



# Ashburton District Council

## AGENDA

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

**Date:** Thursday 4 June 2009

**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)

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## 5. ACTIVITY REPORTS

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### 5.1 GENERAL

#### 5.1.1 Financial Reports

Water Services and Solid Waste financial reports for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 March 2009, are attached to this report. Roading financials will be circulated. **Pages 21-29**

#### 5.1.2 Ashburton Business Estate

- **State Highway 1, Works Road and Northpark Road Intersection Upgrades**

Good progress is being made on this contract. Work should be completed, subject to weather, by 5 June. There have been two variations approved and these will be covered by the contract contingency.

- **Wastewater outside the Business Estate Footprint**

The Project Board has approved the awarding of the contract for the external wastewater rising main, excluding the pumping station, to Ashburton Contracting Ltd in the sum of \$1,039,604 excluding GST. Work will commence shortly.

- **Internal Site Clearance**

Work has commenced on arranging the clearance of the site before construction commences on services inside the Business Estate footprint.

The work involves the removal of trees / shelter belts and disused structures on the site.

- **Landscaping**

The contract documentation for landscaping will be completed shortly. At this stage it will be a separate contract from the other contracts for work within the Business Estate footprint.

- **Entrance-way Signage**

Initial estimates for entrance-way signage were higher than anticipated. The Project Board are investigating other options.

- **Improved Works Road Alignment**

Details relating to land access are being finalised.

- **Structure Plan**

The structure plan was lodged on 30 April. No significant issues are anticipated

- **Design of Internal Services**

Design work for services inside the Business Estate footprint is complete. A design review meeting will be held on Friday 5 June.

### **5.1.3 Trade Waste Bylaw Implementation**

A presentation by the Operations Manager and the Trade Waste Officer was made to a small group of motel / hotel owners / managers in Ashburton.

423 registrations have been received out of a possible 550 (approximate). Information relating to permitted consents (342) has been forwarded to the Finance Department for invoicing.

Invoices will be generated and sent out in the next week or so. Conditions are being developed for conditional consents. These will be forwarded to the Finance Department for processing and invoicing shortly.

### **5.1.4 Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan**

As advised previously, Council presented evidence to the hearing panel on the proposed NRRP process on Monday 30 March. Because of time constraints only two of the five witnesses could be heard and the hearing was adjourned. Subsequent to the hearing being adjourned a number of written questions were forwarded by the Hearing Panel to both ECan and Council. We provided our written responses.

The hearing was reconvened on Friday 15 May, and the remaining three expert witnesses presented their evidence. The hearing panel did not ask any questions relating to our written responses to the questions, stating that they believed they had enough information.

In addition to the above, we will be providing a memorandum to the Commissioner / Hearing Panel regarding updated piping and storage costs.

### **5.1.5 Cleanfill and Building and Demolition Material Disposal**

This matter is the subject of a stand alone report.

### **5.1.6 Designations**

Council is currently reviewing the District Plan. Part of this project includes the designation of land for various activities.

Two projects are currently underway relating to land designations:

1. Designations for existing activities plus new sites for minor activities, eg cleanfill disposal, new and existing water and wastewater facilities
2. Identification of a location for a second bridge across the Ashburton River and associated roading.

The designation project for minor and/or existing activities is near completion and will be incorporated in the District Plan review project. The second bridge location is a more significant project and will proceed separately and to a different timeframe.

### **5.1.7 2009/19 LTCCP Consultation Process**

Staff from the Operations Group attended the public consultation meetings on the proposed 2009/19 LTCCP.

### **5.1.8 Replacement Stockwater Ranger**

With the retirement of Mr Ian Mowat, work has commenced on the preparation of a job description for a replacement Stockwater Ranger. The position will be advertised commencing Saturday 30 May with the view to having the replacement water ranger appointed late June / early July.

## **5.2 ROADING**

### **5.2.1 State Highway Work 2008/ 09**

The only state highway work currently being carried out is the completion of overlay work south of Tinwald and in Hinds. We have not yet been advised of work planned for 2009/10.

### **5.2.2 Adverse Weather Events**

During the month of May there had been 112 mm of rain in Ashburton up until 26 May. Rainfall in the high country has been much higher, as indicated by the high flows in the Rangitata River. Significant scour damage, culvert blocking and ford washout has occurred at the top of Hakatere Heron Road and the maintenance contractor has attended to the worst of the problems making the roads passable. Some culvert replacement will be required which will be carried out in June.

