throughout the district are also involved in the journey towards zero waste with comprehensive schools programmes supported by Ashburton District Council and run by Wastebusters Trust. These programmes include composting and worm farming as well as recycling.

Wastebusters Ashburton Recycling Depot and the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

On average over 150 tonnes of materials are sent to markets per month from Wastebusters Ashburton Recycling Depot.

Computer Recycling

Computers and e-waste are dismantled for scrap or rebuilt at the Ashburton Recycling Depot. Unfortunately the screens are still land filled in NZ. We need your help to push for Government legislation to stop this happening.

Reusable Items

Furniture, household goods, egg cartons, tools, paintings and nick nacs can all be dropped off and are all available for reuse at Ashburton Recycling Depot.

Remember "Waste is a resource waiting to be discovered"

Ashburton Recycling Depot

The Ashburton Recycling Depot is situated at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, Industrial Park Ashburton.

It is a drop off area for the following items:

Cardboard; all papers; steel cans; aluminium cans; glass — brown, green, clear; plastics 1 & 2.

There is also an area there to drop off domestic quantities of used oil for safe disposal, vehicle batteries and all scrap metal.

Recycling works



Residents throughout the Ashburton district have embraced kerbside recycling with great enthusiasm and volumes of clean materials in the kerbside bins or dropped off at the recycling depots continue to grow.

On average 15.61 tonnes of recyclables is collected in the district per week with over 800 tonnes collected during the first year of kerbside recycling.

After being collected by the kerbside recycling bus, the contents of your bin are hand sorted and taken to the recycling depot to be processed for markets both national and international. A little preparation at home makes the sorting job safer and cleaner. It is important that we only recycle the right stuff. If we toss in any old thing it ruins the system.

What happens to all the recyclable materials?

- Cardboard includes all cereal boxes and even toilet rolls. These are baled and exported overseas to be made into more boxes. Many of these boxes return to our supermarkets and stores filled with new products. Currently we bale over 50 tonne per month of cardboard to send to markets.

- Paper includes newspaper, magazines, brochures, office paper, we take the lot. The world wants to buy our paper. Countries like China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Pakistan, and India are reliant on buying paper from countries like New Zealand so they can have paper to go to school and run their businesses. At present Ashburton processes over 40 tonne per month to send to markets.

Steel Cans are baled and sent to Christchurch where they are shredded to be made into steel re-enforcing rods for tilt slab concrete buildings such as our new movie theatre. The main thing is to rinse out steel cans as soon as you empty them so they are clean. Ashburton processes more than 4 tonne per month. All metals are recyclable.



- Aluminium Cans and all aluminium is recyclable. Recycling aluminium uses half the energy and water. Did you know that one recycled aluminium can saves enough energy to run a computer or TV for three hours.

- Plastics only

No 1 & No 2 plastics have markets for recycling in New Zealand at this time. No 1 plastic PET is baled and exported to China to be made into containers that are recyclable or reuseable. No 2 plastic HDPE which includes milk bottles and cleaning bottles is baled and sent to Auckland. 90% of No 2 plastics are recycled in New Zealand to make compost bins, buckets, plant pots etc.

Milk cartons are required to be rinsed out, and left unflattened. They are collected and sent to Trees for Canterbury to grow native trees for our schools and community groups.

Glass Bottles & Jars only are accepted for recycling as other glass has a different chemical content. Glass is colour sorted into green, brown and clear at Wastebusters recycling depot and sent to Auckland to be made into new bottles and jars. Glass containers made in New Zealand have a 65% recycled content.



Once again, thank you for the cooperation and support you have provided as a community.

The collection of kerbside recyclables has been operating in the district for a year now and the community is to be commended for the way it has supported this initiative. In the year from June 2002 to June 2003 1,645 tonnes recyclables had been processed (disposed to outlets). The breakdown of these recyclables is as follows:

