

JULY 2025  
FAMILY GUIDE

# WHAT'S ON GUIDE



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# July

## What's on these holidays

*Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai.*

### Welcome to our winter guide of family-friendly activities.

Whether you want quiet time or have energy to burn, there's loads of (mostly) free stuff to do at our Ashburton District Council facilities. Check out our Matariki viewing platform near the Rakaia Gorge or discover what other exciting things Mid Canterbury has to offer this winter. Head to [midcanterbury.co.nz](http://midcanterbury.co.nz) for more ideas!

### Flip to the back cover to learn about our What's On Winter Challenge.

It's a fun new challenge with a fantastic prize: a boredom buster pack from all our facilities!


Look for the stamp icon in the guide to identify challenge activities. Complete all four challenges, get your card stamped, and present it at any of our facilities to enter the prize draw!





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 Ashburton Library

## Matariki Escape Room

 Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Book in your chance to complete our Matariki Escape Room challenge. Get a team together to complete puzzles, solve riddles and find your way out of the Matariki escape room trying to get your team's time in the top spot on our leaderboard. The winning team with the fastest time at the end of the holidays will win an escape room style game of their very own.

**Whole whānau/family**

**Booking required:** Limit of five places per session. Scan the QR code above for available days and times.

**FREE**



 EA Networks Centre

## Scavenger Hunt Challenge

 Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Collect a scavenger hunt sheet from our reception desk. Complete the sheet and tell the receptionist the secret word to receive your stamp.

**Whole whānau/family.**

**FREE**





## WHAT'S ON WINTER CHALLENGE

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### Lego Build Challenge

 Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Ask a Librarian to get you one of our awesome educational LEGO spike sets or use the lego table in the children's area. Take a photo of your creation.

**All tamariki/children**

FREE



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

### Twinkle with Mā Puaka

 Sat 28 June - Sun 5 July, 10am-4pm

Design your very own star inspired by our Matariki exhibition. Try to include something from our show in your star design - it could be a character, a special object, or even a fun pattern inspired by what you've seen.

**Whole whānau/family**

FREE



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

## Snowlace Wonders

 Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July, 10am-4pm

Create a fun and colourful snowflake using cardboard, yarn, and basic weaving techniques. This activity helps kids develop fine motor skills, practise pattern-making, and explore creativity through a winter-themed craft!

**Whole whānau/family**



 EA Networks Centre

## EA Networks Centre July Holiday Programme



 Mon 30 June - Fri 11 July.

**Day (8am-3pm)**

**Full Day Session/Field Trip (8am-5pm)**

We offer families a safe and organised school holiday care option, with opportunities for children aged 5-13 to get involved and try new and exciting activities in a fun and supportive environment.

Activities include swimming, gym and aqua classes, crafts, field trips to Staveley and Christchurch and more!

**All tamariki/children**

**Booking required.**

**Day (9am-3pm): \$40 or Full Day/Field Trip: \$50**



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 Ashburton Library

### Pyjama Party Movie Day

 Mon 30 June, 10.30am-12:30pm

Come along in your pyjamas to watch a great family film and have pikelets with scrumptious toppings.

**All tamariki/children  
Booking required.**

FREE



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

### Erebus Explorer. Landscape in a Jar

 Mon 30 June - Fri 11 July, 10am-4pm

Inspired by artist Will Hadwen's immersive canvases and his time in Antarctica, this activity invites children to learn about Mt Erebus and sculpt their own snowy volcano in a mock-snow globe.

Completed activity sheets for this activity will go into a draw for an icy adventure prize pack. Fee \$3.

**Whole whānau/family**




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 Ashburton Library

## Venetian Styled Masks

 Mon 30 June, 3.30pm-5pm  
Thu 3 July, 11am-12.30pm  
Sun 13 July, 2pm-3.30pm

Come along and have a go at paper quilling. You can create fun styles and shapes for your full face mask or an eye mask. The design is up to you.

**Rangitahi/young adults**


**Booking required:** Limit of four places per session.

FREE



 Ashburton Library

## Paper Cut Out Art

 Mon 30 June, 11am-12pm  
Thu 3 July, 5.30pm -7pm  
Thu 10 July, 11am-12pm

Choose a design from a selection we have to cut using the laser cutter. Then paint a backing page to bring the cut image some depth.

**Rangitahi/young adults**


**Booking required:** Limit of three places per session.

FREE



 Ashburton Library

## Zine Making

 Tue 1 July, 3pm-4.30pm  
Fri 4 July, 11am-12.30pm  
Sun 13 July, 10am-12pm

A zine - a mini magazine, can be a great way to share what you know. Come along and give zine making a go!

We will have a digital option and a physical option for you to try.

**Rangitahi/young adults**


**Booking required:** Limit of four places per session.

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## String Games & Elastics

 Wed 2 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Come and learn some fun string games or get active and play Elastics.

**All tamariki/children**


**Booking required.**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## Make a Board Game

 Fri 4 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Come create your own fantastic board game to entertain your family and friends.

