



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 20 November 2008

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

B LESTER
Chief Executive

MEMBERS:

Cr B A Tasker (Chairman)
Cr L J Leadley
Cr N A Brown
Cr I J Burgess
Cr J A Everest
Cr K L Holmes
Cr K W P Lowe
Cr P W Reveley
Mayor M B O'Malley (ex officio)

AGENDA

2.30 pm **New Zealand Transport Agency Presentation**
Regional Director Canterbury / West Coast, Mark Yaxley, and Cr Jo Kane (ECan)

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 5/1/8/2
DATE: 20 November 2008
REPORT TO: Operations Committee
FROM: Community Services Officer
SUBJECT: Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

5. ROAD CLOSURE – ASHBURTON CAR CLUB

5.1.1 SUMMARY

To recommend the temporary closure of a road in Ashburton, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting.

5.1.2 RECOMMENDATION

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday 6 December 2008, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting:

CHERTSEY ROAD, between Wards Road and Taverners Road.”

5.1.3 BACKGROUND

The Ashburton Car Club has applied for a temporary road closure, for the purpose of holding a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile meeting, on the following road in Ashburton:

- CHERTSEY ROAD, between Wards Road and Taverners Road.

This application must be considered by Council because New Zealand Motorsport, of which the Ashburton Car Club is a member, requires roads to be closed for motor sport events under the local Government Act, as event participants may be under 15 years of age.

The Ashburton Car Club has been advised of the conditions of closure as follows:

1. Approval by this Committee.
2. No objections being upheld against the closure in response to the statutory advertisement.
3. Arrangements are to be made for a pre-event and post-event inspection with a representative from the Council’s Operations Department. The inspections are to be completed within three days of the event and results of the inspections will be recorded by Council.
4. The road must be reinstated to the condition prior to the event. Any costs incurred by the Council as a result of this event, including maintenance costs or reinstatement costs, will be charged to the Ashburton Car Club. Any restoration work required is to be carried out to an arranged programme with Council.

5. Necessary arrangements are made for the tidying and clearing of the road on the closed section of the road and the disposal of any litter.
6. The Ashburton Car Club is required to arrange adequate insurance against its liability to pay damages to any person or entity in respect of any claim on account of damage to property or injury to persons where the damage or injury results from the holding of this event.
7. Provision of a Traffic Management Plan, conforming with the requirements of the Transit NZ Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.
8. The Ashburton Car Club shall be responsible to ensure that the correct road signs and barricades are in place during the full period of the closure and promptly removed after the conclusion and clearance of the road.
9. The Ashburton Car Club is required to provide adequate safety marshals in distinctive clothing for the event.
10. Should weather conditions become sufficiently adverse that the road could be damaged as a result of holding the event the organisers shall take the necessary steps to protect the road. This may include delaying or cancelling the event.

5.1.4 OPTIONS

The event is run annually and has been managed without incident in the past. The responsibilities for riskfree operation lie with the organisers and all contingencies are covered in the conditions of closure.

5.1.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Clause 11 of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 provides –

“That Council may, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit... close any road or part of a road to all traffic (e)... for any exhibition, fair, market, concert, film making, race or other sporting event or public function.”

5.1.6 CONSULTATION

The proposed road closure has been publicly notified in the Ashburton Guardian on Wednesday, 29 October 2008 and objections called for by 4.00 pm Wednesday 12 November 2008.

5.1.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

Not applicable.

5.1.8 FINANCIAL

Not applicable.

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Approved by:

J G ROLLINSON
Manager Democracy & Community Services

ACTIVITY REPORTS

6. Activity Reports

6.1 General

6.1.1 Financial Reports

Financial reports for the period 1 July to 31 October 2008, are attached to this report.

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6.1.2 Ashburton Business Estate

- **External potable water**

Construction of the external water main will be completed by the end of November. All pipework has been laid with only fittings to be installed and reinstatement to be completed.

- **Internal water and wastewater**

The detailed design for the internal water and wastewater is progressing and is approximately 70% complete. The installation of a flushing tank on the internal wastewater network has been approved to reduce operating costs and the need for a pumping station.

- **Works Road**

The subdivision consent required for the improved Works Road alignment at the entrance to the business estate is approximately 85% complete. This work will be completed within the next few weeks when minor details are finalised with the adjacent landowner.

- **Business Estate subdivision consent**

The subdivision consent for the Business Estate is progressing and it is intended that the consent application will be lodged by the end of November.

- **Future water supply**

An area of land will be set aside for the possible future construction of a potable water groundwater bore and associated treatment facilities.

- **Power supply and telecommunications**

Work is progressing on the design of the power supply and telecommunications.

- **Stormwater consent applications**

ECan are rewording some of the proposed conditions based on our requested changes. This should be completed shortly. It is anticipated this application will proceed non-notified.

- **Structure Plan**

The structure plan will be lodged at the same time as the subdivision consent application at the end of November.