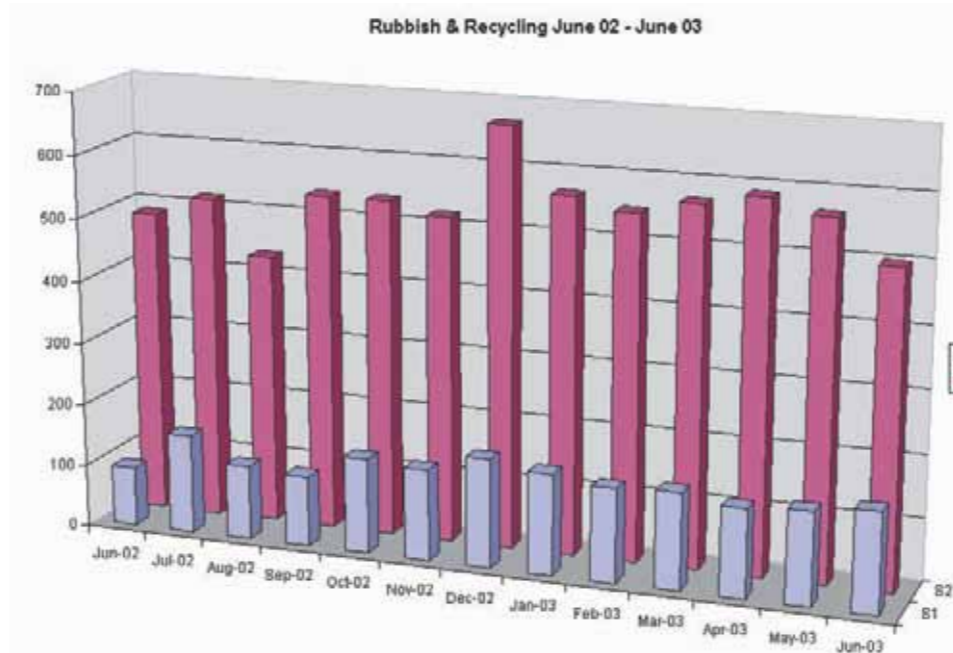
Community commended for its support

The collection contractors are averaging 15.61 tonnes of recyclables per week. Keep up the good work.

It has been observed that some recycling materials are blowing out of the recycling bins and littering the streets. To prevent this happening to your recyclables place your bagged newspaper/paper on top of your recyclables or pack the lighter, plastic items at the bottom of the bin with heavier items on top.

Cardboard	616.50 tonne
Paper	500.90 tonne
PET plastic	39.178 tonne
HDPE plastic	22.208 tonne
Glass	302.38 tonne
Metal cans	44,380 kg
Aluminium cans	9,821 kg
Batteries	2,990 kg
Recyclable metals	4,992 kg
Waste oil	7,420 litres

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High quality compost available



Ashburton is a town of gardeners, and they have available a plentiful supply of high quality compost.

Ashburton Contracting Ltd has Ace of Spades compost available at its yard at Dobson Street West, either bagged or bulk, or it will deliver by the truckload anywhere within the Ashburton District.

The compost comes from green waste delivered to the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park. It is shredded and left to sit for several months, being continually turned, before it is screened to remove any foreign objects.

After screening it is stockpiled and turned again. By the time it is ready

for sale it is five to six years old and looks just like good, rich soil.

The compost has been extensively tested by Hills Laboratories in Hamilton for the possible presence of chemicals. Tests for 18 different acidic herbicides showed none were able to be detected.

The compost costs \$28 per metre or \$5 a bag. Anyone wanting bagged compost should phone first, 308 4039, to give staff time to fill the bags. Alternatively, call in with your trailer or truck to get bulk rates, or phone and ask for a bulk delivery. Delivery charge applies, but it usually works out cheaper than running your own vehicle for several smaller loads. Anyone with an ACL account can charge their purchase, otherwise payment is by cash.

The yard at Dobson Street, behind Electricity Ashburton, is open on weekdays from 7.30 to 5.15 and Saturdays from 7.30 to 11.45.

Did you know?

Every tonne of recycled steel

- Saves 1.5 tonnes of iron ore
- Saves 0.5 tonnes of lime
- Uses 75% less electricity

- The average family uses 6 steel cans per week

- In 2002 NZ recycled almost 400,000 tonnes of steel

- Recycling creates 6 times as many jobs as landfilling

- 80% of the rubbish observed floating in the Pacific Ocean is PLASTIC!

- It takes a tree 10 years to grow enough timber to manufacture one wooden pallet.

- Japan and the Netherlands collect over 50% of their aluminium, glass and paper. In these

countries, raw materials are required only every second year for the production of paper and glass!

- In the United States over half the paper and glass produced and approximately one-third of the plastic is incorporated into products with a life span of less than one year.

- Every glass jar that we recycle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for four hours.

- Recycling one glass container opposed to producing a new one: reduces energy use by 4% to 32%, reduces air pollution by 20%, reduces water usage by 50%, reduces mining wastes by 80%.

- Recycling creates six times as many jobs as landfilling!

- One recycled aluminium can saves enough energy to run a computer or a TV for three hours.

