



From the Mayor



Planning for progress

Council's Draft Annual Plan and Budget is now available for public comment.

For those of you who have read the previous Annual Plans, you will notice a number of changes to this Plan format. Firstly, the Plan has incorporated quadruple bottom line reporting. This has been introduced to enable the Council to more clearly identify performance indicators that will track our progress in improving the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the community.

The district is continuing to develop and prosper. The agricultural sector has continued to perform well, despite some weakening in commodity prices. The increasing diversity of products being grown in the district means we are well positioned to maintain economic growth. With the continuing growth in the processing, manufacturing, tourism and financial services sectors, the future looks very bright indeed for the Ashburton district.

There are a number of significant projects underway. Water is high on Council's priority with the new Ashburton water supply upgrade due to be commissioned in this coming year. There is likely to be ongoing work required on the other water schemes in the district with the Government developing new drinking water standards which will require re-evaluation of all our community supplies.

We expect to make progress on water storage and river enhancement options during this period. Secure supplies of water are vital for the ongoing growth and success of the district and council will continue to work hard to ensure these projects move forward and that the district's interests are voiced at a regional and national level.

The Ashburton wastewater upgrade will also be progressed. The resource consent application for the proposed system of disposal to land has been lodged with Environment Canterbury.

We are also moving to the next stage for the sports stadium evaluation. The community and prospective sports-club users of the proposed stadium continue to be supportive of the concept and so the feasibility study will move now to more detailed proposals and evaluations.

The proposed increase in rates revenue is driven primarily by a need to continue to invest in upgrading of the district's infrastructure.

Depending on services provided and the capital value of the property, individual increases will vary.

I encourage you to provide us with your comments and suggestions. There is a submission form included in this document or you can e-mail a submission to.

Murray Anderson
Murray Anderson
Mayor

Emphasis is on inviting you to have your say

Don't think for a minute that budgeting Ashburton District Council's financial expenditure for the coming year is one massive shopping spree, with your credit card or funds. Accountability and inviting you to have your say is foremost on the decision-makers minds when the Draft Annual Plan is proposed.

The Ashburton District Council team understands that ratepayers need to have a clear understanding that all expenditure is proposed with nothing but the best outcome for the district. In fact it's worth taking a look at the Draft Annual Plan document and coming to grips with their mission statement which is used as a guideline for decision making

Everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of the consultation process and ratepayers are encouraged to have their say over the next few weeks, either through one of the public meetings, or as an individual making a submission. There's no excuse for anyone not having their say, as copies of the Draft Annual Plan are available from Council and public meetings have been well advertised.

While the plan proposes a 13.8 per cent increase in rates for some Ashburton Urban residential rate payers and some rural properties nearer 7.8 per cent, an enormous amount of hard work goes into sourcing funds from areas other than rates to arrive at the total amount of money required.

Fifty percent of income now comes from sources other than rates, such as interest and dividends. The increase in value of commercial property, hence better rental returns, has contributed to Ashburton keeping the rate increase levels much lower than comparable areas of NZ.

The proposed increase in rates is certainly not necessarily the final word. Some areas will even enjoy slight reductions. It will depend on the reaction of the community through having their say in the proposed Draft Annual Plan. This could change the figure either up or down, however it will be the community voice that endorses the final budget

Rating is now considered fairer with each area in the district rated separately for special projects. The policy is to ask the people that live in the area affected whether they want the special projects, or vice versa. Some bright ideas are actually rejected and others may take several years to come to fruition. Having the decisions made in the area they affect has made a huge difference to satisfaction from the wider community and council appreciates that it's the people actually living in the areas who know the most important needs at the time.

As user pays becomes our way of life, it's very clear for Ashburton Urban ratepayers to see that the new water and wastewater disposal schemes are the catalyst for their share of the increase. Both these projects are absolutely essential and a major contributor to the quality life we enjoy living in this area. Some rural areas also don't escape the necessity for council to invest in new water schemes. Whether it's an upgrade or new system, water is an essential commodity and delivering it to our communities costs money

While there are several minor issues included in the proposed expenditure, major contributors affecting the rate increase are Roothing, Ashburton Footpaths, Wastewater, Ashburton Water Upgrade, a reduced rate input from Forestry, Development Grants and Support and the Stockwater System investigations and upgrade

Not only is the council accountable financially to the rate payers, new local government legislation ensures all council activities are measured to meet Economic, Environmental, Social and Cultural outcomes. This is the first year these new laws come into effect and will require council to report on the broader picture of what they are going to do and what the results are compared to the longer-term objectives.

Democracy is a wonderful thing and now is the time for ratepayers to have their say through meetings and submissions. Everyone was invited to attend the public meetings held in Ashburton, Rakaia and Methven. Mount Somers and Mayfield will also have their opportunity to have their say with a special meeting.

Celebrations in Methven



After just over two years of work the redevelopment of the Methven Town Centre was officially opened late in March, with school children, council staff and members of the community taking part in the celebration.

Inside	Community groups establish links with council	Page 2
	New faces at the council	Page 3
	Sources of council income	Page 3
	Sample rates for different areas	Pages 4&5
	Volunteers working for the community	Page 6
	Whats on	Page 6
	Works programme for 2003/2004	Page 7
	Annual plan submission form	Page 8
	Fixagram	Page 8

Community groups establish links with council

Since the Methven Community Board was formed several other communities in the Ashburton District have set up groups and become involved in planning the future of their townships. Each has gone about this process in its own unique way, but all have benefited from a closer liaison with the council.

Only as good as the residents

The Rakaia Community Association sees itself as a ginger group that establishes what the views of the community are and represents them to the District Council.

"We are only as good as the residents," chairman Ken Cutforth said. "We provide a facility through which they can focus. We can't scratch every itch but we want to hear their opinions."

