

## Band together for banded dotterel

Council has taken the banded dotterel, Pohowera, under its wing in this year's Bird of the Year competition and is encouraging Ashburton district residents to vote for it.

The banded dotterel is on the endangered bird list but has found a stable breeding habitat at Wakanui Beach, which is being restored as a native biodiversity area.

Wakanui Beach was important to Maori in the early days and was part of a network of settlements along the coastline.

Ashburton District Council together with Wakanui Crew, Wakanui School students, farmers in the area and others, is enhancing the space with native plantings; rare plants and endangered birds are hard to spot though.

Nests of the banded dotterel are difficult to distinguish and eggs are often at the mercy of predators as well as unseeing humans and their vehicles. Another breeding population of banded dotterels is found at the Ashburton Rivermouth, with the highest abundance of native birds in Canterbury.

Community Services Group Manager Steve Fabish said the banded dotterel had a chestnut coloured breast band and preferred coastal shingle habitats and riverbeds.



**The banded dotterel is a threatened species, but it has found a stable breeding ground at Wakanui Beach. Photo: Val Clemens**

"It's good that these birds have called Ashburton home just like all of us and we are so lucky to have a group committed to enhancing Wakanui Beach. Hopefully in years to come, these birds will be seen more commonly again. We need to do as much as we can to safeguard their nests.

"So if you're voting in Bird of the Year, then banded dotterels have to be top of your list. Feel free to tick the boxes for wrybills and black-fronted terns too, as these birds are also in our patch."

Banded dotterels breed throughout New Zealand on sandy coasts, shingle and braided riverbeds, or sometimes farmland. Some migrate to Australia once

nesting is complete, others to the northern North Island's harbours and estuaries. Forest and Bird member, Val Clemens, is currently working with landowners at Wakanui Beach to ensure the fledging chicks along the coast are not disturbed.

"As well as enhancing Wakanui Beach for banded dotterels and other threatened birds, it's really important that people know they exist because human disturbance, by vehicle or foot, damages nests and kills fledging chicks," Mr Fabish said.

Go to [www.birdoftheyear.org.nz](http://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz) to see all the birds. Voting closes 31 October.

## Spotlight on Burnett St in new show

Burnett Street, in Ashburton's central business district, is the focus of a new exhibition opening next week at the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum.

Museum staff have issued an invitation to the community to come along on Wednesday 26 October for the opening of Spotlight on Burnett Street, at 6pm. As part of the opening, archivist Connor Lysaght will talk about how to preserve different types of photographic material.

Burnett Street lies in the bustling heart of our town, having catered to the needs of our growing population since the early 1870s.

Although few physical remnants from that earliest era remain, our display of stories, photos and archives will capture the changing landscape, lives and businesses of one of Ashburton's busiest streets.



## Help us distribute creative communities funds

Council administers the Creative Communities Scheme on behalf of Creative New Zealand and we are looking for a new committee member.

The vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of an incumbent who has served the local arts community well.

Expressions of interest are sought from people who have the necessary skills to continue this valued contribution.

Committee members meet twice a year for a two-hour assessment meeting. Prior to this, members will need to have reviewed the applications, which may take up to four hours depending on numbers.

Creative projects that have received funding previously include Hakatere Ceramics Exhibition, Digital storytellers workshop, and the Ashburton Stone Sculpture Symposium.

For more information, contact Council on 307-7700 or submit your letter expressing your interest.

## Hamish Riach - Chief Executive

### Support for new citizens, new councillors

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About 100 new Kiwis were present on the night, supported by family and friends they have made since coming to New Zealand. These new citizens are crucial to our district and their job skills are very much valued; they have come from all around the world to live in our patch, which is now their patch too.

The resumption of public events is welcome after two years under the covid cloud and we are all enjoying getting out and about in numbers.

Staff are busy planning several more public events, including another citizenship ceremony in December and activities for the Nights of Lights Christmas festival, which includes lighting up the giant Christmas tree on Friday 2 December.

Council will also have a presence at the Ashburton A&P show next week and we'll have staff and elected councillors on hand to answer questions or talk about some of the work we are doing. Drop in if you have a burning question, or just want to say hello or see what's in our marquee.

The councillors have just begun their induction following the recent Local Government Elections and will be sworn in next Thursday 27 October.