Reducing the need for plastic bags

Did you know the average New Zealander uses 436 of these per year — many of which blow into waterways, destroy marine life and even kill calves etc if they eat them. There are many calico and other reusable bags on the market but a convenient substitute for plastic bags is required.

The Green Bag

In Ireland a 25c charge was put onto plastic supermarket bags and overnight the number used reduced by 90%. A new product "The Green Bag" is now used by most shoppers. The Green Bag is about to be introduced to New Zealand and, besides being sold in supermarkets, will be available as a fund raiser for schools and community groups. Ten cents from the sale of each bag will go towards further zero waste activities in communities.



Kerbside Recycling

PAPER AND CARDBOARD

dry bundles of newspaper, glossy magazines, circulars, office paper, placed in plastic shopping bags

clean unflattened egg trays

corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes etc, dry and flattened into manageable crate size bundles

clean unflattened milk cartons

METALS

push lids inside and squeeze top together

clean steel cans including aerosols

aluminium drink cans

GLASS

glass bottles and jars used to contain food and drink only

rinse and remove lids

PLASTIC

clean plastic bottles and containers with numbers 1 or 2 in the recycle triangle

rinse and remove lids

Marketing the District and developing businesses

Marketing the whole of the Ashburton District outside the district is the focus of Ashburton District Tourism's work.

Its core function, according to manager Caroline Blanchfield, is to network and liaise with tourism bodies, such as Tourism New Zealand and Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing.

Ashburton District has 298 tourism operators covering a wide range of activities. There are the well-known ones such as skiing, fishing and hot air ballooning, as well as eco-tourism, heritage operators, garden tours, sport, hunting, walking and tramping.

Farming tourism is a big drawcard, with overseas farmers studying New Zealand practices and methods, and farmstays are also a big attraction for tourists.

Lake Hood is bringing a number of people to the district, and that will increase as the lake develops, Caroline said.

ADT is a board member of the Mount Hutt Marketing Group and liaises closely with the nine Canterbury Districts through Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing to further the tourism interests of the whole Ashburton District. The organisation also works with tourism wholesalers and inbound tourism operators advising them of new products in the district.

Ashburton is marketed at trade shows such as TRENZ by Ashburton District Tourism, and trips are made overseas to update markets and a group known as KEA — Kiwi Expert Agents. Other international markets are

advised of new product information and projects through Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing.

ADT deals with the international media through Tourism New Zealand, and hosts any media visiting the district, making sure they get to meet the people they are here to see and that they visit the right places.

A tourism manual has been produced listing all the Ashburton operators, and the organisation's website, at www.ashburtontourism.co.nz has a fully searchable database.

It also contains an events calendar. Anyone in Ashburton planning an event is welcome to list it on the calendar by emailing ash.tourism@xtra.co.nz. About four or five enquiries a day are received from people wanting to know about coming events in the district.

The organisation is totally council funded and represents all the local operators free through that funding. Several services are offered to them, including a business partnership scheme which for a small fee allows them a listing on the ADT website, or for a larger fee, a listing in the Canterbury

website.

Maintaining quality is a big part of being a successful tourism operator, and ADT identifies quality standards and encourages operators to continually raise their standards.

An advisory service is provided for new operators, helping them to start up in a tourism business. Resource material is available free and appointments to discuss a marketing plan for the business and where to go to access markets are also free.

Encouraging film-makers to Ashburton is another part of the work of ADT, and they work very closely with Film South with this in mind, as well as maintaining a close liaison with the district council.

ADT maintains a big photo library, which is currently being updated. These are available to people wanting to promote their businesses outside the district.

Many are slides, which is the format preferred for printing, although a number are now digital images. Photos can also be downloaded from the website.

To assist new business.

That sums up the work of Enterprise Ashburton in a nutshell.

Enterprise Ashburton is the economic development unit of the Ashburton District. Its mission statement says it actively promotes the establishment of successful new enterprises in the Ashburton District, encourages growth in employment and assists local businesses to expand.

Manager Heather Miller says the organisation sets out to show people that Ashburton is a great place to live, work and do business in.

A number of services are provided to existing businesses and the organisation acts as a point of first contact for new businesses or for people considering a move to the Ashburton District.

Assistance is provided with funding applications to organisations such as Industry New Zealand and Technology New Zealand under schemes such as the Enterprise Award Scheme and Grants for Private Sector Research and Development. This scheme has seen \$600,000 come to the Ashburton District in the past six months as grants for six new research and development

programmes.