The approaches to the “sunshine” bridges over the Hinds River suffered some damage, but at present the only bridge closed is the Lynnford crossing. Remedial work will be carried out shortly and the crossing re-opened.

The contractor attended to a number of minor surface flooding events caused mainly by leaf build up at stormwater sumps, however there were no serious flooding issues around the towns.

### **5.2.3 Crash Reports**

A record of other crashes that have occurred in Ashburton district on state highways and local roads since last report will be circulated to the Committee.

The Police report on the fatal accident on Thompsons Track in April has been received. All signage and road marking was of good standard - Thompsons Track had been recently resealed but was free of loose stones. Neither vehicle was travelling at excessive speed as ascertained by the accident report.

### **5.2.4 General Maintenance**

During May, the maintenance contractor spent a significant amount of time responding to flooding issues and cleaning up and repairing roads following the prolonged and heavy rain storms.

Because of the wet weather and saturated ground conditions, maintenance metalling of unsealed roads has been delayed with the exception of the reinstatement work on Hakatere Potts Road. Some limited pavement and seal repairs have been carried out on Fords Road, Emersons Road and Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road.

The Contractor has also responded to incidents in the Ashburton Forks–Staveley area when a large dump truck was illegally taken from the ACL stockpile area on Thompsons Track at the Ashburton River North Branch Bridge.

The truck was driven towards Staveley and back, demolishing most of the signs on both sides of Thompsons Track and Ashburton Staveley Road. Damage to roadside and intersection direction signage amounted to approximately \$4,500. In addition, the driver of what is believed to be a stolen vehicle has gone on a spree in the Rakaia area, damaging 13 road signs, including Stop and Give Way signs and posts as well as fences and other private property. The total cost of damage is still being assessed but is likely to be a similar amount to the previous incident.

### **5.2.5 Area Wide Pavement Treatment**

Contract C555 – Sealed Road Rehabilitation, 2008/09. Work is underway on sealed road overlays on rural roads that are showing significant failure due to the heavy commercial traffic increase on these roads.

The sites that are being reconstructed are:

- Ashburton Staveley Rd section 1 This has been sealed
- Ashburton Staveley Rd section 2 Work has started
- Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Rd
- Ealing Rd (SH1 to Old Main South Rd)

Work on the last two sections will start early June and will be completed by 30 June.

### **5.2.6 Major Drainage Control**

Contract C547 – Roadside Drainage Improvements, 2008/09. All work is complete.

Contract C552 – New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, 2008/09. All work is complete.

### **5.2.7 Reseals of District Roads**

Contract C550 – Reseals and Pre-seal Repairs, 2008/09. All work is complete. Audit inspections on all the work carried out is being carried out at present.

Work is underway to schedule the work to be carried out in 2009/10. This is expected to be ready later in June and a copy will be forwarded to all Councillors.

### **5.2.8 Bridges**

The tender for the upgrading of Bridge No 65A on Ocean View Road, between Brogdens Road and Crows Road, is due shortly. The refurbishment work is not extensive and will be completed by 30 June.

### **5.2.9 Street Cleaning**

Routine cleaning of urban streets, channels, sumps and siphons continues as programmed with increased work to clear leaves from gutters and sump grates and inlets. The additional seasonal cleaning of the autumn leaf fall is almost complete.

Upgrade of the stormwater crossing across SH1 in Rakaia near Elizabeth Avenue is being discussed with the highway and network operators (NZTA). This is a site that often floods the highway during heavy rainfall events and requires signage to warn traffic, which is normally done by the Rakaia minor works contractor. Most of the stormwater is run-off from Elizabeth Avenue so we have agreed to work with NZTA on an appropriate solution. There will be a cost sharing for this work.

### **5.2.10 Traffic Services**

We recently had problems with the traffic lights “tripping out” on the East St/Havelock St intersection. When the lights have a system failure, they will switch to flashing amber on all aspects. This means that drivers can pass through the intersections using road rules applicable to an uncontrolled intersection. The fault was fixed by Traffic Control Services later in the day.

Sign repair and replacement is on-going with no reduction in damage level to signs.

### **5.2.11 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, lamp maintenance and replacement requests. No significant issues have been reported since the previous report.