**All tamariki/children**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## Hanging Star

 **Fri 4 July, 3pm-4pm**  
**Tue 8 July, 10am-11am**  
**Thu 10 July, 5.30pm-6.30pm**


Try your hand at creating a paper quilled star that you can hang up. You get to choose the colours and how you would like your star to look, or you could follow a simple design.

**Rangitahi/young adults**

**Booking required:** Limit of four places per session.

**FREE**



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

## Penguin Parade Collage


 **Sat 5 July - Sun 13 July, 10am-4pm**

Inspired by our foyer wall artwork *Negativland: Erebus* by Will Hadwen, learn about Antarctic wildlife and create a fun, textured artwork using collage techniques.


**Whole whānau/family**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## Make your own Ball & Cup game

 **Fri 11 July, 10.30am - 11.30am**

Learn how to make a ball and cup game using recycled materials. Decorate it in your own style and then give the game a try!

**All tamariki/children**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

## Be a 1975 News Reporter

 Sat 5 July - Wed 13 July, 10am-4pm

Explore life in Ashburton in 1975 through historical newspaper photographs and create a personal news story inspired by real moments from the past. This activity helps kids understand local history, practise creative writing, and express their ideas through drawing and storytelling.

**Whole whānau/family**

**FREE**




 Ashburton Library - Event Space

## The Snow - Family Theatre Production

**FREE**



 Sun 6 July, 1.45pm-3:45pm

About the play: When an epic snowfall imprisons the residents of the tiny village of Kishka, young Theodore Sutton proposes the villagers build a catapult to fling him and the village's bravest and strongest out in search of a solution.

The Snow, family theatre by Finegan Kruckemeyer and Wintergreen Creative.  
All Canterbury actors.

**Whole whānau/family**  
**Booking required.**

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 Ashburton Domain

## Flying Fox

FREE



 Always open


Hold races with friends and family under the trees in the Ashburton Domain. Get a pic of yourself at the flying fox this holidays and show anyone at our What's On facilities to receive a stamp.

**Whole whānau/family.**



 Ashburton Library

## Pen & Paper Games

 Mon 7 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Come, learn, and play pen and paper games. Learn the classics and try your hand at something new.

**All tamariki/children**

FREE



📍 Rakaia Gorge

## Matariki Stargazing

FREE



🕒 All winter, starlight hours

Lie back in the stargazing seats at the Rakaia Gorge and learn about Matariki with starlit artwork by students from Ashburton College. Picnic near the viewing platform looking downstream to the Rakaia River, with the Southern Alps as a backdrop.

**Whole whānau/family.**

📍 Ashburton Library

## Laser Cut Spirographs

🕒 Wed 9 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Pick up your own laser cut Spirograph and learn how to make some awesome designs. Booking required.

**All tamariki/children  
Booking required.**

FREE



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## AV Studio Session

FREE



 Various times available

Book a session in our state-of-the-art AV Studio to bring your creative ideas to life. This is the perfect space for those interested in music production, podcasting, video editing, audio engineering, and more. Your session will be attended by a Studio Specialist who will help you learn the space, software, and techniques needed to realise your project.

Only one booking per person/group at a time. An additional session can be booked during or after the original session.

You are allowed to bring your own music equipment.

**Whole whānau/family**

**Booking required:** Limit of 1-6 people per group, 3 hours maximum duration.

# WHAT'S ON WINTER CHALLENGE

Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Complete these four activities at Council facilities and go in the draw to win a **boredom buster pack** from all our facilities!



*Ashburton Art  
Gallery & Museum*

## **Snowlace Wonders**

Create your own colourful snowflake at the Art Gallery and Museum to receive your stamp for this activity.

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*EA Networks Centre*

## **Scavenger Hunt Challenge**

Complete a scavenger sheet at EANC and tell the receptionist the secret word to receive your stamp. **See page 3**

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*Ashburton Library*

## **Lego Build Challenge**

Come and make a Lego creation at the Ashburton Library and take a photo to show the staff to receive your stamp. **See page 4**

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*Ashburton Domain*

## **Flying Fox Challenge**

Get a pic of yourself at the flying fox and show anyone at our What's On facilities to get the stamp. **See page 10**

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Drop your completed card at one of our facilities to go in the prize draw! Scan the QR code within this booklet to read our competition terms and conditions on our website.

# Complete a challenge and collect your stamp

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Library

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Ashburton  
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NAME:

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Collect your stamp from Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, EA Networks Centre or Ashburton Library.

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## Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

327 West Street, Ashburton

03 307 7890

[ashburtonmuseum.co.nz](http://ashburtonmuseum.co.nz)

[ashburtonartgallery.org.nz](http://ashburtonartgallery.org.nz)

## Ashburton Library

Te Kete Tuhinga,  
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

03 308 7192

[ashburtonlibrary.co.nz](http://ashburtonlibrary.co.nz)

## EA Networks Centre

20 River Terrace, Ashburton

03 308 4020

[eanetworkscentre.co.nz](http://eanetworkscentre.co.nz)

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