

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



Date: 5 March 2024
Venue: Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakatare, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton
Time: 9:30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received from Ben Grant (NZ Police), Lucy Mehrtens (Road Safety – South Canterbury), David Scarlett

John Skevington/Richard Wilson

Carried

Present:

Neil Brown	Mayor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury
Richard Wilson	ADC Councillor	Steve Ochsner	FENZ
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Stephen Burgerhout	NZ Police
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
James Long	Waka Kotahi	Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ
Neil Simons	Principals Association	John Skevington	Automobile Association

In attendance:

Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Principals Association

Wording to be changed to ‘ is occasionally not able to attend the meetings’

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

John Keenan/Phill Hooper

Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

A request is to be made for CoDrivr usage status reports to be grouped in districts rather than individual schools.

It was noted that flush medians on highways are not being used correctly and it was suggested that an advertising campaign be undertaken to educate drivers on how to use them correctly.

5.2 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

Tinwald Corridor Improvements projects

The estimated completion date is May 2024.

It was noted that at times there is no construction work being carried out on the main road at the Carters Terrace intersection however there are still traffic cones on site with a 30km speed limit which is hindering traffic. Request is to be made for the road cones to be scaled back to improve traffic flow over the upcoming busy weekends.

Speed Limit Changes

The Committee have requested that the Mayor endorse a letter to the Minister of Transport, Simeon Brown with MP James Meager copied in, requesting action on lowering the speed limit on the outskirts of Methven outside the new Ōpuke Thermal Pools & Spa from 100kph to 50kph.

[Post meeting update]

There was an error in the report submitted by NZTA in advance of the meeting. The report stated that;

The planned 23-24 interim speed management changes for Methven and Rakaia townships are affected by these changes. Rakaia has already been taken off the list for the NLTP 21-24 ISMP projects due to a recent reprioritisation.

The Rakaia speed limit change has not been reprioritised at this time.

John Keenan

It was noted that John Keenan has resigned from Waka Kotahi/NZTA and this was his last Road Safety meeting. The Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to John for his contributions over the years.

Automobile Association

- There are an additional 1,000 sets of cycle lights for the 'Be Safe – Be Seen' project some of which are earmarked to be distributed in the Ashburton district.
- John advised that he had been re-elected as Chair of the AA Board for another year.

Police

- Currently having issues with tractors towing trailers with unsecured loads. Fed Farmers are to be approached to put a reminder re securing loads in their newsletter.
- New legislation to come into force on Friday, vehicles that fail to stop for Police can be impounded for up to a six month period.

Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

- Still have concerns with the stock effluent dumpsite in Tinwald, alternative locations are being investigated.
- Concerns with the new six month vehicle impound rule, if the driver is not the owner of the vehicle what are the vehicle owners rights.

Safer Mid Canterbury

- Initial signs are being drawn up for the Bike Skills Park and funding is being sought.

ACADS

- CAP report will be available for next months meeting.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.53am