Enterprise Ashburton works with Industry New Zealand in a partnership to develop regional development programmes. Some of these programmes seek to recruit workers for industry in the Ashburton District, to upskill existing workers and promote the area as a good place to operate a business in.

Promotion of the district is being undertaken in targeted areas throughout the country, such as Auckland and Christchurch, and areas with the same skill-sets as Ashburton but a different lifestyle.

Young workers are targeted by the upskilling programme through work in schools and with unemployed youth. The programme has worked well in other areas and young people are being placed in apprenticeships through it.

One of the roles of an economic development unit is to link education and business, and make people aware of the opportunities that are out there, Heather said. Two thirds of Ashburton businesses had little or no relationship with local schools.

Enterprise Ashburton was investigating the possibility of employing a person for three days a week to give young people a taste of what it was like to work in various industries.

"Young people need to be job-ready when they leave school so employers don't complain about their attitude."

Another idea in the pipeline is the possibility of buddy-ing-up people starting out with younger, motivated and successful business people.

It is necessary to get the message across that trades are no longer poorly

paid, Heather said.

Another funder of Enterprise Ashburton's work is BIZ. Enterprise Ashburton is a sub-contractor for BIZ in the Ashburton area and runs 12 free workshops a year for people in business.

A similar relationship exists with Te Puni Kokori, which has its own business manager, but refers clients to Enterprise Ashburton for help with business plans.

Enterprise Ashburton also holds the KiwiHost franchise for the district. In the past a facilitator has been brought in to run KiwiHost courses but a local person is currently being trained.

At present the feasibility of starting an agricultural engineering cluster is being investigated, Heather said. The district has a lot of strong and innovative large engineering firms that could be linked together to provide training, Heather said.

Enterprise Ashburton is also involved with the Major Rural Initiative for Canterbury, alongside the Canterbury Development Corporation. It is funded by the Ministry of Economic Development which is giving \$2 million to each of the urban and rural sectors to assist with consultation within the community.



Brand widely used

Ashburton's brand, incorporating the "Whatever it Takes" slogan, has become very familiar since it was introduced several years ago, and is now widely used to promote the identity of the Ashburton District.

Two organisations using the brand in a big way are Ashburton District Tourism and Enterprise Ashburton.

Heather Miller, manager of Enterprise Ashburton, said people wanted to be seen to be part of a successful district and wanted their businesses to enjoy the progressive image of the district.

A recent survey of Enterprise Ashburton customers asked the question "What do you think of the brand?" While not all responded to the question, 91 per cent of those who did said that the logo created a positive impact.

About 30 groups are licensed to use the brand at this time, but Enterprise Ashburton would be delighted to receive enquiries from others. Some use it on all their correspondence, and one, New Zealand Post, makes it available to the general public on the pre-paid postage envelopes it sells.

The brand is available not only for businesses and other organisations to use regularly, but also for 'one-off' events such as tournaments and conferences. There is no charge for its use, but registration is necessary to ensure the brand is reproduced only in the correct manner. This helps standardise the use of the brand and aids with its recognition.

The slogan 'Whatever it takes' reflects the fact that people who developed the Ashburton District always took whatever steps were necessary to make the district a progressive and vital place to live. Many have initiated and seen to fruition projects that were thought by others to be impossible. That spirit, which continues today, is the spirit the District Council and Enterprise Ashburton want to encourage.

The arrow in the logo is a symbol of the community's pride in itself and its ability to look towards the future.

District Council works projects 2003/2004

MINOR SAFEY WORKS

Description of Projects for 03/04	Area/Road/Street
Urban Thesholds Methven (4 number)	Thresholds at main rural roads at town perimeter
Urban Thesholds Mt Somers (3 number)	Thresholds at main rural roads at town perimeter
Pedestrian crossing bulges (Rakaia)	On Dunford Street in front of the Rakaia School, to shorten crossing area (Chris Wiltshire request)
Pedestrian crossing bulges (Mt Somers)	Pedestrian crossing bulge at Mt Somers School
Intersection improvement, Rural	Arundel Rakaia Gorge/TWM Rd , provide right turning bay and signage
Intersection Rawles Crossing Rd/Buchans Rd	Extend seal through intersection
Intersection Improvements, Pendarves	Upgrade intersection at Christys Rd/ Pendarves Rakaia Rd
Seal extend through cross roads	Seal ends on Chertsey Kyle Rd before Lambies Rd intersection, stopping hazard
Fishtail Seal extension	Intersections of unsealed roads onto major sealed network - 10 sites
Humps in ROW beside KFC	Reduce speeds through public Right of Way
Streetlight Upgrade with Undergrounding	Various sections based on EA Under-grounding Programme 2003/2004
New streetlighting, Rakaia	New Street lights, various sites in Rakaia
New streetlighting, Rural	New Street lights, various sites at rural intersections