- **Entranceway signage**

The proposed entranceway signage and location has been discussed with the Transport Agency. At this stage, given the location and wording on the sign, they do not have any concerns. The signs will be located outside the 'clear zone' adjacent to the state highway.

- **Promotional signage**

Given the concerns raised by a number of agencies regarding promotional signage it is now proposed that “directional signs” be installed adjacent to the state highway directing interested people to an information sign / area on Northpark Road. This option has been discussed with the Transport Agency who have indicated that they do not have any concerns with this approach at this stage (the Project Board have also approved this approach).

- **Possible staging of physical works**

Further work has been carried out regarding the possible ‘staging’ of construction works. At this point, three stages have been identified and costings for each stage have been prepared.

- **Financial Summary**

- Professional services

- quoted contract	\$1,800,000
- forecast final expenditure	\$1,830,000
- forecast unfavourable variance	\$30,000

- External potable water

- budget	\$1,657,700
- tendered sum	\$1,485,575
- forecast final expenditure	\$1,480,000
- forecast favourable variance	\$177,700

6.1.3 Ashburton Aquatic Centre / Stadium

The site selection report was finalised on Monday 10 November, and forwarded to the Ashburton Stadium Trust.

A presentation on the information included in the report will be made to a Trust. The Trust will then make a presentation and recommendation to Council. At this stage this recommendation is anticipated before Christmas.

6.1.4 Lake Hood Toilets

Formal approval of the design concept and location has been received from the Lake Hood Trust. Work is continuing on the detailed design and construction work will commence as soon as possible.

Discussions will be held with the Lake Hood Trust to agree the most appropriate land access arrangements / agreement.

6.1.5 Update on the Waste Minimization Act 2008

The main purpose of the Act is to support and speed up progress towards waste minimization.

The Bill was originally submitted to Parliament in May 2006. There were two rounds of submissions and Council submitted on both occasions. The Bill came into force in September 2008.

A report providing an overview of the Act was received and considered by the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee at its meeting on Monday 10 November. A copy of the report is attached to this agenda for the Committee’s information.

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Mrs Sheryl Stevens of Wastebusters was nominated by Council and has been appointed to the Waste Advisory Board.

At the meeting on the 10 November, the Committee expressed concern regarding a number of matters, these are outlined below:

- Lack of TLA representation on the Board
- Administration costs
- Interest monies and whether they will be returned for waste minimization activities
- Recyclable materials priorities.

The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee will be forwarding a letter to the Ministry for the Environment regarding the above. It is suggested that the Ashburton District Council also forward a letter.

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Committee approves the preparation of a letter to be forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment outlining concerns regarding

- TLA representation of the Waste Advisory Board
- The use of interest on levies collected
- Requesting TLA’s be invited to comment on product priorities.”

6.1.6 Stockwater Consent Replacement

We have been informally advised that work has commenced on writing the decision.

6.2 Roding

6.2.1 State Highway Work 2008/2009

The NZ Transport Agency has not advised any new State Highway Roding work.

6.2.2 Regional milestones for three-year (2009-12) Regional and National Land Transport Programmes

As reported previously, work is well underway towards completion of ADC submissions to the Regional Transport Committee using LTP online of components of RLTP. This was submitted on 14 November 2008.

The Committee will be provided with a copy of the draft programme as it has been lodged. Note that this programme will be included in the draft LTCCP to be workshopped by the Council in the next few months.

6.2.3 Crash Reports

A record of crashes that have occurred in Ashburton district on state highways and local roads since last report is appended. *Pages 44-45*

6.2.4 General Maintenance

With the improvements in temperatures and general weather conditions, the focus of maintenance in the last month has been on catching up on pavement maintenance prior to the resealing of sections in 2008/09.

The scale of pavement repairs identified in two of the roads due for resealing this year have proved so widespread that these sections will be removed from the reseal schedule and will require rehabilitation or overlaying next year. The roads identified are Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road between Orchards Road and Tanks Road, and Ealing Road between SH 1 and Boundary Road.

On other sections due for resealing, the main method of pavement repair, is to stabilise the existing top 150mm to 200mm of material by milling into the layer approximately 3% of cement or a mixture of cement and lime. In certain circumstances, the material in the existing pavement is not reactive to lime or cement and no increase in strength is achieved. In these areas, if the amount of repairs as a proportion of the total area to be sealed is not significant, then the failed pavement is dug out and replaced with sound aggregate. On the sections listed above, the amount of repairs needed to restore the pavement to a satisfactory condition was in excess of 25% total section and in the case of Ealing Road, the cause of the failures is a deep layer of non-reactive topsoil just below the seal. The most effective and economic means of rehabilitating these roads is likely to be an overlay of new pavement and investigations are underway to determine the best treatment for these areas.

In addition to the digouts and stabilising, extensive pothole repairs and treatment of edge break along the edge of the seal are being undertaken as a maintenance item. Minor levelling work and texture treatments are included in the reseal contract.