Renewal work for street lights in Hinds is being planned with Electricity Ashburton. This work will be started in 2009/10. A new street light will be installed shortly at Thompsons Track / Line Road intersection.

### **5.2.12 Minor Improvements**

Minor improvements completed this year are:

- Stranges Rd/Grahams Rd intersection
- Wakanui School Rd parking/short stopping area
- Intersection approach sealing; Windermere Rd, Carneys Rd/Alford Forest Settlement Rd and Lills Rd
- Allens Rd/Middle Rd splitter islands
- Street light upgrade & new with undergrounding: Tuarangi Rd, Nelson St, Oxford St and Buccleugh St (Mt Somers).

These projects are to be completed by 30 June 2009:

- Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd/ Lismore Mayfield Rd/Mayfield Klondyke Rd intersection upgrade with pedestrian protrusions outside Mayfield School on Lismore Mayfield Rd
- Walnut Ave – pedestrian protrusions etc at Ashburton College
- Intersection sealing : Ashburton River Rd/Springfield Rd, Chatmos Rd/SH1, Windermere Rd/SH 1, and Winslow Westerfield Rd
- Methven Chertsey Line Rd upgrade and channelisation
- Traffic calming road marking, Elizabeth Ave, Rakaia
- Intersection designs for 2009/10 work

### **5.2.13 Seal Widening**

Work on seal widening work on the middle section of Bremners Road is almost complete. The top section of Bremners Road widening and the upgrade of Bremners Road / Glassworks Road is programmed for 2009/10.

Widening of Northpark Road from the new intersection to the railway crossing will start as soon as the intersection upgrade on the state highway is completed. This will be completed in early June.

Funding has also been approved on the widening of Company Road from Seafield Road to just short of the new entrance to the Business Estate. This work will start in early June and is planned to be completed by end of June.

#### **5.2.14 New Cycleway**

Consultation work is to start shortly on the new cycleway; this needs to be finalised before the project can be constructed in order to allow the work to be carried out in accordance with the plans. Funding for this project will need to be carried over into the 2009/10 financial year and an application to NZTA will be made to also have the subsidy funding carried over. This is normally agreed to by NZTA for individual project works.

#### **5.2.15 New Kerb & Channel and Footpaths**

Contract C552 – New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, and footpaths, Ashburton District, 2008/09. All work in this contract is complete, and all costs are in line with the original contract as awarded.

#### **5.2.16 Footpath Maintenance**

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues. This includes cleaning in CBD areas in line with required frequency

Contract C551 – Footpath Resurfacing, 2008/09. All work in Ashburton, Methven, Rakaia and rural towns is complete.

Council's contractor has been requested to carry out the footpath reinstatement on Burnett Street / East Street, adjacent to the Somerset building; the costs of this work to be met by the building owner.

#### **5.2.17 Minor Township Maintenance Contracts**

Normal seasonal operations are underway for the Rakaia and Methven contracts. The contractors have been occupied with keeping drainage systems clear to ensure flooding does not cause problems in the respective townships especially with the leaf fall problem. Recent wet weather did not cause any problems, except minor ponding at some locations, and these were attended to by the township contractors.

#### **5.2.18 Public Conveniences**

Ongoing maintenance of the district's public conveniences continues. The upgrade contract for replacement and new toilets at Lake Hood and Tinwald Domain is underway. The kitset units are in storage, awaiting work to be completed on the concrete slabs.

The upgrade work on the Methven toilets is complete except for the installation of the terrazzo basin units. The existing basins will be left in place until the new units are ready. Work has started on the refurbishment of the Rakaia units.

## **5.3 WATER SUPPLIES**

### **5.3.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **5.3.2 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. All works on this contract are now complete. Practical completion was granted on 23 April 2009.

### **5.3.3 PHRMP Implementation Reviews**

Community & Public Health (CPH) staff conducted a review of the implementation of our Public Health Risk Management Plans (PHRMP). It is intended to eventually have an approved PHRMP for all Council supplies. Council currently has five PHRMPs approved by CPH. The implementation review was limited to two of these (Rakaia and Fairton). The review was conducted on 19 May and included a structured interview with department staff and site visits.

A formal report is expected in the next few weeks but the comments received on the day of the review were favourable. The CPH staff were particularly interested in the work done to date on the upgrades and considered that Council was making good progress on the implementation of the PHRMPs.

