



# Ashburton District Council

## Annual Report **Summary**

### 2018/19

# From the Chief Executive

## **KIA ORA, WELCOME TO OUR SUMMARY OF THE 2018/19 YEAR. OUR ANNUAL REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON 31 OCTOBER, ALONG WITH AN UNMODIFIED AUDIT OPINION.**

It has been primarily a business as usual year for Council, with our focus being to deliver quality infrastructure, public services and regulatory services in the most cost-effective manner.

Notable highlights for the past year include the completion of the Ashburton cemetery extension, the Poplar Road seal extension, upgrades to the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, gaining the 25-year global stormwater discharge consent and new stadium curtains and pool improvements undertaken at EA Networks Centre.

It has also been a year of public engagement. We asked the district what they would like us to do, to prepare for climate change; we consulted on how much to spend on the new library and civic centre building; and received feedback on the draft surface water strategy and Plan Change 2. In addition, we have also connected with the community through the development of a new text alert system providing notifications specific to the postcodes across our district, Council and standing committee meetings were live streamed from March 2019, and the plans for the CBD revitalisation project were published.

While we have progressed a number of high profile projects this year, the bulk of what we did was business as usual. This includes the day-to-day running of Council services such as the maintenance and development of our roading network, delivering our library, museum and EA Networks Centre services, collection of rubbish and recycling, maintenance of our parks and open spaces, the delivery of drinking water and stockwater to properties across the district, stormwater and wastewater services, along with the vast numbers of consents and reports processed by our regulatory teams. All of these services keep our district running, and the strong results in the performance measures described in this report demonstrate the work that has been undertaken to deliver the level of service our community expects of us.

Council's operating result for the year resulted in a surplus of \$7.0 million before taxation and other comprehensive income. Total revenue was \$1.2 million above a budget of \$69.9 million. This surplus was largely driven by an unbudgeted subsidy of \$1.6 million for the street lighting LED upgrade and gains on forestry and property revaluation.

Our financial performance in 2018/19 has seen us meet the goals of our financial strategy which focuses on prudence, stability, service and planning for the future. Council has met nine of the ten goals of the government's mandatory financial affordability performance benchmarks. The one benchmark not being met is due to net debt being 2% more than planned, mainly as a result of having less assets than expected.

Finally, we would like to thank the hard-work, skills and efforts of many, including elected members, staff and volunteers that has been paramount to our success in 2018/19. We look forward to working together in 2019/20 and beyond to continue to make Ashburton the district of choice for lifestyle and opportunity.



Hamish Riach  
Chief Executive

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## Our district

### General

Population	34,500
Live in the town of Ashburton <sup>1</sup>	19,280
District area	6,175km <sup>2</sup>

### Open Space

Council owned open spaces	444ha
Sports fields	110ha
Neighbourhood playgrounds	27

### Infrastructure

Total roads	2,613km
Sealed roads	1,510km
Unsealed roads	1,102km
Bridges	186
Footpaths	244km
Council water supplies	12
Water pipes	498km
Wastewater pipes	182 km
Stormwater pipes	43km
Stockwater races <sup>2</sup>	2,058km

### Rating Information

Rating system	Capital value
Rateable properties	15,359
Total rateable value	\$18,821,361,800
Average rateable value	\$1,225,429
Date of district valuation	July 2018
Rates revenue	\$35,244,500
Total revenue	\$71,126,000

<sup>1</sup> Statistics New Zealand, Subnational Population Estimates

<sup>2</sup> 47 km of stockwater race was closed in 2018/19

## Service performance

	Achieved	Not Achieved	Not applicable
 Drinking water	8	2	-
 Wastewater	8	-	-
 Stormwater	7	-	1 <sup>3</sup>
 Stockwater	4	-	-
 Transportation	6	4	-
 Waste reduction & recovery	3	-	-
 Community governance & decision making	3	1	-
 Economic development	2	1	-
 Community services	3	-	-
 Parks & open spaces	4	3	-
 Recreation facilities	5	6	-
 Regulatory functions	18	3	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71 (77%)</b>	<b>20 (22%)</b>	<b>1 (1%)</b>

<sup>3</sup> Median response time to callouts was unable to be measured as there were no callouts in 2018/19.