A number of roads have not recovered very well from the wet weather. We are working through these issues with the Contractor, who will be providing additional grading, as well as metalling sections where this is required.

6.2.5 Area Wide Pavement Treatment

Work is progressing on preparing contract documents and drawings for the rehabilitation of the failing sections of Ashburton Staveley Road between Driscolls Road and Thompsons Track. The exact length treated will be determined by the available budget as testing has indicated that more than 6km of Ashburton Staveley Road between Buchans Road and Thompsons Track actually needs rehabilitating. Now that the bitumen index has started to drop, it is likely that most of the budget provision for this work will not be required to offset the forecast overrun in the reseals budget. This will allow us to facilitate reasonable lengths of pavement rehabilitation in the new contract.

It is still intended to undertake unsealed road rehabilitation in February to April 2009.

6.2.6 Major Drainage Control

Contract C547 – Roadside Drainage Improvements, 2008/09. The contractor has completed 80% of the scheduled swale drain excavation, prior to the sealing of these rural roads. The remainder of the scheduled roadside drainage work will be completed within the next week and the installation of soak pits will follow. It is advantageous to mark the intended position of these after rainfall as the low spots are easily located.

Surveys and investigations for kerb and channel construction have been completed and design work is in the final stages. Once final quantities are fixed, the physical works contract will be prepared and it is intended that the contract tender will be advertised by the end of November.

6.2.7 Reseals of District Roads

Contract C550 – Reseals and Pre-seal Repairs, 2008/09. ACL have commenced work and are well advanced with pre-seal texturing and minor levelling work. In addition, a start has been made with the resealing of rural roads.

The latest NZTA Bitumen Index indicates a significant drop in the price of bitumen which will likely result in the full scheduled quantity of road sealing being able to be achieved. If the current trend in the index is sustained, some further funds may be able to be re-assigned for road rehabilitation works closer to the original budget. The index movement from August 2008 (time of tender) to November is over 11% which indicates a reseal cost saving of over \$250,000

As detailed in the maintenance section above, two sections of road have been withdrawn from the contract as these could not be reinstated to a reasonable standard by maintenance work at a reasonable cost prior to sealing and will now be considered for rehabilitation next year. We are investigating whether replacement sections of work can be added to the sealing programme to offset the removal of these two sections of road.

6.2.8 Bridges

Opus International Consultants have completed their survey and presented their structural assessment of district bridges. Once the report has been examined, meetings with their bridging Engineers will be held to discuss the ramifications of the report and their submitted lists of maintenance issues and remedial works. Initial indications are that Council's bridges are in good and improving condition. A summary of the report outcomes will be presented to the next Committee meeting.

6.2.9 Street Cleaning

Routine cleaning of urban streets, channels, sumps and siphons continues. The cleaning contractor has been called to several incidents where glass and other material has been deliberately left on streets and footpaths. The cost of attending to these incidents is significant and increasing.

6.2.10 Traffic Services

Maintenance of road signs and traffic services continues throughout the district. Most of the signs damaged by the wind last month have been replaced, repaired or appropriately reinstated. Some of the larger signs in more exposed areas will progressively have some additional bracing installed to make them more resistant to such winds in the future.

No major incidents of wilful sign damage have been noted since the previous report although there have been several reports of Stop and Give Way signs getting knocked down, probably by trucks towing trailers and cutting too close to the edge of the road at intersections. As these signs need to be close to the edge of a road or on the edge of a footpath to be readily visible and effective, moving them to a more secure position is not an option. This is highlighted by the number of intersection accidents that occur, where it is apparent that the drivers do not see the regulatory signs at these sites.

6.2.11 Carriageway Lighting

Maintenance of the district's street lights continues to be carried out by Electricity Ashburton. This work covers regular and routine inspections and checks and attends to lamp maintenance requests. No significant issues have been reported since the previous report.

6.2.12 Road Widening

A Project Economic Evaluation is underway in order to justify to NZTA the seal widening of Company Road, initially between Seafield Road and the access to the Ashburton Industrial Area.

Work on the seal widening of Works Road has been completed. The widening of Northpark Road has been delayed pending approval to relocate one of two Telecom cables clear of the proposed widened seal.

6.2.13 Intersection upgrades

Economic assessments for the upgrade of SH1 and Northpark Rd and SH1 and Works Road have been completed and application will be made to NZ Transport Agency to have these projects elevated from Category 2 to Category 1, so the work will receive the appropriate NZTA subsidy funding. It is envisaged that tenders for these works will be advertised before the end of the year.

6.2.14 Minor Improvements

Contract C531 – Stranges Road/Grahams Road Intersection Upgrade. Work has commenced and the new section of Grahams Road linking on to Stranges Road SE of the previous location has been constructed and should be sealed this week. The reconstruction of the intersection of Stranges Road and Boundary Road is underway.