The association is accountable to the community and is publicly elected. It was started late in 2001, emerging from a strategic plan facilitated by the District Council that involved the whole community in a consultative process.

It was a positive move forward for Rakaia, Mr Cutforth said. It has given the community the focus and structure to advance itself, and a legitimacy with the District Council that it lacked before.

The Rakaia community now has a voice that is usually listened to, he said.

Some examples of progress were the Acton Centre, directional signage and the beautification programme.

The association has quite an input into the District Council's annual plan process, starting with the preparation of a prioritised wish list early in the new year. The expectations of council staff and the community can at times be different but the association watches what is happening and is prepared to make submissions to ensure its list is adhered to.

Rakaia had an ability, through the energy and organisational skills in the community, to help itself. It has many organisations that don't rely on putting the begging bowl out but get on and help themselves.

"There is a tremendous voluntary resource in Rakaia that is often taken for granted."

The strategic plan was a snapshot that gave the association a baseline to start with, building on the strengths of the community. It also created a partnership with the District Council that the council had bought into.

The council had given good support in establishing the strategic plan and setting up the association, Mr Cutforth said.

"You couldn't ask for better support."

In spite of that support he said he would hate to see the association become "acceptable" or mainstream. It would be an organisation that would continue to snap at the council's heels.



A team working with a team

Over the past few years a team has been groomed together in Methven that works well with another team, the District Council, for the benefit of Methven.

That is the way Methven Community Board chairman Philip Wareing sees his town working and benefiting from its association with the council.

It is a two-way street, he said. The community board has worked hard behind the scenes for the common good of Methven and the council has reciprocated.

The recently completed town centre development is a case in point. While the fruits of it are to be fully seen already more people are coming to live in Methven from overseas and from other parts of New Zealand.

Now the public aspects of Methven are fully upgraded the Community Board is encouraging landowners to upgrade their premises but it is an area where progress is sometimes hard to make. Many owners have played their part but one in particular is letting all the good work down, Mr Wareing said. However most have made a conscious decision to keep their properties up to scratch.

As well as the town centre development the Community Board had a deliberate policy of having a footpath on one side of every street and kerb and channel on the other. That is now virtually complete, he said.

Coming up is an upgrade of the town's water supply, another project where he envisages close co-operation with the District Council.

The Community Board structure had been good for Methven.

"It is all part of the community working together as a team," The board receives a lot of feedback from members of the community, and being a statutory organisation it has a certain amount of authority in the community it might not have if it was simply a ratepayers' group.



Community plan developed

Mt Somers has been the latest township to establish its own community group to liaise with the Ashburton District Council.

Last year a meeting was held with the Ashburton District Council and members of the community to discuss various issues in the district including street lighting, kerbing and drainage, as well as promotion and beautification.

Following the community meeting a sub-committee of residents was formed to represent the community and develop a community plan.

In February this year the plan was adopted by the Ashburton District Council.

Strategic planning committee chairman Dave Hughes said the adoption of the plan would give the citizens of Mt Somers village and district the opportunity to be involved in the growth and development of their community and allow it to move ahead to meet the challenges of the future.

"Our district can look forward with confidence to a bright and prosperous future." Mr Hughes commended the pro-active approach the council had taken to get the plan into action and said he was looking forward to watching the development of the district.

A workshop was held late last year to discuss what was necessary to ensure the growth and development of the town and from that the community plan was developed.

"We hope to continue the good working relationship we have established with the council to ensure the best possible outcome for Mt Somers."

For Mount Somers, the adoption of the plan now means the town and surrounding area has direction to grow and promote itself, Mr Hughes said.



Council extremely supportive

Five years ago the Hinds Ratepayers Group was established to voice the opinions of the town to the Ashburton District Council.

Chairman John Fennell said the council had been extremely supportive in listening to the needs of the Hinds Community and had been working together for the past five years. Since the group was set up five years ago under the guidance of Taffey Mahoney a number of improvements had been made to the town, such as street lighting, establishing footpaths, resealing roads and kerb and channel work.

Mr Fennell said while the project is ongoing and has taken a lot of time, the changes to the town were now visible and it was for the good of the district to see things happening.

Rural numbers was one project the ratepayers group brought to the council's attention, the numbering on all houses not only makes it easier to identify a house, it is also a safety issue, making it easier for emergency services to find where they are going.

Speed through Hinds has also been the subject of many meetings with the ratepayers group and the establishment of large 70 kilometre speed signs to bring the speed limit to people's attention was another project the group worked towards in conjunction with the council.

"The council have been a great help in getting the ball rolling on a number of issues," Mr Fennell said.

Water has been a topical issue across the district recently and Hinds has been no exception. The township faced dry wells and hosing restrictions over the summer and a meeting was held with the council to discuss the problems earlier this year.

"A lot of people went to the meeting ready to say what they thought, but after the council explained the situation not much was said.

"It shows the council is listening and is prepared to do as much as they can to remedy the problems."

While there was still a lot of work needed to upgrade the town, Mr Fennell said it was an ongoing project and the council was continually doing work as money came up in the annual budget each year.



New faces at the council



ABOVE LEFT: Lynda McIntosh came to the District Council as a gardener in Mid March. She had been a swim coach and IHC home support worker in Ashburton.

ABOVE RIGHT: Tim O'Dea came to the District Council as information systems analyst late in March. He had previously been at Massey University.

TOP RIGHT: Murray Templeton also joined the parks and reserves team in mid March as a mower/gardener. Previously he was doing a similar job at Hotel Ashburton.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Graham Register has joined the parks and reserves team at the Ashburton District Council as a mower/gardener. He joined the team three weeks ago after working as a storeman at New World and previous to that for Telecom.

Income from other sources helps keep rates down

Rates are expected to bring in \$10.8 million in the coming financial year, but that accounts only for about half of the council's income.