### **5.3.4 Ashburton**

#### **Ashburton Upgrade - Tinwald Borefield**

The well drilling contractor has been instructed to recover as much casing as possible from the bore drilled at the rear of the Lagmhor Road site. The contractor has provided Council with a credit for the casing but has indicated that they may not now attempt recovery until Spring due to unfavourable ground conditions.

A draft report has been received on options for the Tinwald borefield development. This is currently being reviewed and will be forwarded to the Water Subcommittee when finalised.

#### **Ashburton Upgrade – Ashburton Domain No:6**

The well drilling contractor is programmed to commence drilling on 3 June. The drilling site in the domain has been confirmed. A resource consent is already held for this bore. The conditions of the consent require that Environment Canterbury be notified. The notification has been sent. The Parks Manager has been contacted to finalise site management arrangements and reinstatement requirements.

#### **Contractor Bulk Filling Points**

Pricing for the installation of the units has been reviewed. The price submitted is within the total available budget provision for the work but is higher than expected. It was decided to seek additional prices from other companies to confirm the market value of the work. The work is relatively specialised and of the three other companies approached, none indicated a desire to price the work despite being offered additional time to complete pricing. The price received from Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$46,710 exclusive GST has been accepted. There are no budget implications.

### **5.3.5 Fairton**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

The well drillers commenced drilling on 16 April 2009. The bore has been drilled to 96 metres where the target aquifer has been found. Testing is still to be completed. The finalisation of the consultation material has been delayed. It is now envisaged that the document will go out to the community in June.

### **5.3.6 Mayfield**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

The pilot trial has been operational since mid-April. The early indications are that the filtration plant is operating satisfactorily. Filtec have experienced some minor problems with the supply line from the race and a pump but these issues are unrelated to the performance of the membrane filtration system itself.

No further work has been undertaken on the upgrade works (ie the provision of storage). A copy of an ADC drilling specification has been sent to the Mayfield Citizens Group to allow them to confirm pricing of their bore drilling option.

### **5.3.7 Mt Somers**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

Opus has completed the design of the new trunk main from the reservoir to the township – a length of ~940m. The existing main is an 80mm diameter asbestos cement pipeline. The original intention was to construct a new 100mm diameter PVC-U pipeline to improve the level of service to the township. Investigations have indicated that by constructing a 150mm diameter main a significantly higher level of service can be achieved.

Adopting the larger diameter option now will future proof the supply and allow for retirement of the existing main. The existing main, however, would be retained for the short-medium term to provide operational flexibility (redundancy).

Progressing the physical works on this project is the subject of a stand-alone report.

### **5.3.8 Rakaia**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

The contractor commenced work on 30 April. The contractor has cleared the site where the reservoirs are to be constructed and is preparing the ground for the foundations. The contractor also installed the new pipework which will connect the existing bores to the water tower.

This pipework has been tested and disinfected. A scheme-wide shutdown was carried out overnight on 21/22 May to allow this connection to be made. The contractor has also started to construct the new pipework from the new deep bore to the reservoir site.

## **5.4 WASTEWATER**

### **5.4.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

#### **5.4.2 AM-AH11 – Sewer Pipeline Renewals – Ashburton & Methven 2008/09**

This contract covers the renewal of 1042m of sewer mains in Ashburton and Methven. All works on this contract are now complete. Practical completion was granted on 29 April 2009.

#### **5.4.3 Ashburton**

##### **Ashburton WWTP Facilities**

An irrigation bore is to be drilled at Ocean Farm as part of the original design to provide water for augmentation of irrigation when the effluent flows are reduced, typically during the summer months. Resource consent for the bore and the abstraction has been secured previously. The latter has a lapsing date of 30 June 2009, ie water must be first utilised prior to lapsing date. The currently consented site for the bore may be too remote to be cost-effectively utilised by the existing storage and pumping facilities and therefore it may be necessary to drill the bore at a new location. The change in the point of abstraction would mean that the assessment of effects on neighbouring bores would have to be revisited.

The consultant for the wastewater upgrade has been instructed to seek an extension to the lapsing date of the abstraction consent in the meantime to allow time to evaluate options on the irrigation supply.

