

# Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



**Date:** 4 June 2024  
**Venue:** Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton  
**Time:** 9:30am

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

**That** apologies for absence be received from Mayor Neil Brown, Lucy Mehrrens (Road Safety – South Canterbury), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police) and Shane Cochrane (NZ Police)

Richard Wilson/Neil Simons

Carried

## Present:

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

## 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

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 5 March 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Phill Hooper/Neil Simons

Carried

## 4 Correspondence

Nil

## 5 Reports/Agency Updates

### 5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- It was noted that CoDrivR user numbers were low. Suggestions were made to move it around various locations in the district, possibly Salvation Army or Community House to see if it would be better utilized.
- Investigations are to be undertaken as to ways to promote CoDrivR

### 5.2 Tinwald School Road Safety

The Tinwald School Board of Trustees raised safety concerns with traffic on Graham Street, specifically between Thomson and Harland Streets.

Recommendations are:

- Extend the 30km/hr school speed limit when we are permitted to have a variable speed limit with static signs
- Install pedestrian crossing signs on Graham Street in advance of the crossing
- School to consider running a crossing patrol on Graham Street

The Roding Manager along with Cr Hooper and Road and Safety Technician are to meet with the Board of Trustee representatives to discuss their concerns and recommended improvements.

#### **Automobile Association**

- \$6k of funds have been raised for the purchase of more cycle lights to be distributed throughout the country.
- It has been advised that it is expected that road-side drug testing will be introduced by Christmas this year.

#### **Drivers Licensing Testing Issues**

- There is currently an issue with excessive wait times for people to sit their practical driving licensing tests. This issue is not limited to the Ashburton district it was reported that Timaru are experiencing the same issues.
- People are travelling to the West Coast to sit their tests
- Some issues discussed were the shortage of assessors, the removal of the re-test fee and the current funding model for the licensing test structure does not work
- James Long is to investigate as to what is causing the delays

#### **FENZ**

- 2023/24 year reported 68 motor vehicle collisions for the Ashburton district
- The majority of incidents in the district occur at intersections
- FENZ attend approximately 26 collisions per day in New Zealand

#### **Community Alcohol Action Plan**

It was noted that Chris Clark, long term Board member and employee of the Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), was made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit at the recently announced King's Birthday honours. Chris was also a long term member of the Road Safety Committee.

The Chair acknowledged the input and efforts from Chris over the years and passed on the Committees congratulations.

#### **Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ**

There were concerns raised that when tractors are travelling south the right turn arrow at the State Highway One/Lagmhor Rd traffic signals remains red through several cycles when they are in the lane to turn.

James will follow up with the timings of the loop.

#### **Bike Skills Park – Final Concept Plan**

- Currently applying for funding for a project manager
- Rotary and Service clubs are assisting with raising funds for the construction costs which are currently estimated at \$400k
- Intention to take the final concept design to schools to consult with the children

#### **Waka Kotahi/NZTA**

- Road Safety Week – motorcycle campaign 'ride to the conditions' and undertaking school visits
- LTP has been concluded, funding expected 1 September
- Speed management work - Rakaia has been completed and Methven is still being processed

- Wide centre lines are planned from Christchurch to Ashburton and Timaru to St Andrews
- Rakaia Weigh Station is not yet operation due to calibration issues and testing is yet to be completed

#### **NZ Police**

- Currently undertaking a campaign on alcohol impaired drivers, last operation caught nine impaired drivers within a three hour period.
- Police experiencing issues with the amount of works and cones on the State Highway. Also experience difficulties with the traffic management plans being put in place which sometimes do not make sense to drivers.
- Kings Birthday weekend was quieter than in previous years
- Staffing levels are below full strength

#### **6 Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.50am