The council receives money from a number of other sources and uses it to reduce the amount required from rates.

One of these sources is investments, with about 10 per cent of the council's total income expected to come from interest and dividends in the coming year. Money invested is reserves that have been built up over past years, either in special funds or to cover the depreciation of various council assets.

About 2.5 per cent of investment income from special funds is retained to enable their value to be maintained against inflation. Otherwise all of the income from investments is expected to be used to benefit ratepayers in the same year it is earned.

The total amount expected to be earned from interest and dividends is about \$2.1 million, with dividends expected to return \$652,000 — \$260,000 from the council's ACL shares and \$392,000 from its shares in the Lyttelton Port Company.

Another major income source for the

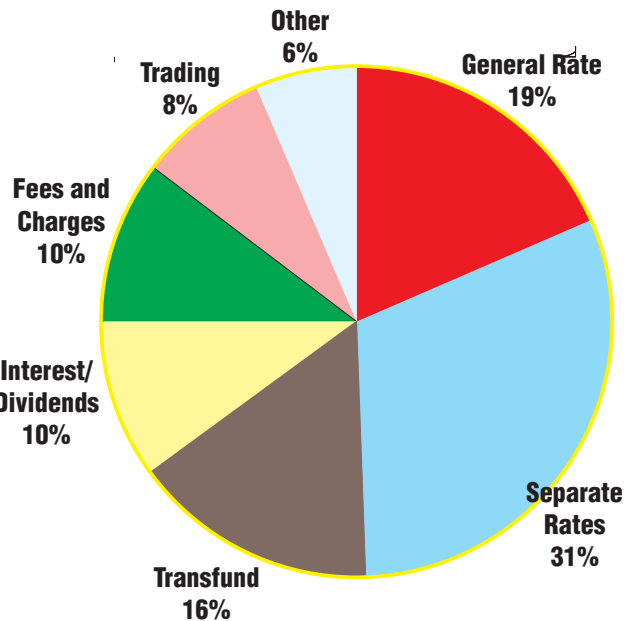
council is commercial property. A number of properties, such as Glasgow leases, have been sold over the years, swinging the balance of the council's property portfolio towards cash, so the decision was made to pursue a policy of investment in land for industrial and commercial purposes. This investment in property is designed to give a balance as well as a greater rate of return than cash investment.

Other council income comes from sources such as fees and charges for council services ranging from licences to connection fees, library charges to cemetery fees. This source contributes another 10 per cent to council income.

Forestry is expected to bring in a further \$487,000, although \$100,000 of that will be transferred from the forestry reserve.

Roading subsidies from Transfund will add a further 16 per cent and other minor sources another 6 per cent.

Overall, the council maintains a balanced portfolio of cash and investment in shares and property to minimise risk and to maximise its income to the benefit of ratepayers.



From a dairy lane to a trailer load of shingle . . .

We do a lot more than just roading!

- ✓ Concrete Shingle
- ✓ Screened Soil
- ✓ Crusher Dust
- ✓ All Shingle Supplies

also specialists in:

- Hotmix driveways
- Tennis courts
- Machine laid re-inforced kerbing
- All chip sealing
- Loaders, trucks, graders, rollers

Open Saturday morning 7.30am-11.00am

Fulton Hogan

Cnr William Street & The Terrace, Ashburton.
Ph 308 2418 A/H Bryan 308 8904

Fill your trailer or let us deliver to your place



Dairy Lane Construction

Projected 2003/04 rates on properties in different areas with different capital values.

Ashburton Urban - Residential

Capital Value	2002/2003	2003/2004	2002/2003	2003/2004
\$75,000	\$6.25	\$6.25	10.0%	0.0%
\$100,000	\$8.33	\$8.33	13.8%	0.0%
\$125,000	\$10.42	\$10.42	13.8%	0.0%
\$150,000	\$12.50	\$12.50	13.8%	0.0%
\$175,000	\$14.58	\$14.58	13.8%	0.0%
\$200,000	\$16.67	\$16.67	13.8%	0.0%
\$225,000	\$18.75	\$18.75	13.8%	0.0%
\$250,000	\$20.83	\$20.83	13.8%	0.0%
\$275,000	\$22.92	\$22.92	13.8%	0.0%
\$300,000	\$25.00	\$25.00	13.8%	0.0%
\$325,000	\$27.08	\$27.08	13.8%	0.0%
\$350,000	\$29.17	\$29.17	13.8%	0.0%
\$375,000	\$31.25	\$31.25	13.8%	0.0%
\$400,000	\$33.33	\$33.33	13.8%	0.0%
\$425,000	\$35.42	\$35.42	13.8%	0.0%
\$450,000	\$37.50	\$37.50	13.8%	0.0%
\$475,000	\$39.58	\$39.58	13.8%	0.0%
\$500,000	\$41.67	\$41.67	13.8%	0.0%
\$525,000	\$43.75	\$43.75	13.8%	0.0%
\$550,000	\$45.83	\$45.83	13.8%	0.0%
\$575,000	\$47.92	\$47.92	13.8%	0.0%
\$600,000	\$50.00	\$50.00	13.8%	0.0%
\$625,000	\$52.08	\$52.08	13.8%	0.0%
\$650,000	\$54.17	\$54.17	13.8%	0.0%
\$675,000	\$56.25	\$56.25	13.8%	0.0%
\$700,000	\$58.33	\$58.33	13.8%	0.0%
\$725,000	\$60.42	\$60.42	13.8%	0.0%
\$750,000	\$62.50	\$62.50	13.8%	0.0%
\$775,000	\$64.58	\$64.58	13.8%	0.0%
\$800,000	\$66.67	\$66.67	13.8%	0.0%
\$825,000	\$68.75	\$68.75	13.8%	0.0%
\$850,000	\$70.83	\$70.83	13.8%	0.0%
\$875,000	\$72.92	\$72.92	13.8%	0.0%
\$900,000	\$75.00	\$75.00	13.8%	0.0%
\$925,000	\$77.08	\$77.08	13.8%	0.0%
\$950,000	\$79.17	\$79.17	13.8%	0.0%
\$975,000	\$81.25	\$81.25	13.8%	0.0%
\$1,000,000	\$83.33	\$83.33	13.8%	0.0%