##### **Infiltration Remedial Works**

In response to a submission heard during the LTCCP submission workshop on 25 May, Council requested that an update be provided on stormwater inflow and groundwater infiltration works. The current status on this matter is set out below:

- The last significant studies on this matter were carried out in the mid 90s.
- This investigation work coincided with the last “wet season” or sustained period of elevated groundwater levels (ie spanning several years).
- These studies resulted in a significant amount of localised remedial works including manhole replacements, pipe joint grouting and other “spot” works.
- No quantification has been carried to examine the efficacy of this work.
- In 1989, in response to legislative requirements, Council commenced budgeting for asset depreciation. By 1999, depreciation budgeting was at a level that allowed for funding of comprehensive cyclic renewal programmes.
- Since that time Council has invested in excess of \$4.7m in wastewater pipeline replacement work. A total of 9,000 metres of poor condition and/or low capacity pipelines have been replaced over this period.
- Council has budgeted approximately \$100,000 for stormwater inflow identification works as part 2009/10 cyclic renewal programme
- This work will include investigative works to identify private property pipework that may be contributing to stormwater / groundwater ingress.

In response to the specific issues experienced by one of the submitters to the proposed LTCCP, the maintenance contractor has been instructed to install a flap valve on the property sewer lateral. These are typically installed in the footpath with a maintenance shaft and are maintained by Council. The contractor has also been instructed to make contact with the property owner to ensure lines of communication are available to progress site clean up and disinfection works as and when required. This is normal procedure in cases where the overflows are considered to be network related.

#### **5.4.4 Rakaia**

##### **Sludge Disposal**

A flow meter has been installed on the sludge pipework and readings confirm that the volumes involved were in excess of the consented limits. Work has been completed on the sludge recirculation pipework and timer run times have been adjusted in order to reduce the volume disposed to the forestry block. This work appears to have reduced the sludge volumes to ~30% of the previous volumes. The next step is to address the method of disposal in the forestry block. This is likely to include improvement to the irrigation systems (ie additional pipework and installation of non-clogging sprinklers).

##### **Pasture Renewal**

The pasture in the northern irrigation block has been cultivated and re-sown. The Farm Manager has reported that the pasture has established well and should be available for effluent irrigation within the next two weeks. The southern block is due for cutting. As soon as the new pasture is ready, the irrigator will be transferred and the southern block harvested.

## **5.5 STORMWATER**

### **5.5.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **5.5.2 Queens Drive Stormwater**

Council's maintenance contractors have been instructed to proceed with improvement works at the Queens Drive / Pages Road intersection. This work will include:

- replacement and raising of a stormwater manhole;
- upgrading and duplication of stormwater sumps
- replacement (and upsizing if necessary) of stormwater pipework to existing stormwater main.

It is expected that this work will be completed over the next few weeks.

Preliminary investigations have been completed on a possible stormwater overflow from Trelloch Place to the Mill Creek detention basin. The investigation indicated that it may not be as effective as first thought. It is proposed to include this area for specific consideration as part of the wider investigations being done under the stormwater strategy.

The Roading & Street Services Department has confirmed that the procedures for diversion of traffic from West Street in significant flooding events have been finalised with the NZTA. In an event that closes SH1 (West Street) traffic would be detoured at Walnut Avenue, to travel along Creek Road and Racecourse Road. *Note:* the Pages Road / Queens Drive intersection is closely monitored during storm events by the roading maintenance contractor.

## 5.6 STOCKWATER

### 5.6.1 Network

A significant flood event occurred in the three main rivers on 17 May. This event has resulted in extensive damage to stockwater intakes on the Rangitata (Cracroft) and Ashburton (Brothers & Methven Auxiliary) rivers. The diversion channel supplying the Acton intake on the Rakaia River was also washed out along with part of the access track.

The affected areas could not be accessed safely with machinery until Wednesday, 20 May. Work on restoring the intakes and associated structures is progressing well but will continue for the next week at least.

The worst affected is the Cracroft intake where large areas of rock intake protection have been lost or compromised. There is expected to be five days of work in this area alone and the work may require additional rock to be transported in.

The full financial impact of the reinstatement work has not been quantified but could be in the order of \$50,000. It is unlikely that this can be managed within the existing maintenance budget provisions but staff have been asked to reprioritise discretionary maintenance work where possible until the 2009/10 year.