Area Wide Pavement Rehabilitation of unsealed roads STAGE II, 2003/2004

Road	Block	Length (km)	Cum length (km)
Innes Rd	Stanley Rd to end	0.95	0.95
Henderson Rd	Maronan Rd to Thews Rd	1.41	2.36
Bebbingtons Rd	Mitcham Rd to Somerton Rd	5.02	7.38
Windemere Rd	Boundary Rd to Surveyors Rd	4.25	11.63
Chatmos Rd	Rangitata Highway (SH 1) to Boundary Rd	3.25	14.88
Highbank Cairnbrae Rd	Back Track to Massey Rd	2.5	17.38
Winchmore Dromore Rd	Rakaia Highway (SH 1) to Mitcham Rd	6.3	23.68
Jamieson Rd	Rakaia Highway (SH 1) to Somerton Rd	3.06	26.74
Sawmill Rd	Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd to Camp	1.2	27.94

Reseal programme for district roads, 2003/2004.

	Road/Street	From	To	Length m	
Methven	South Belt - Urban	SH 77	West Morgan St	680	
	Patton St	Spaxton St	Forest Drive	211	
	Carr St	Racecourse Rd	Spaxton St	197	
	Lampard St	Alford St	West End	150	
	McDonald St	SH 77	Eastern End	150	
					1388
Chertsey	Chertsey Kyle Road	High St	Alexander St	132	
Tinwald	Grove Place	Catherine St	SW End	90	
	Harland St	Catherine St	SW End	90	
	Maronan Road	SH 1	Urban Boundary (West)	625	
	Melcombe St	Maronan Rd	Bryant St	491	
	Bryant St	Laghmor Rd	Melcombe St	488	
	Laghmor Rd	Melcombe St	TWM Rd	565	
	Nursery Drive	Arborlea	SE Knox Pl	140	
	Jordan Ave	Nursery Drive	SE	80	
				2569	
Hinds	Framptons Road	Delamaine St	NE End	369	
Ashburton	Beach Road	Chalmers Ave	Trevors Rd	714	
	Friendship Lane	Beach Rd	SW End Full Length	162	
	Nelson St	Chalmers Ave	Oxford St	404	
	Kelvin Crescent	Belt Rd (NE End)	Paved Section	410	
	Reighton Drive	Allens Rd	NW Beauvais Pl	138	
	Beauvais Place	Reighton Dr	SW End Full Length	73	
	Harrison St	Oak Grove	Farm Road	1570	
	Allens Road	SH 77	Wakanui Stream	1188	
	Reid Crescent	Elizabeth St	Cross Street	462	
					5121
	TOTAL URBAN				5121
	RURAL	Hakatere Heron Road	South Ashburton River		562
		Hakatere Potts Road	Clearwater Settlement		357
		Ashburton Gorge Road	South Ashburton River	Hakatere Heron Rd	4,685
Hakatere Heron Road		Ashburton Gorge Road	To NE	70	
Ashburton Gorge Road		ARG Road	Bruces Rd	1,617	
Boyd's Road		ARG Road	Seal End	1,375	
Flynns Road		Boyd's Road	Seal End	177	
Flynns Road		Boyd's Road	Seal End	2,953	
Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd		Hart Road	McLennans Bush Rd	3,314	
Rosehill Road		McLennans Bush Road	Road boundary	722	
Dolma Road		SH 77	Line Rd	780	
Barkers Road		Rakaia Barrhill Methven Rd	Happy Valley Rd	6,497	
Anama Settlement Road		Mayfield Klondyke Rd	Anama School Rd	4,549	
Hinds Gorge Road		Mayfield Klondyke Rd	EoS West Montalto Rd	7,008	
Montalto Road		Hinds Gorge Road	EoS South Hinds Gorge Rd	83	
Moronan Road		Simpsons Road	Swamp Rd	4,304	
Tinwald Wstrfld Myfld Rd		Frasers Road	West of Wstrfld School Rd	17,357	
Hollands Road		Tarbottons Road	NW End	789	
Gofflinks Road		SH 1	NE End	340	
Thompsons Track		South Town Belt	Somerton Rd	8,311	