Other projects on the 2008/09 schedule are being developed for forwarding for consultation to affected parties and will be progressively prepared for construction early in 2009.

6.2.15 New Cycleway

Plans for the development of the cycle path between Moore Street and Havelock Street are currently being prepared and should be ready for initial consultation early in December. The section/s of path for the 2009/10 programme from Havelock Street to Wills Street are also being investigated.

6.2.16 New Kerb & Channel and Footpaths

The designs for new sections of kerb and channel and footpath are nearing completion and the physical work will be undertaken by contract in conjunction with the replacement kerb and channel early in 2009.

6.2.17 Footpath Maintenance

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues. The schedule of streets for footpath resurfacing in 2008/09 is nearing completion and a physical works contract will be tendered next month. Work will start in January 2009.

6.2.18 Minor Township Maintenance Contracts

Normal seasonal operations are underway for the Rakaia and Methven contracts. No significant issues have been reported in the last period.

6.2.19 Public Conveniences

Ongoing problems with the fittings in the East Street toilets are becoming frustrating for users and staff alike. It appears that some plastic plumbing fixtures are simply wearing out, rendering some facilities unusable until replacement parts are ordered and installed.

We will investigate the building product warranties that should be available on these items. In addition, careless use and misuse of door locks has meant that some users are unable to exit the affected units without external assistance. The locks are all checked on a regular basis and if faulty, a notice is placed in the cubicles, however these notices are sometimes ignored or removed which does not help the situation. It is likely that some complete new doors with very heavy duty locks may be required, in order to completely fix the problem.

6.2.20 Land Transport Act Road Closures and Delegated Authority Closures

The following events are provisionally approved subject to the usual conditions.

Applicant:	Ashburton Business Association
Event:	Christmas Parade – East Street
Date & Time:	EAST STREET, from Kermode Street to Cameron Street, from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm KERMODE STREET, from East Street to Mona Square, from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm MONA SQUARE, from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm, Friday 12 December 2008
Objections:	Objections to the LTA advertisement close 13 November 2008
Additional Information:	The parade will commence at 6.30 pm

6.3 Water Supplies

6.3.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

6.3.2 AM-AH10 – Water Pipeline Renewals, Ashburton & Methven 2008/09

This contract covers the renewal of 1382m of water mains and construction of 724m of rider mains in Ashburton and Methven. The contract was first advertised on 13 September and tenders closed on 3 October.

Council received four tenders ranging in price from \$ 499,967.60 to \$ 660,701.00. The contract was awarded under delegated authority (Senior Management) to Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$ 499,967.60 exclusive GST. The budget for the physical works is \$ 683,655.

Construction is programmed to commence on or about 17 November. The contract period ends late April 2009.

6.3.3 Ashburton

Tinwald Borefield

Work commenced with a rotary rig on 2 October with drilling of the pre-collar. Bore drilling commenced on 7 October and was progressed to around 36 metres (14 October) before minor collapses necessitated a change to a cable tool rig. This rig has been under repair in their workshop but was expected to be onsite again on or about 10 November.

6.3.4 Mount Somers

Reservoir & Genset Installation

The contractor is programmed to commence work on Monday 17 November. The work will start with installation of the standby generator near the water treatment plant on Ashburton Gorge Road. The reservoir installation will follow.

6.3.5 Rakaia

New Water Take Consent

Opus staff have been working through the outstanding issues with the Investigating Officer (IO) at Environment Canterbury. It appears that all of ECan's concerns have now been addressed and the focus has shifted to finalising the resource consent conditions with a view to agreeing those prior to their inclusion in the amended IO report.

The IO is amending the report at present and aiming to present it at a Regulatory & Hearing Committee meeting on either 21 or 28 November. Verbal advice indicates that the report will recommend granting the consent for the full requested term.

Upgrade Works

The contract documentation is substantially complete and the contract could be tendered at any time.

6.4 Wastewater

6.4.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

6.4.2 AM-AH11 – Sewer Pipeline Renewals, Ashburton & Methven 2008/09

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

This contract covers the renewal of 1042m of sewer mains in Ashburton and Methven. The contract was first advertised on 20 September and tenders closed on 10 October. Council received six tenders ranging in price from \$ 516,520.00 to \$ 827,641.81. The contract was awarded under delegated authority (Senior Management) to B-G Contracting Limited in the amount of \$ 516,520 exclusive GST. The budget for the physical works is \$ 723,952.

Construction is programmed to commence on or about 17 November. The contract period ends late April 2009.

6.4.3 Ashburton

Ashburton WWTP Facilities

Some minor improvements works are being progressed at Wilkins Road and at Ocean Farm. These relate to the installation of improved screening to protect the wetland area from floatable materials migrating from the ponds. A fence is also to be constructed around the storage pond at Ocean Farm to prevent the ingress of windblown material and prevent small animals from falling into the pond.

Design has commenced for security fencing and entry arrangements for third parties (in particular, septic waste carriers) to use the Wilkins Road site for disposal.