The associated low flows and loss of service in the network as a result of the intake failures was advertised through local media and a notification was posted on the Council website.

### 5.6.2 Race applications / closures

Since 1 July 2008, a total of 52 applications have been received. Two applications are awaiting further information, one application has been declined and the remainder have been approved.

The length of race closed since 1 July 2008 is 35,861 metres. A “catch-up” of race closure measurement has been undertaken using measurements derived from the Council’s GIS and this indicates completed closures at around 103,520 metres. This figure is misleading and should be used with caution as it includes race closures completed in previous years.

## 5.7 SOLID WASTE

### 5.7.1 Residual waste management at Ashburton resource recovery park

Operation of the residual waste management contract at the Ashburton RRP is proceeding satisfactorily. The trend towards increased residual waste this financial year continued to March but returned to normal levels in April. For the ten months to April 2009, 7,545 tonnes of residual waste were transported to Kate Valley. The quantity of residual waste for the ten months to April this financial year is 828 tonnes more than the previous financial year. This is a 12% increase. Most of the increase is due to unsorted construction and demolition quantities being disposed of as residual waste.

<b>Tonnes of Materials Recovered from the Residual Waste Disposal Area 2008/09</b>			
<b>August</b>	4.24	<b>September</b>	5.34
<b>October</b>	6.94	<b>November</b>	3.96
<b>December</b>	6.04	<b>January</b>	2.76
<b>February</b>	3.66	<b>March</b>	3.8
<b>April</b>	0.68		

### 5.7.2 Green waste, construction & demolition waste management at Ashburton resource recovery park 2008/ 2009

Month	Vehicles with Green waste	Vehicles with Demolition Materials	Total Vehicles	Green waste shredded m <sup>3</sup>
August	832	81	913	168.75
September	1262	96	1358	562.50
October	1189	79	1268	438.75
November	1532	94	1626	848.27
December	1452	69	1521	483.5
January	1626	93	1719	549.0
February	1223	68	1291	387
March	1657	27	1680	268.5
April	1328	23	1351	410.5

Traffic levels increased in March but declined in April. The green waste and demolition waste contract is operating satisfactorily.

### 5.7.3 Refuse and recycling collection

The kerbside recycling and refuse collection contract is operating satisfactorily. The quantities of residual waste and recycling materials collected from kerbside are within normal limits. Figures are indicated on the table below:

All Areas in 2008/09	Kerbside - tonnes	Litter Bins - tonnes	Total Residual Waste- tonnes	Recycling - tonnes
August	152.80	8.64	161.44	105.97
September	172.10	5.78	177.88	120.02
October	170.74	7.04	177.78	126.26
November	154.60	4.52	159.12	110.16
December	182.16	8.52	190.68	139.25
January	197.47	11.18	208.65	113.44
February	156.3	7.72	164.02	106.32
March	175.14	5.16	180.3	107.72
April	163.30	6.82	170.12	110.16

This contract is currently being advertised for tender with the closing date set at 3 June.

### 5.7.4 Waste minimisation

Tonnes of Recyclable Materials Processed	2007/08- tonnes	2008/09- tonnes
August	288.4	303.7
September	324.1	409.6
October	313.7	351.5
November	371.1	365.9
December	400.4	340.8
January	331.4	420.2

<b>February</b>	357.4	376.4
<b>March</b>	332.3	417.3
<b>April</b>	323.3	315.2

There was a reduction in the quantity of recyclables processed in April; the quantity is close to the 2007/08 amount.

Recycling materials transported off site are shown on the attachment.

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#### **5.7.5 Domestic hazardous waste drop off at Ashburton resource recovery park**

The service is operating well. ECan recently inspected the facility and gave a good report.

#### **5.7.6 Current issues**

- Scotland Community Recyclers viewed Ashburton’s local recycling facility, in particular composting.
- Concrete over-runs were made into blocks by a local company and used to make storage bunkers for compost.
- The baler has been sold to Xtreme Waste at Raglan and proceeds from the sale in the sum of \$35,000, including GST, have been received by Council.

#### **5.7.7 Transport of waste to Kate Valley**

Transwaste Canterbury Ltd has set charges for 2009/10. The charge for transporting refuse to Kate Valley is reduced from indicative amounts, set in late 2008, of \$1,214.57 to \$1,175.58. This is a saving to Council of \$39.00 per trip. Disposal charges are unchanged at \$77.91 excluding GST.