Thompsons Track	Mitcham Road	Line Rd	4,563
Lauriston Barrhill Road	Line Road	Rakaia Barrhill Methven Rd	8,824
Fords Road	Dawsons Road	Grahams Rd	2,763
Wheatstone Road	Fords Road	EoS NE	71
Laings Road	SH 1	SE End	305
Grove Farm Road	Grahams Rd	Wilkins Rd	890
Carters Tce	Grove Street	Wilkins Rd	955
North Park Road	SH 1	Taits Rd	831
Murdochs Road	Company Rd	Morris Rd	804
Morris Road	Seafield Rd	Murdochs Rd	1,040
Cochranes Road	Beach Road	EoS SW	342
Christys Road	Seafield Road	Denshires Rd Nth	7,421
Mainwarings Road	Pendarves Rakaia Road	Gardiners Road	6,371
Acton Road	Burrowes Road	Griggs Rd	11,468
TOTAL RURAL			112,498
OVERALL TOTAL			122,077

Replacement and New Kerb and Channel programme, 2003/2004

Work	Site	Length
NEW KERB AND CHANNEL		
Ashburton		
Kermode Street	Park Street to SH 77. West side	180 m
Methven		
Dolma Street	Main Street to the West. (end of houses)	440 m
Rakaia		
Mackie Street	Dunford Street to Normandy Street. Both Sides	220 m
Elizabeth Avenue	Both Sides at West Town Belt	110 m
Mt Somers		
Pattons Street	From store to Buccleugh Street	75 m
KERB AND CHANNEL REPLACEMENT		
Ashburton		
Elizabeth Street	Baker Street to Cross Street. SW side.	85 m
Wakanui Road	Eton Street to Cambridge Street. South side	190 m
Walker Street	Havelock Street to River Terrace. Both sides.	120 m
Reid Crescent	Elizabeth Street to Cross Street. Both sides.	915 m
Rakaia		
Elizabeth Avenue	Mackie Street to Cridland Street. NE side	220 m
Elizabeth Avenue	Cridland Street to West Town Belt. Both sides	460 m

Proposed Footpath Resurfacing, 2003/2004.

ASHBURTON / TINWALD AREA				
1	Chalmers Ave	SE	Beach Rd to South Rd	TA 326
2	Trevors Rd	NW	Suffolk to Beach	TA 163
3	West St	NW	Saunders Ave to Racecourse Rd	TA 343
4	Suffolk St	NE	Willow to Leeston	TA 158
5	Suffolk St	Both	Leeston to Trevors	TA 538
6	Kitchener St	SW	Bridge St to Brucefield	TA 267
7	Thomson St	SE	Jane to Catherine	TA 199
8	Mc Murdo St	SE	Graham towards NE	AR 25
9	Short St	SW	Park St to Winter St	TA 170
10	Winter St	NW	Havelock to Short St	TA 151
11	Burnett St	SW	Winter to Grigg	TA 221
12	Burnett St	NE	River Tce to Grigg St	TA 70
13	Belt Rd	NW	Tucker St to Hanrahan	TA 172
14	Harrison St	NE	Lane St to Farm Rd	TA 123
15	Glassey Rd	SE	Full Length	AR 327
16	Hefford Rd	Both	Full Length	AR 312
17	Carters Tce	NE	SH1 to SE Grove St	TA 535
18	Thomson St	SE	Catherine St SW	TA 118
19	Mc Murdo St	SE	Catherine St SW	TA 124
20	McMurdo St	SE	Wilkin St to Manchester St	TA 257
21	Turton St	NW	Middle Rd to Allens Rd	TA 347
22	Reid Cres	NW	Elizabeth St to Cross St	AR 486
23	Reid Cres	SE	Elizabeth St to NE	AR 60
24	Reid Cres	NE	Cross St to SE	AR 170
25	Walker St	NW	Philip to NE	TA 70
26	Walker St	SE	Philip St to Elizabeth	TA 110
27	Cameron St	SW	Walker St to Grigg St	TA 167
28	Creek Rd	NW	Middle Rd to Catherwood Ave	TA 74
29	Creek Rd	NW	Catherwood Ave to Woods St	AR 127
30	Park St	NW	Burnett St to Havelock St	TA 106
31	Kermode St	NE	Park St to SE	TA 63
32	Kermode St	NE	West St to NW	TA 114
33	West St	NW	Kermode St to NE	TA 55
34	Cass St	Both	Dobson St to Mona Square	TA 108
35	Mona Square	SW	Kermode St to Cass St	TA 98
36	Aitken St	NE	William St to Chalmers Ave	TA 200
37	Suffolk St	SW	Leeston St to Trevors Rd	TA 271
METHVEN				
1	Methven Chertsey Rd	N	Mackie St to west	TA 681
2	Methven Chertsey Rd	S	Opposite Mackie St to west	TA 317
RAKAIA				
1	Cridland St	SE	Elizabeth Ave to Rolleston St	TA 225
2	Elizabeth Ave	SW	Opposite Mackie St to SE	TA 317
RURAL				
1	Hoods Rd, Mt Somers	W	Ashburton Gorge Rd to Buccleugh Rd	TA 838