Rakaia Township — Lump Sum Paid

Capital Value	2002/2003	2003/2004	2002/2003	2003/2004
\$70,000	\$6.25	\$6.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$90,000	\$8.33	\$8.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$110,000	\$10.42	\$10.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$130,000	\$12.50	\$12.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$150,000	\$14.58	\$14.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$170,000	\$16.67	\$16.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$190,000	\$18.75	\$18.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$210,000	\$20.83	\$20.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$230,000	\$22.92	\$22.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$250,000	\$25.00	\$25.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$270,000	\$27.08	\$27.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$290,000	\$29.17	\$29.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$310,000	\$31.25	\$31.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$330,000	\$33.33	\$33.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$350,000	\$35.42	\$35.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$370,000	\$37.50	\$37.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$390,000	\$39.58	\$39.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$410,000	\$41.67	\$41.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$430,000	\$43.75	\$43.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$450,000	\$45.83	\$45.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$470,000	\$47.92	\$47.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$490,000	\$50.00	\$50.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$510,000	\$52.08	\$52.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$530,000	\$54.17	\$54.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$550,000	\$56.25	\$56.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$570,000	\$58.33	\$58.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$590,000	\$60.42	\$60.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$610,000	\$62.50	\$62.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$630,000	\$64.58	\$64.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$650,000	\$66.67	\$66.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$670,000	\$68.75	\$68.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$690,000	\$70.83	\$70.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$710,000	\$72.92	\$72.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$730,000	\$75.00	\$75.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$750,000	\$77.08	\$77.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$770,000	\$79.17	\$79.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$790,000	\$81.25	\$81.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$810,000	\$83.33	\$83.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$830,000	\$85.42	\$85.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$850,000	\$87.50	\$87.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$870,000	\$89.58	\$89.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$890,000	\$91.67	\$91.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$910,000	\$93.75	\$93.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$930,000	\$95.83	\$95.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$950,000	\$97.92	\$97.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$970,000	\$100.00	\$100.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$990,000	\$102.08	\$102.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,010,000	\$104.17	\$104.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,030,000	\$106.25	\$106.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,050,000	\$108.33	\$108.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,070,000	\$110.42	\$110.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,090,000	\$112.50	\$112.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,110,000	\$114.58	\$114.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,130,000	\$116.67	\$116.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,150,000	\$118.75	\$118.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,170,000	\$120.83	\$120.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,190,000	\$122.92	\$122.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,210,000	\$125.00	\$125.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,230,000	\$127.08	\$127.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,250,000	\$129.17	\$129.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,270,000	\$131.25	\$131.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,290,000	\$133.33	\$133.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,310,000	\$135.42	\$135.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,330,000	\$137.50	\$137.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,350,000	\$139.58	\$139.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,370,000	\$141.67	\$141.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,390,000	\$143.75	\$143.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,410,000	\$145.83	\$145.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,430,000	\$147.92	\$147.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,450,000	\$150.00	\$150.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,470,000	\$152.08	\$152.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,490,000	\$154.17	\$154.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,510,000	\$156.25	\$156.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,530,000	\$158.33	\$158.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,550,000	\$160.42	\$160.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,570,000	\$162.50	\$162.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,590,000	\$164.58	\$164.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,610,000	\$166.67	\$166.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,630,000	\$168.75	\$168.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,650,000	\$170.83	\$170.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,670,000	\$172.92	\$172.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,690,000	\$175.00	\$175.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,710,000	\$177.08	\$177.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,730,000	\$179.17	\$179.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,750,000	\$181.25	\$181.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,770,000	\$183.33	\$183.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,790,000	\$185.42	\$185.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,810,000	\$187.50	\$187.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,830,000	\$189.58	\$189.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,850,000	\$191.67	\$191.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,870,000	\$193.75	\$193.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,890,000	\$195.83	\$195.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,910,000	\$197.92	\$197.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,930,000	\$200.00	\$200.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,950,000	\$202.08	\$202.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,970,000	\$204.17	\$204.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$1,990,000	\$206.25	\$206.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,010,000	\$208.33	\$208.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,030,000	\$210.42	\$210.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,050,000	\$212.50	\$212.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,070,000	\$214.58	\$214.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,090,000	\$216.67	\$216.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,110,000	\$218.75	\$218.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,130,000	\$220.83	\$220.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,150,000	\$222.92	\$222.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,170,000	\$225.00	\$225.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,190,000	\$227.08	\$227.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,210,000	\$229.17	\$229.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,230,000	\$231.25	\$231.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,250,000	\$233.33	\$233.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,270,000	\$235.42	\$235.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,290,000	\$237.50	\$237.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,310,000	\$239.58	\$239.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,330,000	\$241.67	\$241.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,350,000	\$243.75	\$243.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,370,000	\$245.83	\$245.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,390,000	\$247.92	\$247.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,410,000	\$250.00	\$250.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,430,000	\$252.08	\$252.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,450,000	\$254.17	\$254.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,470,000	\$256.25	\$256.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,490,000	\$258.33	\$258.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,510,000	\$260.42	\$260.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,530,000	\$262.50	\$262.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,550,000	\$264.58	\$264.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,570,000	\$266.67	\$266.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,590,000	\$268.75	\$268.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,610,000	\$270.83	\$270.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,630,000	\$272.92	\$272.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,650,000	\$275.00	\$275.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,670,000	\$277.08	\$277.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,690,000	\$279.17	\$279.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,710,000	\$281.25	\$281.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,730,000	\$283.33	\$283.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,750,000	\$285.42	\$285.42	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,770,000	\$287.50	\$287.50	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,790,000	\$289.58	\$289.58	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,810,000	\$291.67	\$291.67	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,830,000	\$293.75	\$293.75	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,850,000	\$295.83	\$295.83	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,870,000	\$297.92	\$297.92	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,890,000	\$300.00	\$300.00	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,910,000	\$302.08	\$302.08	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,930,000	\$304.17	\$304.17	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,950,000	\$306.25	\$306.25	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,970,000	\$308.33	\$308.33	11.1%	13.8%
\$2,990,000	\$310.42	\$310.42	11.1%	1