Transwaste introduced a charge for “non complying wastes” on 1 July 2008. Council has had only rare non compliant waste items included in the loads sent to Kate Valley. Transwaste has especially written to congratulate Council on its efforts to detect and remove non-complying wastes.

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

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#### **5.7.8 Management of waste processing sites**

- **Ashburton resource recovery park**

The contract for the Ashburton resource recovery park operation is proceeding satisfactorily.

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

<b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley From Methven</b>	<b>2007/08-tonnes</b>	<b>2008/09 - Tonnes</b>
<b>August</b>	12.46	12.41
<b>September</b>	12.39	15.11
<b>October</b>	14.75	12.69
<b>November</b>	12.26	11.78

<b>December</b>	15.42	15.51
<b>January</b>	28.59	12.56
<b>February</b>	13.23	13.14
<b>March</b>	15.85	13.39
<b>April</b>	11.79	11.27

Quantities for the months during 2008/09 are relatively level and stable.

#### 5.7.9 Methven Recycling Drop Off Improvements

Improvement work is about to commence at the drop off site on Methven Chertsey Road. The site is to be extended, fenced, re-shingled and a replacement shed built.

Figures relating to use of the clean fill and green waste disposal site at Vaughan's Rd are shown in this table:

<b>Vehicle numbers at Vaughan's Rd green waste drop off</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
<b>August</b>	11	8
<b>September</b>	22	13
<b>October</b>	27	36
<b>November</b>	33	34
<b>December</b>	46	29
<b>January</b>	22	56
<b>February</b>	21	19
<b>March</b>	26	26
<b>April</b>	40	24

Usage of the site is relatively low with a decline in traffic in April 2009 compared with the same period last year.

#### 5.7.10 Collection of unwanted farm chemicals

Additional funding is available from Environment Canterbury so more farms are being canvassed for unwanted agricultural chemicals. A second collection of an estimated 370 kilograms is being carried out during June.

#### 5.7.11 Rakaia resource recovery park

This contract is operating satisfactorily.

<b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09-</b>
	<b>-</b>	<b>tonnes</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	
<b>August</b>	30.8	26.8
<b>September</b>	30.7	13.58
<b>October</b>	22.62	25.68
<b>November</b>	20.72	23.59
<b>December</b>	17.07	26.03
<b>January</b>	12.73	22.6

<b>February</b>	23.14	23.0
<b>March</b>	16.8	11.07
<b>April</b>	20.67	22.56

## 5.8 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### 5.8.1 Fire Season Status

- **Ashburton Plains**

Open Season            1 May 2008 - 15 January 2009  
 Restricted Season    16 January 2009 - 22 February 2009  
 Open Season            23 February 2009

- **Ashburton Lakes and Rakaia Gorge**

Open Season            1 May 2008 - 15 January 2009  
 Prohibited Season    16 January 2009 - 22 February 2009  
 Restricted Season    23 February 2009 - 5 May 2009  
 Open Season            6 May 2009

### 5.8.2 Fire Incidents

Ten incidents have been attended by rural fire parties from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 27 May 2009, with a breakdown as follows:

Vegetation	3
Vehicle fire	1
Structure	2
False alarm	3
MVA	1

### 5.8.3 Cost Recovery

Since the start of the fire year (1 April 2008) fire suppression costs totalling approximately \$16,800 have been recovered from people within the Ashburton District Council Rural Fire Authority jurisdictional area. A further \$7,384 has been recovered from the Department of Conservation for ADC's attendance at DoC fires near Buicks Bridge on 22 January and at Cleardale Station on 26 March 2009.

### 5.8.4 Annual Fire Return Statistics

Statistical data on vegetation fires is required annually at the end of each fire season by the National Rural Fire Authority. The official fire season runs from 1 May to 30 April.

A copy of the spreadsheet showing local incidents and responses is attached to this report.

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### 5.8.5 Department of Conservation Fire Debriefs

The EMO and the District Forester attended two DoC fire debriefs in Geraldine on 13 May, for the Department fires at Buicks Bridge on 22 January and Cleardale Station on 26 March.