# Local infrastructure

## DRINKING WATER

We provide twelve community drinking water supplies across the district, servicing approximately 10,500 homes and businesses.



- ▶ Eleven out of twelve drinking water supplies comply with bacteria compliance.
- ▶ All target response times to faults or unplanned work were met by contractors.
- ▶ While the project to raise the bore-heads was delayed, the first of eight was undertaken in June 2019, with the other seven to be undertaken across 2019/20.
- ▶ A new standby generator was purchased for the Tinwald water treatment facility in the Tinwald Domain.
- ▶ Watermain and laterals were replaced on time and within budget at Albert Street, Chalmers Avenue East, Chalmers Avenue West, Thomson Street and Patton Street.

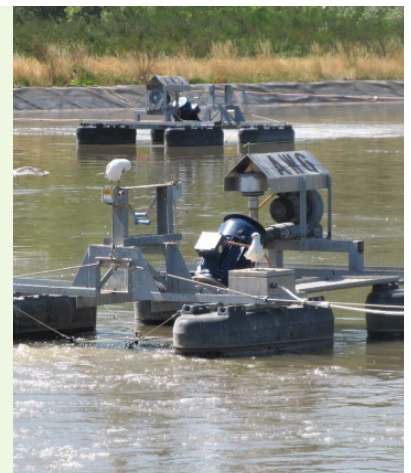


## WASTEWATER

We provide three community wastewater schemes in the Ashburton District, servicing over 9,600 homes and businesses in Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia.



- ▶ All target response times to faults and unplanned work were met by contractors.
- ▶ Sewermain renewals were completed on Walnut Avenue, Chalmers Avenue and Dolma Street.
- ▶ Due to consenting delays, start to the Ashburton river crossing and pump project was delayed, with construction to start in 2019/20.



## STORMWATER

We provide urban stormwater collection and disposal networks in Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia.



- ▶ The Ashburton network-wide resource consent was granted in June 2019 for the next 25 years.
- ▶ The upgrade to the West Street trunk main was delayed due to the delay in receiving the network-wide stormwater consent. This project will now be undertaken in 2019/20.



## STOCKWATER

In the Ashburton District there are five stockwater areas making up the stockwater race network of 2,058 km, supplying more than 1,340 properties on the Canterbury plains.



- ▶ There have been a steady stream of closure requests across the year, with 46.8 km of the network closed in 2018/19.
- ▶ Health and safety assessments of the infrastructure has begun, with water race rangers issued with tool kits and safety equipment as a result.
- ▶ The Surface Water Strategy, which provides information on the current work Council undertakes on the surface water system, was adopted by Council in December 2018.
- ▶ A Water Race Network Advisory Group was formed to advise on trials for delivery of stockwater through irrigation company infrastructure.



## TRANSPORTATION

With one of the largest roading networks in the country, maintaining our roads is our most expensive job.



- ▶ We resurfaced 6,149 m of footpaths and 125 lane-km of roads. We also rehabilitated 25.2 lane-km of sealed rural roads, and applied 60,321 m<sup>3</sup> of road metal to unsealed roads.
- ▶ We also completed the Poplar Road seal extension (10.3 lane-km) and Winslow Road seal widening (14 lane-km).
- ▶ New LED lights and streetlights including flag lights and poles were installed across the district.