Volunteers — serving the community

The Ashburton District Council financially supports a number of organisations that provide community facilities or services.

This funding, however, is not a one-way street. Members of the various organisations themselves contribute a large amount through their voluntary, unpaid work on committees and boards and as volunteer workers, to ensure the services and facilities they supply are of a high standard.

The names of many of the people working voluntarily for some of those organisations are listed below.

Ashburton Safer Community Council

Councillors representing groups: John Leadley (chairman, Ashburton District Council), Glenda Thomson (Ashburton Business Association), Chris Clark (Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service), Rod Bevan (Ashburton District Council), Anne Western (Community Probation), Jackie Girvan (Crown Public Health), Cathy Gourdie (Child, Youth and Family Service), Robbie Gane (Department of the Courts), Dawn Keepa (Hakaterere Marae Komiti), Marjorie Collins (Methven Residents Association), Rob Davison (Ashburton Ministers Association), Maureen Patterson (National Council of Women of New Zealand), Arnold Kelly (New Zealand Police), Arnold Rushton (Older Persons Representative), Digby Prosser (Principals Association – secondary), Peter Melrose (Principals Association – primary), Mary Hurst (Rakaia Residents Association), Jeanette Tarbotton (Rural Women New Zealand), Caroline Bowler (Student representative), Catherine Trott (Victim Support), Russell Woods (Work and Income New Zealand).

Projects management committee: Digby Prosser (chairman), Peter Melrose, John Conway, Anne Kerr, Barbara Kirk, Phil Kouka.

Enterprise Ashburton

Board members: Robin Kilworth (chairperson), Alistair Herridge, Chris Procter, Philip Quaid, Bruce Bell, Greg Carr, Euan Sparrow, Murray Speden, John Turton.



Ashburton District Tourism

Board members: Ingrid Temple, Tom McBrearty, David Wilson, Daphne Syme, Ginny Lovrich, Ken Cutforth, Murray Anderson, Kelvin Holmes.

Under the umbrella of Ashburton District Tourism are four promotions groups who work voluntarily to promote their areas to the district. They are Methven Promotions Association, Rakaia Business and Tourism Committee, Foothills Promotions, Promote Ashburton Inc.

Ashburton Visitor Information Centre

Committee: Karen McIntyre, Kelvin Holmes, Bevan Stroud, Ted Wood, Russell Anstiss, Barry Vessey, Kees Schikker, Gavin Snowball, Alan Trott, David Stewart.

Volunteers: Daphne Allison, Bruce Arnst, Jill Browne, Joan Corbett, Nancy Costin, Patsy Huggins, Jeanette Lovett, Helen Lowe, Isabel McArthur, Vivienne O'Connor, Natalie Quantock, Jan Stewart, Pat Weir, Joy Isaacs, Bruce McPhail, Jackie Sampson.

Staff: Manager Jenny Jordan. Office assistants Robin Brake, Yvonne Lister, JaneneMcGrath, RaeMagson.

Ashburton Art Gallery

Committee: Peter Bain, Ray Brand, Jean Butt, Anne Carr, Liz Ferguson, Frank Glasson, Nigel Hosking, Anita McLeod, Sue Newton, Darryl Nolan, Selwyn Price, Claire Robertshaw, Liz Scott, Brenda Stockdale, Martha Tripp, Joan Wilkinson.

Volunteers: Wave Baker, Pam Burdett, Harold Dephoff, Geoff Dobson, Joanna Fehmey, Estelle & Mervyn Jones, Anne Letham, Maidie McIntosh, Catherine Robins, Helen Sankey, Carmen Strachan, Ed von Tunzelmann, Margaret Digby, Anne Stapleton.



Ashburton Museum and Historical Society

Committee: Alister Smyth (President), Margaret Bean (Treasurer), Rita Wright (Secretary), Alan Bean, Alex and Bruce Ching, Kath Croy, Gilbert Donaldson, Michael Hanrahan, John Harper, David Howden, Jennifer Marks.

Volunteers: Margaret Argyle, Betty Hitchins, Bev & Sam Keating, Pam Kingston, Joy Morrison, Isobel Porter, Derek & Jeanette Prebble, Joy Rountree, Doreen & John Stalker, Ann Stapleton, Margaret Williamson, Ian Glassey, Geoff Dobson, John Carter, Shirley & Arthur Harris, Tom Pethick, Evelyn Donaldson, Jill Bennett.



Ashburton Community Pool

Board Members: Maurice Meyers (chairman), Kelvin Holmes, Bede O'Malley, Neville Truman, Maxine Watson, Ron Carlson, Lindsay Olsen.

Pool volunteers: Keith Dowdle, Jill Newton.

Ashburton Community Water Trust

Appointed trustees: Alister Argyle (chairman) Eddie Glass, Derek Newton.

Ex-officio trustees: Murray Anderson (mayor), Stuart Wilson (Federated Farmers). Co-opted: Don Church, Bob Englebrecht. Executive Officer: Eric Weir.

