

Council grants

Every year the Ashburton District Council allocates grants up to a maximum of \$5000 to community groups and organisations whose projects contribute to the well being of the community.

This year \$35,000 was available for

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust	\$400
The Ashburton Rowing Club	\$4000
The Ashburton Cadet Corps Association	\$1000
The Rakaia Rugby Club	\$3000
Wakanui School	\$1500
Tinwald War Memorial Hall Society	\$1197
Ashburton Senior Citizens	\$1500
Ashburton Resource Centre	\$1500
Ashburton Mackenzie Community Group Inc	\$320
Mountain Safety Council – Mid Canterbury branch	\$1500
Staveley Hall Society	\$2350
Ashburton Trust Swim Team	\$695
Ashburton Toastmasters Club	\$800

distribution and 26 applications were received.

Council also gave grants to six school holiday programmes from a total pool of \$3000.

This year's successful grant applicants and the amounts they received were:

Ashburton Rural Volunteer Fire Unit	\$814
Ashburton Learning Centre Inc	\$2000
Ashburton Art Gallery	\$1074
Tinwald Cycling Club	\$3000
Rakaia War Memorial Community Centre	\$1850
Methven Bowling Club	\$1500
Ashburton Museum & Historical Society	\$5000.
Grants for school holiday programmes were allocated to:	
Birbright	\$200
Ashburton Museum	\$300
Methven Golf Club Ladies Committee	\$200
St David's Union Church	\$750
Sport Mid Canterbury	\$1000
Cook Island Hakatere Youth	\$550.

A council grants working party meets to consider applications made under the annual grant scheme which must fit certain criteria if they are to be successful. Successful recipients are notified by way of a letter no later than September each year.

Only non-profit organisations based in Ashburton whose projects will benefit the well being of the community are eligible to apply.

The council will not fund the holding or hosting of regional, South Island or national tournaments or events or projects that can be funded from other council administered sources.

Neither are administration and running costs, wages, prize money, sponsorship and travel costs and individual grants eligible for funding.

School holiday programmes must also be based in the Ashburton District and run by non-profit organisations if they are to

attract a council grant.

Applications may cover more than one programme or holiday period although only one grant per year will be made.

There is no formal application form for school holiday programme grants but applications must include information about where the programme will be held, the number of children likely to attend, the adult/child ratio, age group targeted, estimated income and expenditure and the latest audited accounts (if applicable).

Successful grant recipients must furnish council with a report at the conclusion of the programme detailing the number of children who attended, an income and expenditure statement and an evaluation of the programme.

Application forms for the annual grant scheme can be obtained from the Ashburton District Council offices or downloaded from the council's website www.ashburtondc.govt.nz.

New faces at the council



Felix Dawson recently joined the council as a policy adviser in the community services department. His role involves liaising with both council colleagues and the community to put together a plan that links community activities and services to a budget. Felix has

worked in local government for the last 10 years and has also been involved in roles that offered corporate and property advice. The Christchurch local is the father of a 16 month old girl and is a former surfer. These days he likes nothing better than getting on the water and sailing his 20 foot yacht.



George Cuthbert is the new face and a building official in the building department at the Ashburton District Council. His duties include processing building consents and carrying out the inspection visits associated with them. George ran his own building business and also worked for the Scottish government in

his former homeland. Having shifted to New Zealand with his partner and stepdaughter just six weeks ago, George is steadily finding his feet in a new country and is looking forward to spending more time in the great outdoors and indulging in his hobbies of hunting, shooting and fishing.

R&R Linedancing @ the Methven Rodeo, 24/10/2008-25/10/2008

Lauriston School's 125th Jubilee 24/10/2008-26/10/2008

Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club, 25/10/2008-27/10/2008

Methven Rodeo, 26/10/2008

The Plains Vintage Railway & Historical Museum, 26/10/2008

Ashburton Trotting Club Meeting, 27/10/2008

Ashburton Society of Arts Cash & Carry Exhibition, 28/10/2008-21/11/2008

The Nutcracker-The Russian Imperial Ballet, 28/10/2008

What's Up My Chimney, 30/10/2008-31/10/2008

131st Ashburton A&P Show, 31/10/2008-1/11/2008

For The Hell Of It, 31/10/2008

Canterbury Bride 2008 Canterbury Bride of the Year, 1/11/2008

Farmers Market, 1/11/2008

2008 Bridal Fair, 2/11/2008

Ashburton Business Awards 7/11/2008

150 years (of song dance and culture), 8/11/2008

Be Dazzled - Anglican Parish Fundraiser, 8/11/2008

Rakaia Craft Market, 9/11/2008

Ashburton Trotting Club Meeting, 13/11/2008



Ashburton District Tourism

www.ashburtondistrict.co.nz

Farmers Market, 15/11/2008

150th Anniversary of Settlement of Ashburton Township 20/11/2008

South Island Half Ironman, 21/11/2008-22/11/2008

Festival of Flowers and Music, 22/11/2008

Farmers Market, 29/11/2008

Ashburton Rowing Club Regatta, 30/11/2008

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, 30/11/2008

Longbeach MTB Coastal Challenge, 30/11/2008

Ashburton Santa Parade, 5/12/2008.

Farmers Market, 13/12/2008

Teva Big Day at the Office Race, 13/12/2008

Methven Trotting Club Meeting, 14/12/2008

Rakaia Craft Market, 14/12/2008

Farmers Market, 20/12/2008

Ashburton Trotting Club Meeting, 26/12/2008

New Years Eve Street Party, 31/12/2008



Jenna Scott has recently started at the council as a project support officer in the community services department. Since graduating from the University of Canterbury with a bachelor of art degree with honours in sociology at the end of

2007, she has worked part-time as a medical receptionist and also as a research assistant, before taking up her job with the council. The Christchurch local is keen on scrap-booking and looks forward to family orientated activities in her spare time.