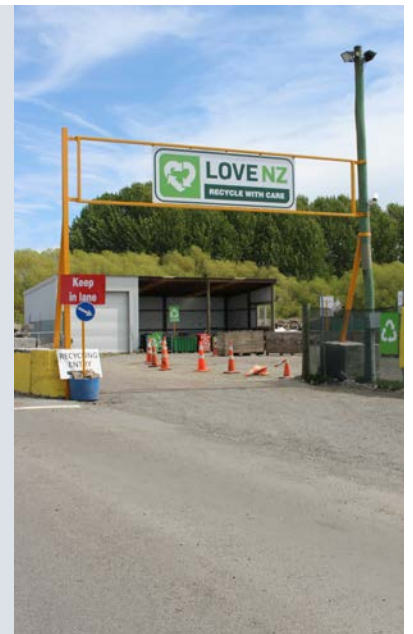


## WASTE REDUCTION & RECOVERY

Our rubbish and recycling service includes kerbside collections, resources recovery parks and community recycling facilities.



- ▶ In 2018/19, 3.3% more recyclable material was collected from kerbside collection services, along with 1.4% more recyclable, recoverable or reusable material being diverted from the waste stream than in 2017/18 (target 1% increase on prior year).
- ▶ The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park has been upgraded, with the recycling drop-off site moving to an undercover area, along with a series of other smaller upgrades to the site. The re-use shop has also been moved to a more suitable site by the old recycling area.
- ▶ Solar powered compactors were installed into rubbish bins in Rakaia, Methven, Hinds and Ashburton.



# Public services

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE & DECISION-MAKING



- ▶ Eight policies and one bylaw was reviewed and adopted by Council. In addition, two strategies and two plans were adopted, along with eight submissions made on topics that affect our district.
- ▶ In 2018/19 we gave out more than \$1.2 million in grants to community groups and organisations.
- ▶ We launched a new text messaging service which sends out important notifications straight to cell phones around our district to users that sign up with their postcode.
- ▶ Live-streaming of Council and standing committee meetings began as a trial in March 2019, with an average viewership of 880 for each meeting (live or viewed on demand later).



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Economic development includes the Council-managed activities of commercial property, forestry and economic development, along with tourism delivered by the Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) Experience Mid Canterbury.

- ▶ In April 2019 we consulted on an amendment to the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan so that there was sufficient budget allocated to the Ashburton library and civic centre building. Following 169 submissions, Council adopted the amendment allocating \$51.6 million to the building project.
- ▶ We published the Ashburton Labour Force Plan, which found that businesses attracted to our district have a stronger demand for employees than what can be supplied. Recommendations included improving the quality of living in our district, promoting our story, and training of the future workforce.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES



We provide a range of services for the community, including public conveniences, memorial halls, reserves, camp grounds, Elderly Persons Housing, and community safety measures.

- ▶ New public toilets were installed in the Ashburton Domain at the children's playground. These have already been well used with over 200 visitors a day during the summer months.
- ▶ We applied, and were successful, in receiving a \$750,000 grant from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund towards the upgrade of the toilets and landscape at the Rakia Salmon site.



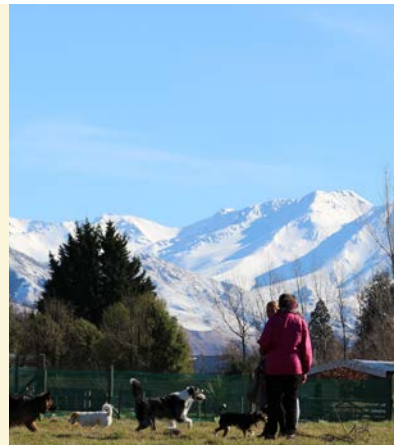


## PARKS & OPEN SPACES

We manage and maintain 86 parks and reserves throughout the district.



- ▶ The extension to the Ashburton Cemetery on Seaford Road has now been completed, providing over 1,300 additional conventional burial plots and almost 700 conventional ashes plots, along with a natural burial area and an ashes scattering garden.
- ▶ We planted the first culturally themed garden for the Ashburton Domain this year. We worked with the Ashburton Indian Multicultural Trust to design, raise the seedlings, and plant the garden.



## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



- ▶ 109,979 people visited the Ashburton Library this year (target 130,000)
- ▶ Self-issue and return stations were installed in the library, as well as a new Facebook page and App launched. Twelve new Chromebook touch screen computers were also installed as part of the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa 'Refresh' 2019 program.
- ▶ The Ashburton Museum had an 18% increase in patronage on the previous year, to 25,706.
- ▶ The school holiday programmes were a success, with twice the amount of children accessing the museum in July 2018 as the previous year.
- ▶ The EA Networks Centre had 454,953 visitors across the year, slightly down on the previous year, however, the pool and stadium was closed for part of January for maintenance. User satisfaction has increased significantly, up 14% on the previous year.
- ▶ We installed a new curtain divider in the stadium which allows it to be split into four separate courts.



# Regulatory functions

## REGULATORY FUNCTIONS



In 2018/19 we processed 885 Land Information Management reports – the highest ever number. These took on average just under five working days, half the statutory requirement. In addition to this, we also processed 673 building consents, 847 Code of Compliance Certificates, 189 resource consents, 54 subdivision plans, and inspected 231 swimming pool fences.

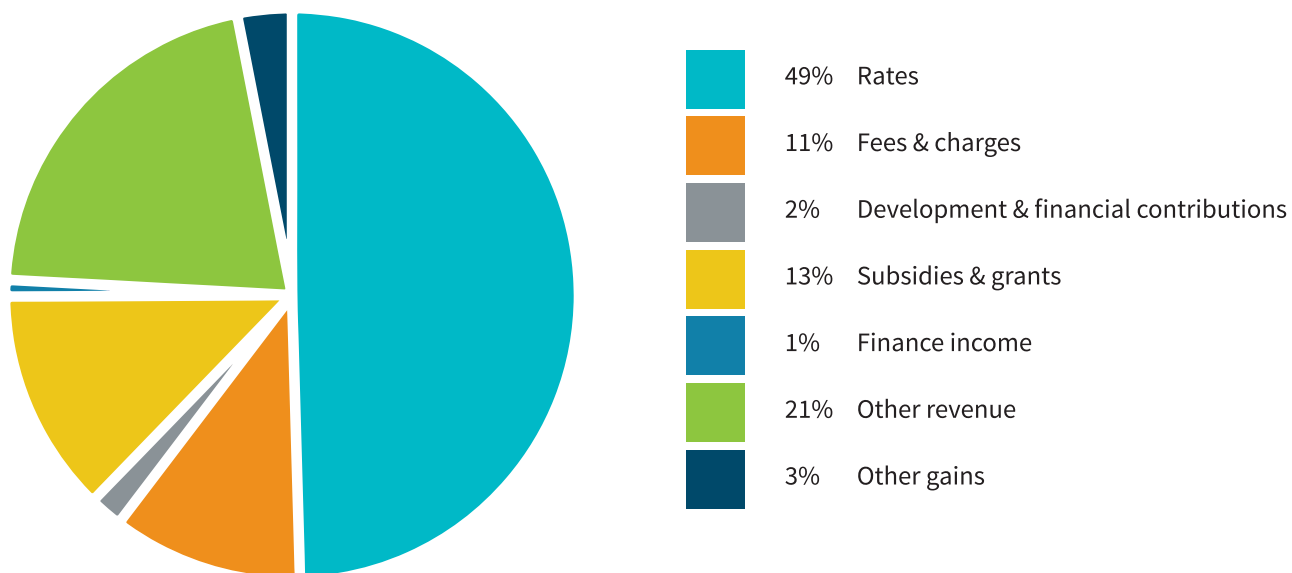
We also met with 110 alcohol licensed premises and 146 registered food premises, registered 6,514 dogs, responded to 872 reports of found, wandering or barking dogs, and responded within two hours to all 333 occasions where noise control were called.