What's on

New books at the Ashburton Library

Fiction

The salmon of doubt, by Douglas Adams
The wind off the sea, by Charlotte Bingham
Lime's photograph, by Leif Davidsen
White wolf, by David Gemmell
Change of season, by Anna Jacobs
The secret life of bees, by Sue Monk Kidd
The jester, by James Patterson
Traitor's kiss, by Gerald Seymour
The lost years, by E.V. Thompson
Big Cherry Holler, by Adrianna Trigiani

Non-fiction

Aging well, by George E. Vaillant
ATV handbook, (Chiltons), by Christopher Bishop
Automobile Year 2002-2003
Elephantoms, by Lyall Watson
Enlightened equitation, by Heather Moffett
Parisian fashions of the Teens, from L'art et la Mode.
Planet Earth, by the German Aerospace Center
Prozac nation, by Elizabeth Wurtzel
Ralph Lauren, by Colin McDowell
Terror and liberalism, by Paul Beran

Coming up at the Ashburton Art Gallery

Committee Approved

Exhibition: 09 April 04 May

Committee Approved features a selection of works from the personal collections of members of the Ashburton Art Gallery committee. Members were invited to select two pieces of work each that have special meaning for them, whether for personal, sentimental or aesthetic reasons, and to tell us why. These reasons will be included on the exhibition labels. This exhibition will reveal not only a variety of motivations for collecting art but also a diverse range of tastes and reasons for appreciating art.

Marian Maguire: Southern Myths

Exhibition: 04 April 07 May

This exhibition by Christchurch painter and printmaker Marian Maguire features a series of etchings and lithographs based on the imagery on Greek vases. The lithographs explore the contrast between decoration and subject, while the etchings are narrative and more character based. Taking Greek myths, such as Achilles and Ajax, Maguire has developed her own stories and given the characters a New Zealand context.

Venus on a Beach Towel: The Paintings of Lindsay Crooks

Opening and Book Launch: Wednesday 7 May, 7.30pm

Exhibition: 8 May 15 June

Venus on a Beach Towel sees the return of Dunedin artist Lindsay Crooks. His work has been influenced by human activity in the New Zealand environment. Local history and his close relationship to the sea are reflected in his paintings through coastal themes depicting snapshots of everyday life. This is a significant exhibition that coincides with the release of his new book of the same title. The Gallery will be holding a book launch in conjunction with the opening of the exhibition and Lindsay Crooks will be present on the evening to sign books.

Claire Beynon: Altered Ground

Exhibition: 10 May 15 June

Altered Ground presents a series of large scale pastel and charcoal drawings by South African born artist Claire Beynon. Using the abstracted landscape as a theme, the exhibition celebrates the medium of drawing and the versatility of the drawn mark. These works have as much to do with the creative process as they do with an exploration of physical and spiritual terrain, surface and substrate, things known and things mysterious.

Nairobi Trio

Performance: Wednesday 28 May, 8pm

In May we are delighted to welcome back New Zealand's favourite jazz ensemble the Nairobi Trio. After the fantastic feedback and success of last years concert we decided we just had to have them back again so if you missed out make sure you mark the date on your calendar. On this tour Nairobi Trio will perform as a quartet with Andrew Dixon (saxophone/flute/vocals), Richard Adams (violin/vocals), John Quigley (guitar/vocals) and Peter Koopman (bass/vocals). Their performance is contagious, expressive and much of it spontaneously improvised. However, the group are perhaps best known for their skillfully crafted original pieces, many of which evoke images of New Zealand's geographic beauty and cultural diversity. Tickets available from the end of April.

Under control means just that **Water supplies** when it comes to dogs

Jaill sentences were handed out recently to the owners of a dog that attacked a young girl in an Auckland park.

That case and a number of subsequent dog attacks have given the whole issue of dog control a high profile. The sentence given the Auckland pair emphasises the seriousness with which the courts view dog attacks, and underlines the point that dog owners must be responsible for their animals.

Put simply, you are responsible for your dog, and you must keep it under control at all times.

Parliament is currently strengthening the law relating to dog ownership (The Dog Control Act 1996).

The District Council also has a by-law covering the whole area of dog ownership. One of its important provisions places strong emphasis on the need for dogs to be under continuous control at all times when they are in a public place.

"Under control" can mean different things for different dogs, depending on their temperament.

For many it may mean they have to be on a hand-held leash. In fact, it is a by-law requirement that dogs must be on a leash in public places in urban areas.

The council has, however, set aside a number of areas in parks where dogs can run free, but they must still be under the direct control of their owners.

There have been incidents in Ashburton where dogs in these exercise areas have made a nuisance of themselves to the public, other dog owners and to their dogs.

The important point is that even in dog exercise areas, being under the direct control of the owner may mean the dog still has to be on a leash.

Dogs are totally prohibited under the by-law from being in any of the following areas:-

- All cemeteries
- All children's play-grounds and pool areas.
- All libraries.
- The Lake Clearwater huts area.
- In most other public places in urban areas throughout the district

dogs must be on a hand-held leash. They can be allowed to run free for exercise, provided they are under the direct control of their owners, in the following areas:-

- Public places in rural areas
- The Green along State Highway One south of the Ashburton River bridge
- Pioneer Park (corner of Nelson and Oxford streets)
- Digby Park (Chalmers Avenue between Havelock and Cameron streets)
- The Patching Street Park excluding the children's play area
- Devon Park (between Kelvin Crescent and Creek Road)
- George Glassey Park excluding the children's play area (between Graham and Agnes streets)
- The Smallbone Drive reserve.
- You must remember, wherever your dog is it must be under your control. Failure to keep your dog under your control does not relieve you from responsibility for your dog's actions.

drinking water and the safety and quality of the raw water intended to become drinking water.