### **5.8.6 Future Local Firefighter Training**

Wayne Hamilton (Rural Fire Solutions) spoke to representatives of all but one ADC rural fire force on the evening of 26 May, to present the new training package to the firefighters. Wayne will be managing the firefighting training portfolio for the Council and should provide a formalised proactive approach to this important aspect of the Council's responsibility in future. The presentation was well received by all those present.

### **5.8.7 Annual Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Controllers Forum**

The EMO, Operations Manager, Chief Executive and Cr Lowe attended this one day forum in Christchurch on 22 April.

The main aim of the forum was to update controllers on CDEM developments and issues that have occurred since the 2008 forum.

The new Minister of CDEM, John Carter, addressed the forum and workshops were held on transition from response to recovery, and Controllers responsibilities during an emergency.

### **5.8.8 South Island Rural Support Trust Forum**

This forum was hosted by ADC on 11 May and had representation from all rural support trusts throughout the South Island.

These Trusts have been established by MAF and the current concept has its origin in the 2006 snow event. While they have no legislative mandate, their function is to provide support to rural communities during emergency events. These trusts work hand in hand with TLA emergency management organisations.

### **5.8.9 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic Planning**

The recent influenza scare has had a beneficial effect on local pandemic planning in that it has raised the urgency level to a state where the health sector has committed additional staff to planning for the management of a pandemic should it occur.

The EMO has been representing CDEM on a local working group of mostly health sector representatives to produce a plan that will allow a CBAC (Community Based Assessment Centre) to be set up in Ashburton District in the event that the H1N1 influenza virus becomes a pandemic, to assess and give advice to people infected, or suspected of being infected, by the H1N1 strain of influenza.

The planning has now advanced to a stage where a CBAC could be set up locally within 24 hours if necessary.

A meeting of the ADC CDEM Welfare Committee has been scheduled for 28 May to discuss/plan how the non medical function can be carried out in the event of a pandemic affecting this district. While Health will be the lead agency, CDEM will have a welfare support role to assist people sick at home.

## **5.9 ASHBURTON DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY**

### **5.9.1 Intersection Campaign**

An intersection campaign called "Stop Look Live" was started in late April. An advert was placed in the Courier for residents of the Ashburton District to write in and tell us of the intersections they consider to be the "most dangerous". There was a good response and this information is currently being reviewed. To further intersection safety awareness, a stall was held at the Vintage Car Club Swap Meet, using the "Wheel of Death" from the NZTA Advertisements. Pens and similar give-aways were distributed and people were tested on their intersection and rode code knowledge.

### **5.9.2 Speed**

Alpha 96.1 is a student radio station at the Christchurch Polytechnic which broadcasts from Kaikoura to Rangitata. They have created an advert for Road Safety on speeding and have played it during the breakfast show and their 'drive home' timeslot. The station is aimed at 24+ year old blue collar males. A number of people have reportedly heard the advert and positive feedback has been received.

### **5.9.3 Mt Hutt College Road Crash Forum**

The Mt Hutt College Road Crash Forum was held on 19 of May. Unfortunately some late changes had to be made to the programme with the College and Police unable to participate as originally planned. After collating the evaluation forms from the 39 students who completed them, it was apparent that the 'Mock Crash' and the speech from Mark Saunders from Toast Masters were the activities which the students found most interesting.

### **5.9.4 Ashburton College Road Crash Forum**

The Road Safety Coordinator met with the Ashburton College Principal and several teachers on Wednesday 27 May, to discuss this year's Road Crash Forum topics and whether the forums should continue to be held. A report has been prepared for their information based on Ministry of Transport data.

### **5.9.5 Winter Driving**

Adverts have been placed in the Courier and the Mid Canterbury herald accompanied by editorials. A reminder was placed in the Ashburton District Council notice board regarding tips for Safe Driving in Winter Weather. Classic Hits has been given information regarding Winter Driving Tips for use on air.

### **5.9.6 Queen's Birthday Weekend**

To promote the need for driver awareness during the long weekend, the Road Safety Coordinator has provided editorials to the local newspapers. In addition an advert has been prepared for publication and a radio campaign is proposed.

## **5.10 CONTRACTS AWARDED**

There have been no contracts awarded in the reporting period.

## **5.11 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST REPORTS**

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

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## **5.12 METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD**

A meeting of the Methven Community Board was held on Monday 25 May 2009. There were no matters requiring the Committee's decision.

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