# Financial performance

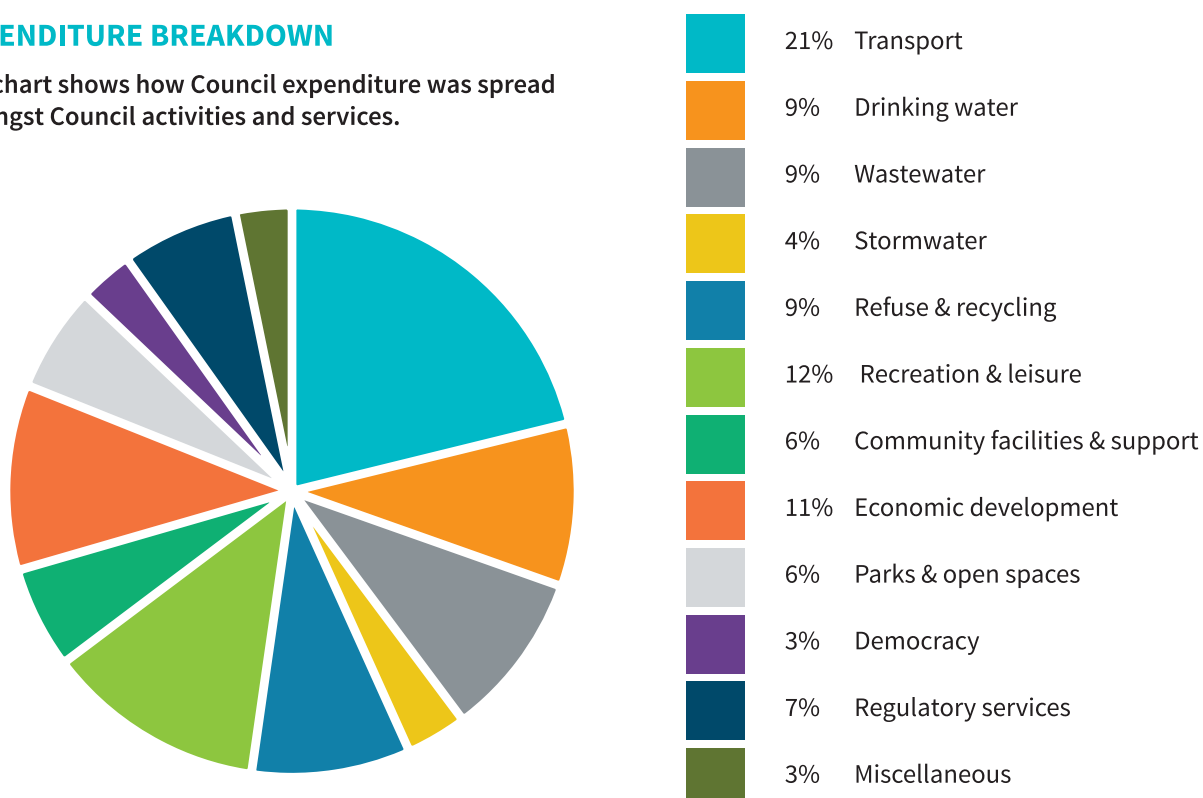
## REVENUE SUMMARY

The chart shows Council's sources of revenue for the 2018/19 year.



## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

The chart shows how Council expenditure was spread amongst Council activities and services.





# Financial statements

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**The Ashburton District Council (the Council) is a territorial local authority established under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is domiciled and operates in New Zealand.**

The group consists of the Ashburton District Council and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Ashburton Contracting Limited (Council controlled trading organisation), and Experience Mid Canterbury (Council controlled organisation) and its in-substance subsidiaries the Ashburton Community Water Trust and the Ashburton Stadium Complex Trust.

Its 20% equity share of its associate Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited and its 33% equity share of its associate Eastfield Investments Limited are equity accounted.