These arrangements require careful consideration as the users would prefer 24 hr / 7 days a week access. The chosen system needs the ability to record entry and exit times so that the carrier's visit can be reconciled against recorded discharge volumes for invoicing purposes.

6.4.4 Ocean Farm

WW-AG10 removal of standing grass at Ocean Farm – Terrace Rd, Ashburton

This contract covers the removal (sale) of standing grass at Ocean Farm. The successful contractor is Winslow Ltd. To date Block 4 (118ha of Tall Fescue and White Clover), Block 5 (12.5ha of Ryegrass) and Block 2 (24ha of Triticale) have had the first cut harvested. Block 1 is programmed for harvest on or about November 17.

6.4.5 Methven

Upgrading of Disposal Beds at WWTP

The work on the disposal beds is complete. The trialling of changes to the automatic valves and discharge system have not been successful. Further modifications are programmed for completion by 13 November. It will then be monitored again to confirm correct operation.

6.4.6 Rakaia

Sludge Disposal

The sludge disposal system at the Acton Road treatment plant is continuing to come under scrutiny by ECan's monitoring staff. The current system is struggling to achieve full compliance and improvements need to be made to work procedures and the disposal system to comply with resource consent conditions. Investigations are underway to identify options and the scope of any upgrading work required.

6.5 Stormwater

6.5.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

6.5.2 Chalmers Avenue Stormwater Drain Renewal

This project has been completed. A short section of the drain has been successfully removed and placed in storage for possible future display purposes.

The remaining works relating to this project centre on the finalisation of an Archaeology Report as required under the New Zealand Historic Place Trust Authority issued for the project and the development of a leaflet which would be used for general reference. The report has been issued and a copy has been forwarded to the Ashburton Museum. The leaflet is still in development.

6.5.3 Ashburton Urban Stormwater Strategy

The purpose of this document is to set out an overall strategy to enable Council to meet its obligations, and effectively manage stormwater in the urban area. The overall strategy for stormwater management will set an approach for sustainable management in the Ashburton urban area for the next 25 years.

The draft AUSS has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. Once completed, this document will be forwarded for Council consideration and adoption.

6.5.4 Westpark Close Stormwater Disposal

Correspondence has been received regarding the state of the stormwater swale at the entrance to Westpark Close. The concerns raised centre on the aesthetics of the swale and the entrance to the subdivision in general. There appears to be a general misunderstanding that the entrance was going to be developed to a similar standard to other subdivisions in developed recently at the time.

The present stormwater swale structure has been constructed in accordance with the approved engineering design. The swale is integral to the stormwater disposal system of the subdivision and is subject to a resource consent and associated conditions. It is currently operating as intended but at present requires some maintenance to address weed growth. This will be completed in the next few weeks.

The nature of the resource consent conditions limit the options for improving the appearance of the swale and suggested options such as filling in the swale and landscaping the area are not possible without compromising the stormwater disposal system and with consent compliance implications. It is proposed to discuss options for improving the appearance of the area in conjunction with ECan and Parks staff. A letter outlining the intended way forward will be sent to the correspondents.

6.6 Stockwater

6.6.1 Network

A number of intakes were damaged during the NW gale on 4 October, with many race systems being blocked by trees and other debris. Since this event, the weather has been generally settled, and the intakes and races have been operating at satisfactory flows.

6.6.2 Resource Consent Renewal

A decision on the stockwater resource consent application is yet to be received.

6.6.3 Race Applications / Closures

Since 1 July 2008, a total of 25 applications have been received. Four applications are awaiting further information, and the remainder have been approved. The length of race closed since 1 July 2008 is 31,395 metres.

6.7 Solid Waste Management

6.7.1 Residual Waste Management at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

Operation of the residual waste management contract at the Ashburton RRP is proceeding satisfactorily. The trend towards increased residual waste since 1 July continues. Consequently, there is a greater quantity of residual waste transported to Kate Valley for these four months, 429 tonnes or 16.5%. There has been an increase in construction and demolition quantities.

Tonnes of materials recovered from the residual waste disposal area			
April	2.26	May	3.80
June	3.64	July	3.78
August	4.24	September	5.34

6.7.2 Green Waste and Construction & Demolition Waste Management at Ashburton RRP

Month	Vehicles with green waste	Vehicles with demolition materials	Total vehicles	Green waste m ³
April	1391	79	1470	551.25
May	1224	69	1293	596.25
June	1039	82	1121	180.00
July	680	102	782	650.00
August	832	81	913	168.75
September	1262	96	1358	562.50

The green waste and demolition waste contract is operating satisfactorily.