The move has come about because the Government has recognised that the extent drinking water supplies comply with acceptable safety standards is one of the measures of New Zealand's overall wellbeing.

Assuming Parliament passes the legislation it will be phased in over a five-year period with suppliers to populations in excess of 10,000 being the first required to be compliant from catchment to tap. The implementation of the legislation will have cost implications for most Ashburton communities. To raise standards there will obviously be an associated cost.

It is important that the council takes steps to fully understand the issues surrounding its various water supply schemes, and with that in mind a sum has been included in the budget for the coming year. The result of the legislation will very likely be that some schemes will require upgrading, and the costs for some of the smaller schemes over the next few years could be substantial.

The quadruple bottom line

The Ashburton District Council's draft annual plan for 2003/2004 is set out in a different way to past years. Every section has in the past contained performance targets.. This year the council has, for the first time, included quadruple bottom line (QBL) performance targets in its annual plan for all activities. The four factors included in QBL targets are economic, social, cultural and environmental. Councils are required by the Local Government Act passed last year to take those four factors into account in their decision making, planning and reporting.

At the heart of the QBL philosophy is the acknowledgment that an organisation has positive or negative impacts on the society it operates in, and that those impacts can be those four areas of the society as well as its economic wellbeing. The council plans and budgets to add the most value it can to the overall wellbeing of the district, with the goal being to add value to all four categories all the time. This may not always be possible, and some activities will actually impact unfavourably on some areas of the QBL account. In those cases the council's aim is to be aware of those negative impacts and seek to minimise or mitigate them.

Works Programme 2003/2004

Works for the coming year include —

Proposed Reseals

Urban — Methven	
South Belt - Urban	680
Patton St FL	211
Carr St FL	197
Lampard St - Alford St End	150
McDonald St	150
Urban — Chertsey	
Chertsey Kyle Road High St - Alexander St	132
Urban — Tinwald	
Grove Place FL	9
Harland St FL	90
Maronan Road SH West (Urban Boundary)	625
Melcobe Maronan - Bryant	491
Bryant St FL	488
Lagham Rd FL	565
Nursery Drive Arborea - SE	140
Jordan Ave Nursery Drive - SE	80
Urban — Hinds	
Frampton's Road	369
Urban — Ashburton	
Beach Road - Chalmers - Trevors	714
Friendship FL	162
Nelson St - Chalmers - Oxford	404
Kelvin Crescent (NE)	410
Belt Rd - SW	410
Reighton Drive - Allens Rd - NW	138
Beauvais Place FL	73
Harrison St Oak Grove to Farm Road	1570
Allens Road Alford Forest Rd to Wakanui Stream	1188
Reid Crescent	462
Urban Total metres	9579
Rural	
Hakaterere Heron Road South Ashburton River	562
Hakaterere Potts Road Clearwater Settlement	357
Ashburton Gorge Road South Ashburton River to Hakaterere Heron	4685
Hakaterere Heron Road	

Ashburton Gorge Road towards NE	70
Ashburton Gorge Road ARG Road to Bruce Road	1617
Boyd's Road ARG Road to End Seal	1375
Flynns Road Boyd's Road to End Seal	177
Flynns Road Boyd's Road to End Seal	2953
ARG Road	
Hart Road to McLennans Bush Road	3314
Rosehill Road McLennans Bush Road	722
Dolma Road Full Length	780
Barkers Road Rakaia Barhill Methven - Happy Valley	6497
Anama Settlement Road Full Length	4549
Hinds Gorge Road Full Length	7008
Montalto Road Hinds Gorge Road to South	83
Moranon Road Simpsons Road to Swamp Road	4304
Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road Frasers Road to West of Westerfield School Road	17357
Hollands Road Tarbottons Road to NW	789
Golflinks Road Full Length	340
Thompsons Track South Town Belt to Somerton Road	8311
Thompsons Track Mitcham Road to Line Road	4563
Lauriston Barhill Road	8824
Road to RMB Road	
Fords Road Dawsons Road to Grahams Road	2763
Wheatstone Road Fords Road to NE	71
Laings Road Full Length	305
Grove Farm Road Full Length	890
Carters Tee Grove Street to Wilkin Street	955
North Park Road Full Length	831

Murdochs Road Full Length	804
Morris Road Full Length	1040
Cochranes Road Beach Road East towards SW	342
Christus Road Seafield Rd to Denshires Road North	7421
Mainwarings Road	
Pendarves Rakaia Road to Gardiners Road	6371
Acton Road Burrowes Road to Griggs Road	11468
Rural Total metres	112,498
Total reseals	122,077
Water	
New Capital	
Ashburton — Quality/Source Upgrade	831,780
Hakaterere — Treatment Plant Upgrade	102,527
Hinds — Treatment Plant Upgrade	60,000
Mt. Somers — New Equipment	11,000
	\$1,005,307
Cyclic Renewals	
Ashburton	
Forward Design and Condition Monitoring	15,896
Main Replacement	
Beach Road Chalmers Avenue to Trevors Road	165,909
Nelson Street Chalmers Avenue to Cambridge Street	74,224
Nelson Street	
Leeston Street Suffolk Street to Beach Road	41,690
Willow Street Suffolk Street to Beach Road	41,645
Princes Street Bridge Street to McDonald Street	95,422
Ridermain Replacement	
McMurdo Street Catherine Street to Jane Street	23,056
Thompson Street	
Johnstone Street to Manchester Street	28,437