All subsidiaries and associates are incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand. The primary objective of the Council and group is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly the Council has designated itself and the group as public benefit entities (PBEs) for financial reporting purposes.

The financial statements of the Council and group are for the year ended 30 June 2019. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (2002), which includes the requirement to comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (GAAP) and in accordance with Tier 1 PBE accounting standards.

The functional currency of the Ashburton District Council is New Zealand dollars and accordingly the financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 31 October 2019. The summary financial statements do not include all disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide a complete understanding as provided by the full financial statements in the Annual Report 2018/19. A full copy of this report is available at [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz) or from Council offices. The financial statements presented in this summary financial report have been audited by Audit New Zealand. The Summary Annual Report complies with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements.



## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2019 Budget \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
<b>Revenue</b>					
Rates	35,244	35,328	33,803	35,244	33,803
Fees, charges	7,677	8,170	7,566	7,677	7,566
Development and financial contributions	1,349	1,342	1,097	1,349	1,097
Subsidies and grants	9,011	7,831	6,946	9,011	6,946
Finance income	674	1,280	554	788	596
Other revenue	14,977	15,204	14,160	35,123	35,994
Other gains	2,194	769	2,052	2,199	2,098
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>71,126</b>	<b>69,924</b>	<b>66,178</b>	<b>91,391</b>	<b>88,100</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Personnel costs	14,508	14,878	13,878	23,894	22,927
Depreciation and amortisation	15,586	15,066	14,769	16,796	15,950
Finance costs	1,741	1,989	1,624	1,931	1,786
Other expenses	26,236	25,948	26,239	35,191	36,132
Other losses	5,989	96	4,419	6,022	4,422
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>64,060</b>	<b>57,977</b>	<b>60,929</b>	<b>83,834</b>	<b>81,217</b>
Share of associate's surplus/(deficit)	-	-	-	(52)	(14)
Surplus/(deficit) before taxation	7,066	11,947	5,249	7,505	6,869
Income tax expense/(revenue)	(10)	-	(31)	192	569
Surplus/(deficit) after taxation	7,076	11,947	5,280	7,313	6,300
Share of joint venture surplus/(deficit)	-	-	-	(734)	(74)
<b>Surplus after tax and joint venture</b>	<b>7,076</b>	<b>11,947</b>	<b>5,280</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>6,226</b>
<b>Other comprehensive revenue</b>					
<i>Items that will be reclassified to surplus/(deficit)</i>					
Financial assets at fair value	12	-	70	12	70
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to surplus/(deficit)</i>					
Gain/(loss) on infrastructure revaluation	(19,447)	16,789	26,208	(19,447)	26,208
Gain on land and buildings revaluation	-	-	-	69	88
Deferred tax on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	(19)	(7)
<b>Total other comprehensive revenue</b>	<b>(19,435)</b>	<b>16,789</b>	<b>26,278</b>	<b>(19,385)</b>	<b>26,359</b>
<b>Total comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>(12,359)</b>	<b>28,736</b>	<b>31,558</b>	<b>(12,806)</b>	<b>32,585</b>



## SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE VARIANCES

Explanations for major variations from the Council's budget figures in its Long-Term Plan 2018/19 are as follows:

### REVENUE VARIANCES

#### Total revenue is \$1,202,000 above budget

Detailed reasons for the variance are outlined in the full annual report, but are summarised as follows:

##### ***Fees and Charges is \$493,000 below budget***

Building and resource consents are below budget by \$405,000, as a result of less consents being processed in 2018/19.

##### ***Income from subsidies and grants is \$1,180,000 above budget***

NZTA subsidies were \$1.326 million above budget. This related to the street lighting LED upgrade project that was not budgeted. This work cost \$1.6 million and was 75% subsidised.

##### ***Income from finance income is \$606,000 below budget***

Interest rates for investments were lower than the estimated used in the 2018/28 Long Term Plan. In addition Council has less invested as a result of using cash for internal borrowing and carrying less external debt as at 30 June 2019 than originally estimated.