6.7.3 Refuse and Recycling Collection

The kerbside recycling and refuse collection contract is operating satisfactorily. The quantity of residual waste and recycling increased again in September. Figures are indicated on the table below:

All Areas	Kerbside - tonnes	Litter bins - tonnes	Total residual waste- tonnes	Recycling - tonnes
April	170.86	8.04	178.9	113.52
May	160.35	5.71	166.06	108.06
June	152.70	7.22	159.92	105.75
July	167.77	7.51	175.17	113.40
August	153.48	8.64	162.12	105.97
September	172.5	5.78	178.28	120.02

Recycling materials transported off site shown on the attachment

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6.7.4 Waste Minimisation

A total of 298.4 tonnes of recyclable materials were processed during July, 303.70 tonnes in August with a steep rise to 409.6 tonnes in September.

6.7.5 Fire at Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

The NZ Fire Service was notified to attend to a fire at 7.00 pm on Friday 31 October. A storage shed full of recyclables was ablaze. Four fire appliances were in attendance together with Council and contracting staff. Earthmoving equipment was used to assist fight the fire. The fire was brought under control after several hours. The interior of the weighbridge kiosk needed ventilating and washing down to operate the following day. Traffic cones were put into place for traffic direction and public safety. Facilities were operational less than an hour later than normal on Saturday 1 November following forensic examination by Police and Fire Safety.

The storage shed was completely destroyed by the fire and also a number of recycling crates. There was no other major damage to buildings or equipment. Approximately 20 tonnes of baled plastic was destroyed and 9 tonne of paper and small quantities of rags and electronic equipment. The cause of the blaze is not yet established. Security videos uncovered no clue as to cause. An insurance assessment is currently underway. The bulk of fire damaged material may be disposed of to Kate Valley landfill but the residue of charred plastic ash may need testing for toxic levels of compounds. Security issues of the site are under review and improvements envisaged.

6.7.6 Waste Minimisation and Management Plan

Consultants are currently preparing Council's strategic plan for solid waste management. The "Draft Ashburton District Waste Minimisation and Management Plan for Solid and Hazardous Waste" is being reviewed by Council Officers at present. The first Waste Management Plan was adopted in 1999 and the Plan was reconfirmed in 2005. Contents of the Draft Plan include the following: What Council currently does, purpose of the Plan, waste hierarchy, priorities and criteria, current issues and concerns, education, funding implications, legislation, community consultation and towards zero waste and a sustainable future. This is due for completion and presentation to Council in December.

6.7.7 Current Issues

- Three of the contractor's staff are now approved by NZQA as resource recovery assessors
- The television documentary, "60 Minutes", featured a story on 21 September regarding the dumping of dirty plastics in China. In Ashburton products are separated at source and dirty items are not collected. Recyclables are then sorted by hand and sold as high quality clean products. Factories that receive our recyclables are clean, modern and efficient. Council in partnership with our waste minimisation and collection contractors supports the collection of products separated at source and supports the processing of clean recyclables for market.

6.7.8 Transport of Waste to Kate Valley

The volume of waste transported to Kate Valley for disposal is shown on the attachment.

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6.7.9 Diesel Fuel Surcharge

The diesel fuel surcharge (DFS) applied by Transwaste to users of Kate Valley commenced on 1 August 2008. The DFS for August and September was \$0.50 per tonne and 5% per trip inclusive of GST. Following the decline in the price of oil the surcharge has reduced to \$0.28 per tonne and 2.25% per trip inclusive of GST, to take effect from 1 October.

6.7.10 Management of Waste Processing Sites

- **Ashburton resource recovery park**

The contract for the Ashburton resource recovery park is operating satisfactorily.

- **Methven green waste site and drop-off centre and collection**

Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley from Methven	
May	12.47
June	14.51
July	12.37
August	12.41
September	15.11
October	12.69

Figures relating to use of the clean fill and green waste disposal site at Vaughans Road are shown in this table:

Month: 2008	Vehicle Numbers	Month: 2008	Vehicle Numbers
May	25	June	9
July	12	Aug	8
September	13	Oct	36

Vehicle numbers increased significantly with the arrival of Spring.

6.7.11 Methven Improvements

One of the recycling drop off satellites is being installed in Main Street, Methven, on 11 November.

The Vaughans Road site is a closed landfill and also is currently used for green waste storage and cleanfill disposal. ECan requires “doming” and contouring to resolve a problem with surface water ponding in a hollow. Council’s proposal to improve site conditions was accepted by ECan.

6.7.12 Collection of Unwanted Farm Chemicals

The rest of Canterbury have finished their targeted area collection runs and have only one final completion year. Only half of Ashburton District has been completed and there is still a potentially large quantity of hazardous farm chemicals to collect. It is approved for Ashburton to have a final targeted area collection and at least 16 tonne is allocated for this purpose. A mail-out to 2,500 targeted farms is commencing early December.

6.7.13 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

This contract is operating satisfactorily.

Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia	
May	24.38
June	20.84
July	13.12
August	26.68
September	13.58
October	25.68

6.8 Contracts Awarded

Contracts awarded since September 2008

No.	Contract	Contractor	Date / Value \$	N° of Tenders / Range \$	Engineer’s Estimate
AM-AH10	Water pipeline renewals 08/09	ACL	20/10/2008 \$499,967.60	4 \$499,967 to \$660,701	\$601,295

AM-AH11	Sewer pipeline renewals 08/09	BG Contracting Limited	31/10/2008 \$516,520.00	6 \$516,520 to \$827,641.81	\$780,215
C531	Grahams Road/Stranges Road intersection upgrade	ACL	\$163,067.45	3 \$163,067.45 to \$258,528.00	\$160,000
C549	PS for new and replacement kerb & channel & new footpaths, Ashburton District, 2008/2009	OPUS	31/10/2008 \$81,680.00	Negotiated	\$85,356.

6.9 Customer Service Request Reports

CRM reports for the year to date and the reporting period are attached.

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6.10 Emergency Management

6.10.1 Fire Season Status

An Open Fire Season is currently in place across the District other than State land.

6.10.2 Fire Incidents

Twenty six incidents have been attended by rural fire parties from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 7 November 2008, with a breakdown as follows:

Vegetation	13
Structure	1
Vehicle	5
Chimney	2
Trees across road	1
MVA	1
Furniture	1
False alarm	2

Of some concern are both the significant number of vehicle fires caused by bird nests and the number of vegetation fires that have either reignited some weeks after the original burn or have escaped due to excessive winds when the fires haven't been supervised or have been left to burn out by themselves.

People need to be more aware of the potential for fires to escape in these situations, particularly with the fire season fast approaching and the fire danger in the district increasing.

6.10.3 Annual Rural Fire Field Day

This event was held on Sunday 9 November and took the same format as last year, being a clay bird shoot for the volunteers and supporting agencies. As is usual at this annual event, many of the districts fire fighting resources were on display, including the two new Council tankers now stationed at Rakaia and Mt Somers.

6.10.4 District Fire AGM

This meeting was held on 8 October, and included an address from National Rural Fire Authority, Manager Rural Fire, John Barnes who provided an update on NRFA activities during the year and an address from Wayne Hamilton from Rural Fire Solutions. Wayne is to coordinate and deliver rural fire training throughout the district for Council's fire fighting volunteers.

6.10.5 Ashburton Lakes Fire Management Strategy

The PRFO, Deputy PRFO and Warranted Rural Fire Officer, Robin Grigg, met with two representatives from the Department of Conservation at Lake Clearwater on 14 October to discuss strategies for public fire safety education and fire control measures in the newly created Hakatere Conservation Park and adjacent areas. The creation of this park and the subsequent raising of the areas profile has resulted in an increase of public use of the area with the potential increase in the risk of fire ignitions.

6.10.6 Canterbury West Coast Annual Regional Rural Fire Competition

This activity was held over three days from 16-18 October at Raincliff in South Canterbury. Thirty three fire crews from throughout Canterbury and one from Franz Josef attended over the three days. Four Ashburton district crews competed with Pendarves taking third place on Friday and Ashburton Rural taking fourth place on Saturday. The event included activities such as dry fire line cutting, navigation, heli bucket filling, four wheel drive extraction, observational skills, first aid, and other fire related activities and a vegetation fire related quiz.

6.10.7 CDEM Training

- **Public Information Managers Forum**

Three ADC staff attended a CDEM Public Information Managers forum in Christchurch on 6 November and all found the day very informative. The forum was organised by MCDEM and provided an explanation of the purpose and role of public information management during emergencies. This was followed with presentations from local media and TLA PIM's from Hurunui and Northland who provided insight into public information issues experienced during recent flood events in those areas.

- **Controllers**

The Operations Manager and Cr Holmes attended a Controllers training course from 5-7 November in Christchurch. This was a 2.5 day exercise-based course facilitated by MCDEM. Throughout the course experts reviewed decisions made by participants and provided feedback. Content covered trainable competencies identified at the controllers' needs analysis workshop last year as well as incorporating conclusions drawn from analysis of the survey of Controllers.

6.10.8 Department of Social Welfare Meeting

The EMO met with representatives from Department of Social Welfare on 2 October to discuss the department's role during CDEM emergencies. This department has under its umbrella such bodies as Work and Income (WINZ) and Children, Young Persons and their Families (CYFS)

6.10.9 Annual South Island Civil Defence Emergency Management Officers Forum

The EMO attended this event which was held from 29-31 October on the Chatham Islands. The Chatham Islands Council EMO is part of the South Island forum and through her ethnic connections the delegates were able to be accommodated, catered for and hold the conference on the Moriori Kopinga Marae. Through workshops and presentations the delegates were able to provide a planning framework for managing the two major threats to the Islands (tsunami and rural fire).

Due to a low and widely scattered population it is likely that during such emergencies the islands will require support from Incident Management personnel from New Zealand as well as field operatives to assist the locals. An added advantage of visiting the Chathams is that there are now a number of EMO's who are familiar with the Island's issues and geography with regard to managing a major emergency.