Footpaths, etc	
Ashburton	
New seats at Netherby shopping centre	2,185
New Footpaths Cycle lane painting and signage, Walnut Ave, N side, Belt Rd to Creek Rd	5,463
New Kerb and Channel Kermode St (W, Park St to SH 77)	27,355
Methven	
New Footpaths	
Mackie St North side	15,614
Dolma Street North side	34,350
New Kerb and Channel Dolma St (N side, Main St to east)	61,930
Rakaia	
New Kerb and Channel Mackie St (BS - Dunford St to Normanby St)	29,816
Normanby St (BS - Cridland St to railway Tee East)	55,838
Rural	
New Footpaths	
Hinds	9,000
New Kerb and Channel Pattons St, Mt Somers (From Store to Buccleugh St)	10,518
Ashburton	
Footpath Resurfacing Chalmers Avenue - SE Beach Road to South Road	16,492
Trevors Rd - NW Suffolk Street to Beach Road	5,680
West St - NW Saunders Ave to Racecourse Rd	11,568
Suffolk St - NE Willow Street to Leeston Street	4,973
Suffolk St - Both Leeston Street to Trevors Road	15,725
Kitchener St - SW Bridge St to Brucefield	9,005
Thomson St - SE Jane to Catherine	7,159
Mc Murdo St - SE Graham towards NE	1,402
Short St - SW Park St	

to Winter St	6,116
Winter St - NW	5,262
Burnett St - SW Winter to Grigg	8,447
Burnett St - NE River Tee to Grigg St	2,361
Belt Rd - NW Tucker St to Hanrahan	5,801
Harrison St - NE Lane St to Farm Rd	4,148
Glassey Rd - SE Full Length	9,169
Hefford Rd - Both Full Length	9,915
Carters Tee - NE SH1 to SE Grove St	15,036
Thomson St - SE Catherine St SW	3,980
Mc Murdo St - SE Catherine St SW	4,043
McMurdo St - SE Wilkin St to Manchester St	8,667
Turton St - NW Middle Rd to Allens Rd	12,093
Reid Cres - NW Elizabeth St to Cross St	16,353
Reid Cres - SE Elizabeth St to NE	2,019
Reid Cres - NE Cross St to SE	5,720
Walker St - NW Philip to NE	2,361
Walker St - SE Philip St to Elizabeth	3,710
Cameron St - SW Walker St to Grigg St	6,383
Creek Rd - NW Middle Rd to Catherwood Ave	\$2,412
Creek Rd - NW Catherwood Ave to Woods St	\$7,122
Park St - NW Burnett to Havelock St	\$3,575
Kermode St - NE Park St to SE	\$2,125
Kermode St - NE West St to NW	\$3,845
West St - NW Kermode St to NE	\$1,793
Cass St - Both Dobson St to Mona Square	\$3,400
Mona Square - SW Kermode St to Cass St	\$3,305

Aitken St - NE William St to Chalmers Ave	\$6,520
Suffolk St - SW - Leeston to Trevors Rd	\$7,921
Methven	
Footpath Resurfacing South Belt - N Jackson St to Cameron St	\$4,042
Alington St - S Morgan St to Cameron St	\$3,672
Methven Chertsey - N Mackie St to West	\$9,621
Methven Chertsey - S opp Mackie St to West	\$5,734
Rakaia	
Footpath Resurfacing Cridland St - SE Elizabeth St to Rolleston St	\$3,056
Elizabeth St - SW Cridland to SE	\$4,317
Rural	
Footpath Resurfacing Hoods St, Mt Somers - W Ashburton Gorge Road to Buccleugh Road	\$11,791
Wastewater	
New Capital	
Ashburton	
Ashburton Wastewater Scheme Upgrade	\$902,237
Cyclic Renewals	
Ashburton	
Forward Design and Condition Monitoring	\$26,539
Sewer Main Replacement Outside 28 Cross Street to 67 Elizabeth Street	\$39,718
Outside 383 Burnett St to William Street	\$51,698
Outside 11 South St to Cass Street	\$90,894
Dobson St - manhole 20m back from East St to William Street	\$125,274
Wills Street - William St to Chalmers Ave	\$55,244
Outside 118 Tancred Street to Cass Street	\$38,990
Winter Street - Sealy Street to Havelock St	\$10,946



ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
Submission Draft 2003/2004 Annual Plan and Budget

Name.....

Address.....

Daytime phone number.....

I/we wish to present this submission in person. Yes No (circle one)

Remember to return your comments by Friday, May 2, 2003 to Ashburton District Council, P.O. box 94, Ashburton, or drop them into the council office, Baring Square West, Ashburton.

(Submissions and attached pages should be typed or printed with a blue or black pen)

I wish to submit as follows:

.....

.....

.....

.....

Signature.....

Submission hearings are scheduled for May 15/16, 2003

WHAT IS THE FIX-A-GRAM SERVICE?

The Ashburton District Council is always looking for ways to improve communication between district residents and staff. We know it is not always easy to find the right person or the right department, and even if you do there is no guarantee the officer will be there. The FIX-A-GRAM is an easy to use form listing a number of common concerns. All you have to do is fill the form and post it off. You can also phone a FIX-A-GRAM into the council office on 308 5139.

FIX-A-GRAM

A handy way of advising your council of any problem

To complete the coupon, please;

- Fill in the details of your name, address and phone number so we can keep you informed.
- Tick the box which best describes the problem.
- Tell us the location of the problem.
- Cut out the coupon and post FIX-A-GRAM to Ashburton District Council, Private Bag 94, Ashburton, or drop it into your nearest ADC office.

NOTE: Urgent matters should be phoned straight away to the Council at 308 5139

FROM:

Name..... Phone:.....

Address..... Date:

TYPE OF PROBLEM:

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pothole | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Trench | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter/Rubbish | <input type="checkbox"/> Locked Gutter/Drain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lighting Inadequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Manhole | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Light Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Signs Damaged | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Kerb | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Road Marking | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Leaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Signs Obscured | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Nuisance |

Other problems or details:.....

Location of Problem (Street or Road).....