##### ***Income from other gains is \$1,425,000 above budget***

Gain on the annual revaluation of forestry was \$911,000, and \$883,000 gain on the annual revaluation of investment property. These were not budgeted for in the 2018/19 year.

#### Total expenses are \$6,083,000 above budget

##### ***Expenditure on other losses is \$5,893,000 above budget***

Unbudgeted asset write downs were included in the following activities:

Service	Unbudgeted
Transportation	\$989,000
Forestry	\$340,000
Water	\$1,098,000
Wastewater	\$1,694,000
Solid waste management and collection	\$391,000

There was also \$1,299,000 on losses on changes in fair value of interest rate swaps.





## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2019 Budget \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	10,586	14,053	12,514	9,548	13,005
Receivables	6,958	4,224	4,653	12,671	7,962
Other financial assets	-	10,000	-	-	-
Local Authority stocks and bonds	2,124	5,642	3,112	2,124	3,112
Inventories	75	100	91	1,409	1,172
Income tax receivable	-	-	3	-	3
Property inventory	306	404	441	306	441
Property intended for sale	870	-	379	870	379
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>20,919</b>	<b>34,423</b>	<b>21,193</b>	<b>26,928</b>	<b>26,074</b>
<b>Non current assets</b>					
Receivables	-	4	-	9	20
Deferred taxation asset	41	-	31	41	31
Other financial assets	967	935	935	978	938
Investment in council controlled organisations	4,595	4,595	4,595	-	-
Investment in associate	1,795	1,795	1,795	2,964	3,012
Property inventory	2,836	2,558	3,172	2,836	3,172
Investment properties	34,633	39,200	35,851	34,633	35,851
Forestry assets	5,795	4,774	5,243	5,795	5,243
Intangible assets	831	711	1,075	1,308	1,566
Property, plant and equipment	722,288	757,977	731,135	732,763	741,598
Work in progress	4,668	-	2,909	4,668	2,909
Share of joint venture	-	-	-	5,264	5,999
<b>Total non current assets</b>	<b>778,449</b>	<b>812,549</b>	<b>786,741</b>	<b>791,259</b>	<b>800,339</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>799,368</b>	<b>846,972</b>	<b>807,934</b>	<b>818,187</b>	<b>826,413</b>





## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2019 Budget \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Payables and deferred revenue	10,505	8,026	7,216	12,108	7,786
Employee benefit liabilities	1,161	1,781	1,628	1,954	2,496
Landfill aftercare liability	15	15	15	15	15
Borrowings	15,135	4,000	12,135	15,563	13,492
Tax payable	-	-	-	183	252
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>26,816</b>	<b>13,822</b>	<b>20,994</b>	<b>29,823</b>	<b>24,041</b>
<b>Non current liabilities</b>					
Payables and deferred revenue	440	-	486	447	486
Employee benefit liabilities	334	493	462	385	502
Landfill aftercare liability	141	134	156	141	156
Deferred taxation liability	-	-	-	618	781
Derivative financial instruments	2,111	536	813	2,111	813
Borrowings	22,136	49,732	25,271	23,767	25,930
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>	<b>25,162</b>	<b>50,895</b>	<b>27,188</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>28,668</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>51,978</b>	<b>64,717</b>	<b>48,182</b>	<b>57,292</b>	<b>52,709</b>
<b>Equity</b>					
Ratepayers equity	463,348	475,131	457,350	475,564	470,061
Other reserves	284,042	307,124	302,402	285,332	303,643
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>747,390</b>	<b>782,255</b>	<b>759,752</b>	<b>760,896</b>	<b>773,704</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>799,368</b>	<b>846,972</b>	<b>807,934</b>	<b>818,188</b>	<b>826,413</b>



## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2019 Budget \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Receipts from customers	62,795	58,014	61,905	82,267	84,488
Interest received	731	1,280	572	846	616
Dividends received	1,419	950	958	664	552
Sale of Council subdivisions	-	3,303	-	-	-
Payments to suppliers and employees	(39,407)	(39,583)	(39,464)	(57,171)	(59,027)
Donations	-	-	531	-	531
Interest paid	(1,741)	(1,989)	(1,760)	(1,931)	(1,922)
Net GST (paid)/received	(372)	-	(128)	(412)	(417)
Income tax	10	-	-	(443)	(261)
Net cash flow from operating activities	23,435	21,975	22,614	23,820	24,560
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Sale of property, plant and equipment	119	200	31	257	144
Sale/maturing of shares and investments	10,945	-	12,172	10,945	12,170
Advances repayments	-	-	4	-	4
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(26,295)	(24,779)	(22,592)	(27,724)	(23,683)
Purchase of intangible assets	-	(145)	(779)	(11)	(791)
Purchase of shares and investments	(10,000)	-	-	(10,007)	-
Related party loan	-	-	-	-	-
Advances	-	-	(14)	(534)	(826)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(25,231)	(24,724)	(11,178)	(27,074)	(12,982)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Loans raised	12,000	7,484	5,000	12,433	5,000
Loan repayments	(12,135)	(2,485)	(15,001)	(12,624)	(15,085)
Net cash flow from financing activities	(135)	4,999	(10,001)	(191)	(10,085)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(1,931)</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>(3,444)</b>	<b>1,493</b>
Add opening cash resources	12,514	11,802	11,078	12,991	11,511
<b>Total closing cash resources</b>	<b>10,583</b>	<b>14,052</b>	<b>12,513</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>13,004</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2019 Budget \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
Balance at 1 July	759,752	753,519	728,192	773,702	741,117
Total comprehensive income	- 12,359	28,736	31,558	- 12,806	32,585
Balance at 30 June	747,390	782,255	759,752	760,896	773,702



## OPERATING AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
<b>Operating</b>				
Roading	934	5,493	934	5,493
Footpaths	21	121	21	121
Wastewater/stormwater/water maintenance	3	1	3	1
Solid waste management	19,794	24,935	19,794	24,935
Public Conveniences	-	447	-	447
Information Technology	260	-	260	-
Parking	-	1	-	1
EA Centre - Gymnasium	108	57	108	57
Property	285	113	285	113
Total operating commitments	21,405	31,168	21,405	31,168
Less than one year	4,263	6,151	4,263	6,151
Between one and two years	3,289	5,887	3,289	5,887
Between two and five years	6,335	8,394	6,335	8,394
Greater than five years	7,518	10,736	7,518	10,736
	21,405	31,168	21,405	31,168
<b>Capital</b>				
Roading	3,221	3,648	3,221	3,648
Footpaths	99	51	99	51
Wastewater/stormwater/water	71	34	71	34
Information Technology	242	-	242	-
Other operations	-	-	-	-
Commercial property	414	-	414	-
Total capital commitments	4,047	3,733	4,047	3,733

## CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Council 2019 Actual \$000	Council 2018 Actual \$000	Group 2019 Actual \$000	Group 2018 Actual \$000
Contingent Liability	-	-	-	-
Performance Bonds	-	-	148	237
Guarantees	-	-	1,729	1,504
Total contingent liabilities	-	-	1,877	1,741

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

### **To the readers of Ashburton District Council and group's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019**

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Ashburton District Council and group (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 3 to 15:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2019;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary statement of service performance.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

## **Summary of the annual report**

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

## **The full annual report and our audit report thereon**

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019 in our auditor's report dated 31 October 2019.

## Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

## Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

In addition to our audit of the audited information and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have audited an amendment to the District Council's 2018-28 long term plan, and performed a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed. Other than these engagements, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the District Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.



Dereck Ollsson,  
Audit New Zealand  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
27 November 2019