6.11 Methven Community Board

A meeting of the Methven Community Board was held on Monday 10 November 2008. Minutes of the meeting are included with this agenda.

6.12 Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee

6.12.1 School Gate Safety Campaign

The first stage of the school gate safety campaign has been completed, with an observation visit made to each of the 8 schools.

Initial results showed:

- Some children not restrained correctly in vehicles
- Pedestrian crossings not being used
- Inconsiderate parking

After the next visit to each of the schools, a brief meeting will be arranged with each principal to discuss observations and if necessary, consider options to resolve any issues. This campaign should be completed by the end of November.

6.12.2 Child Restraint Checking Clinic

Child restraint checking clinics were held on 18 October in Ashburton and on 19 October in Methven. The clinics were organised using volunteer assistance from Plunket and were financially supported by Council Road Safety and ACC. Over the two days, 31 people had their child restraints checked and anchor bolts or accessories fitted where necessary.

6.12.3 Ashburton A&P Show

The Road Safety site at the Ashburton Show was held on 31 October and 1 November. The number of people that visited the site was down a little from 2006, but with attendance at 862, it clearly was a very successful activity. We had a number of volunteers help with the site which was of great assistance. They included two of our staff, eight members of the Youth Council and six other people from the community.

6.12.4 “Risk it all” Intersection Campaign

We are using a copy of the infamous “spinning wheel” developed by NZ Transport Agency and have started taking it to various sites in the District. The community is invited to come and discuss local intersections, pick up road safety information and enter the competition. The first two appearances of “the wheel” have been very popular with 173 people already entered into the competition.

The campaign, which also includes advertising and free radio promotion, will end on 21 November when the major prize draw is made.

6.12.5 Community Alcohol Action Project

Planning is almost complete for the CAAPS Drink Driving Campaign for 2008/09. The annual launch is to be held on 20 November.

Alcohol has been identified as a factor in a number of local crashes in recent crash analysis reports.

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RECYCLING MATERIALS TRANSPORTED OFF-SITE TO THE MONTH OF AUGUST INCLUDING TOTALS

Month	Cardbd (tonne)	Paper (t)	Metal cans (t)	Alum cans (t)	Batt. (t)	Recycl metals (t)	Plastic Film (t)	PET plastic s (t)	HDPE plastic (t)	Glass (t)	Re-usables (t)	Waste oil (litres)	Totals including oil
Tot 02/3	616.50	500.90	44.38	9.821	2.99	4.992		39.178	22.208	302.38	66.53	7,420	
Tot 03/ 4	743.74	624.67	48.42	12.63	1.745	19.129		39.293	28.485	416.80	174.74		
Tot 04/05	395.459	601.708	65.478	10.939	1.819	96.993		9.716	29.381	475.46	181.906	3,600	
Tot 05/06	544.614	848.9	77.248	13.011	7.28	28.253	45.033	49.81	33.641	490.32	482.369	6,691	
Tot 06/07	627.067	885.153	53.043	11.598	10.56	80.162	64.991	43.287	51.788	648.65	679.59	8160	3156.89
Tot 07/08	680.43	988.92	63.44	11.60	10.00	179.30	270.30	18.60	8.95	817.06	923.10	7,700	3,979.37
Totals from July 08													
Jul 08	57.62	72.54	0	1.23	0	38.236	20.68	0	0	41.04	67.046	2,100	298.39
Aug 08	50.94	90.13	8.68	0.94	1.75	14.70	22.88	0	0	40.76	72.93	0	303.70
Sep 08	52.28	84.14	8.00	1.13	1.00	21.536	48.02	0	0	100.76	92.714	0	409.58
Tot 08/09	160.84	246.81	16.68	3.30	2.75	74.47	91.60	0	0	182.56	232.69	2,100	1014.0

Note: Products are only weighed when transported off-site.

Residual Waste Volumes – Kate Valley

<u>Month</u>	Transported 08/09	Transported 07/08	Transported 06/07	Transported 05/06	Transported 04/05	Transported 03/04	Transported 02/03	Transported 01/02
July	708	627	611	616	528	532	502	507
August	752	682	680	665	538	536	434	541
September	815	605	605	581	615	600	499	480
October	759	691	652	586	618	637	522	568
November		693	696	649	701	606	529	678
December		626	696	716	722	693	628	656
January		746	713	619	670	621	554	781
February		695	610	627	602	640	558	589
March		667	718	668	670	675	554	573
April		684	618	562	668	595	579	566
May		691	721	690	677	582	565	567
June		648	576	558	600	525	499	486
Annual Total	3,034	8056	7895	7,537	7609	7,242	6,423	6,992

Budget for contracts 2008/09	\$865,654	8146 tonnes
Contract to October 2008 (transport and disposal)	\$382,548	3034 tonnes
Projected expenditure and tonnages 30 June 2009	\$946,255	9102 tonnes