News in brief from Council meetings

Bird scarers

Letters explaining concerns about bird scaring devices have been sent to several key user groups that could be affected by proposals and interested parties were invited to a meeting to discuss the issue. Code of practice documents are being sought from other councils. R&P 24/7/03

Public health

One case of salmonellosis and seven of campylobacter have been investigated recently, regulatory manager Peter Thompson reported. Sixty-two food premises had been inspected as operators moved to achieve compliance with food hygiene regulations and qualify for reduced fees. It was encouraging to see operators actively seeking compliance, he said. It highlighted the benefits of the fee system in place. R&P 24/7/03

Brothels

Some authorities had over-reacted to the Prostitution Law Reform Bill and rushed in too quick, mayor Murray Anderson said. Mr Thompson said it was important to note that local government involvement in the legislation

Burnett Street for 12 metres west of Park Street as CBD parking is encroaching on the area and there is no off-street parking for the doctor's surgery. A sign is also to be erected reserving a park for the doctor.

Existing 60-minute parking restrictions in Cameron Street between Baring Square East and Cass Street, on both sides of the road, are to be removed and replaced with two-hour parking. S&O 17/7/03

Loading bays

Parking wardens have been asked to report on the situation regarding vehicles unloading in the central business district so the question of loading bays can be considered. A report had already been commissioned but had not been presented to the committee because of planning issues. S&O 17/7/03

Racecourse corner

No meeting has yet been organised with Transit NZ over Racecourse corner reconstruction. Transit had requested a copy of the council resolution that followed the last meeting, Mr Rouse said. That had been supplied and Transit was to get together with council staff, followed by a workshop with councillors, but nothing had been

been ordered. Daffodil bulbs have been planted in Oak Grove, Archibald Street and at the entrance to Rakaia, and the Rakaia Railway Reserve has been further developed. The Waterton Cemetery has been cleaned up, including hedge trimming and tree pruning. S&O 17/7/03

Fire prosecutions

All eight prosecutions relating to breaches of the restricted fire season during the summer have been dealt with by the courts. Five people pleaded guilty and were convicted, with sentences ranging from \$750 to discharge with costs only. Three others were granted diversion, with a condition of the diversion being that they must first enter a guilty plea. S&O 17/7/03

Social services funding

Two community groups have received funding from the council's social services discretionary fund. The Ashburton Learning Centre, which earlier had been refused funding from the major community projects fund, received a grant of \$1000 and the Christchurch West Citizens' Advice Bureau which had requested \$1200 from the earlier round but was refused, received a grant of \$500. About 20 per cent of the organisation's work was said to relate to the Ashburton District. F&C 31/8/03

Warrant cards

Several council staff have been issued with warrants of authority under various acts of parliament and council by-laws. They include water rangers, parking wardens, planners, building and other inspectors and the environmental health officer, and cover a range of activities from enforcement to litter control and the right to enter property.

At the suggestion of Cr Daryl Nelson the move was extended to allow the council's water rangers to be appointed litter control officers. F&C 31/8/03

Library

The number of books issued by the Ashburton Library during June showed a slight fall compared with the same month last year. This June 36,721 were issued, last June 37,069 were issued. Almost 13,000 people visited the library during the month, and with 148 new memberships for the month membership stood at 13,089, an increase on last June's 12,601.

For the financial year up to the end of June 15,719 people visited the library (previous year 15,847) and they borrowed 367,211 books, a drop on the previous year's 370,601 but up on the figure from two years ago of 365,754. F&C 31/8/03

Waste management

The council's budget for waste management shows an unfavourable balance of almost \$160,000. Income from the sale of refuse bags is down more than \$9000 on budget and income from fees for disposal of refuse is lower than expected by \$133,500.

Mayor Murray Anderson said the figures showed people were not only recycling but were managing waste more efficiently in a number of ways, or recycling on the home front.

However Cr Gavin Marshall said a review was needed to analyse if the level of fixed costs was warranted. The structure of the whole operation would have to be reviewed, he said. F&C 31/8/03

Dog registration

An outstanding figure of \$21,209 owed to the council under the dog control heading for the past year concerned some councillors, especially when it was reported that 6895 dogs had been registered for the year, achieving the target of all dogs previously registered being re-registered or accounted for.

Finance manager Paul Brake said outstanding dog registrations had been taken away from debt collectors and action was being taken through the courts as a matter of course. The outstanding figure was made up of the \$12 per dog registration fee plus a \$6 late payment penalty plus \$200 per dog penalty and court costs. F&C 31/8/03

Youth Council

Sharon Ching from the council staff has been appointed the new secretary of the Ashburton Youth Council, replacing Angela Summerfield. The youth council is investigating having basketball hoops installed in the Domain and is to produce a calendar of youth events in the community. A holiday job register is also being prepared. F&C 31/8/03

Members remuneration

Councillors who use their own vehicles on council business are to be reimbursed at 70 cents a kilometre, an increase from the present rate of 62 cents up to 3000 kilometres and 19 cents over 3000 kilometres. Councillors will also receive \$85 per day for attending council and standing committee meetings. F&C 31/8/03



Mayor Murray Anderson reviews the charter parade of the Second, Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough West Coast Regiment in Ashburton on June 21.

was peripheral and allowed the council only to manage location and the potential adverse effects of such things as signage. The issue had been discussed at length at a seminar he attended in Wellington, and Local Government New Zealand would be reporting about it within two months. In the meantime the advice was not to rush in, especially in towns without an existing massage parlour or port, and not to confuse legality with morality. R&P 24/7/03

Dog registration

One month into the new dog registration year about 2000 of the estimated 7000 dogs in the district have been registered. Methven Police are to be asked if they would be able to follow up on dog complaints in that area. Fourteen dogs were impounded in Ashburton and one in Methven during June, as the result of 86 complaints, 79 of them in Ashburton. There were six call-outs to stock, mainly as a result of stock wandering on roads, and stock were impounded on one occasion. R&P 24/7/03

Generators

Standby generators are to be installed on the 11 council water schemes that do not already have them. Electricity was necessary for treatment as well as pumping, operations manager Rob Rouse said. The aim was to have generators on all schemes by mid-2008. Ashburton and Rakaia already had generators and only seven schemes relied on water for pumping. The maintenance contractor was required to supply a mobile generator but its use during last year's snowfall had resulted in significant inconvenience to customers and exposed a number of schemes to risk of contamination. S&O 17/7/03

Bus stop

A school bus stop is to be established on Fairfield Road, immediately north west of Fairton School. The school had originally written suggesting another position, but council felt it would obscure visibility for vehicles approaching from the east. The school had agreed and the new site had been decided on. S&O 17/7/03

Parking

Sixty minute parking restrictions are to be applied in

received in spite of several requests. S&O 17/7/03

Snowfall

The cost of clearing 1100 kilometres of road after the July 4-5 snow was \$130,000, Mr Rouse said.

For such a big snowfall, the lack of verbal abuse was almost exciting, Cr Derek Glass said. He was particularly pleased at the way contractors even cleared right-of-ways. Cr Bev Tasker suggested the roading hierarchy map should be published so people would know what roads would be cleared first.

Cr Daryl Nelson said people should realise only half the roads were on the hierarchy list. The rest were considered low priority. S&O 17/7/03

Trees and roads

Council's policy regarding trees shading roads was not being carried out to the extent it needed to be, Cr John Leadley said. He referred to an incident with a stock truck on Christies Road after the snowfall. The road had not been graded by the Monday morning, by which time vehicles had turned the snow to ice. The grader could not move the ice and simply planed it, making it more slippery. The part of the road where the incident happened was shaded by trees. It was still impossible to drive on it by the Wednesday, he said. Christies Road was one area where the policy needed applying. S&O 17/7/03

Wastewater upgrade

Letters have been sent to 12 of the submitters who had requested to be heard on the council's consent applications. Seven had indicated they were happy to forego their right to be heard and the council was optimistic the other five would also withdraw, Mr Rouse said. A further meeting is to be held in the week of July 28 with adjacent landowners who currently had two concerns but it was believed they would be resolved at the meeting. Ecan representatives would also attend the meeting. S&O 17/7/03

Beautification

A large area of the Ashburton river bank east of State Highway One has been cleared ready to be sown in grass in the spring. Trees to replace those killed by frost in the Highway 2000 project on SH1 south of Ashburton have