The settling in period for the new council is important, and new councillors will have a chance to learn about what Council does, how those activities are funded, and key issues for the future.

Education sessions run by Local Government New Zealand next week will cover Council fundamentals, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, community engagement and how to build a strong council team.

Council's Executive Team are programmed to discuss the roles and activities they are responsible for,

including finances and issues and opportunities.

Our elected members come from a range of backgrounds and bring different experiences and skills to the table, and our new councillors in particular need to learn and develop new knowledge and understanding in order to get the best outcomes from their time as a Councillor. The end result should be a cohesive Council team connected to the community and working for the best interests of the Ashburton district.

It's a lot to take in, and all staff are here to help get the new Council settled in a firing on all cylinders.



# Fasten your seatbelts, airport plan is adopted



**A development plan for the Ashburton Airport has been adopted.**

**Community feedback has helped shape the final Ashburton Airport Development Plan, which was adopted by Council recently.**

The plan allows for development at the Airport over the next 30 years and aims to see the facility become more vibrant and financially self-sufficient.

There was general support from submitters for three proposed hangar precincts, although Councillors made adjustments in response to feedback. Commercial activity, that's better suited away from residential areas, will be allowed to operate from the new recreational precinct on the airport's northern boundary rather than the commercial hangar precinct adjacent to Seaford Road.

The Council also acknowledged that care will need to be taken around density, amenity and landscaping when considering lease applications for the commercial hangar area to help retain the open rural feel that local residents enjoy.

Two hectares along the western boundary of the site will be available for building hangar homes, where people are able live in the same building as their aircraft. This will be a new activity for Airport and

requires resource consent or a change to the District Plan. With a full Resource Management Act process to follow, it will take further investigation and engagement with locals before the first hangar home is built.

Airport users asked that safety be given a greater priority in the document, particularly with aviation activity predicted to increase in the future. Councillors agreed and added safety to the plan's values, ensuring it will be key consideration for future development. They also noted that the airport's grass runways will need to be carefully monitored for increased wear and tear, as the facility becomes more popular.

Submitters also took the opportunity to comment on a proposal from NZ Airline Academy (NZAA) to establish a flight school at the Airport. While the proposal wasn't part of the development plan itself, councillors noted the feedback and will carefully consider it when the lease application is presented for a decision in the future.

The Council received 109 submission during consultation, the Ashburton Airport Development Plan can be viewed on the Council's website.

## Council services over the Labour holiday weekend

**If you're planning a big weekend in the garden, then you'll be able to take all your green waste to the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, which is open every day over Labour weekend and the public holiday.**

Or maybe you have plans to visit the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum and check out the life and times of one of Ashburton's earliest female photographers, Bobbie Barwell.

The gallery and museum, and EA Networks Centre, will also be open every day over Labour weekend, though the public holiday on Monday 24 October will see temporary changes to some other Council services and facilities.

There is no change to kerbside rubbish

and recycling collections and Monday's collection will take place as usual.

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open Saturday from 9am-6pm, Sunday from 9am-5pm, and Monday from 8am until 6pm.

The Methven green waste dropoff will be open Sunday from 12pm until 4pm.

The Rakaia Resource Recovery Park will be open on Saturday from 9am-3pm, and closed on Monday.

The Ashburton Public Library will be open Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm and closed Monday.

Council's administration building on Baring Square West will be closed but the afterhours/24 hours-a-day service will be operating - please phone 03 307 7700.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the **Rakaia School 150th Jubilee**, the following road(s) will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic (with the exception of emergency vehicles) for the period indicated below.

Roads to be closed:

- **MACKIE STREET**, from Elizabeth Avenue to Dunford Street
- **DUNFORD STREET**, from Cridland Street to Mackie Street

**Period of Closure:** From 10.00am until 11.30am on **SATURDAY, 22 October 2022.**

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

**NEIL MCCANN**  
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

## RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

### MONDAY 24 OCTOBER, LABOUR DAY

There is **no change to kerbside rubbish and recycling** collections on Monday 24 October and the kerbside collection will take place as usual. The **Ashburton Resource Recovery Park** will be open from 9am until 5pm, but the **Rakaia Resource Recovery Park** will be closed. Please use your windstrap, no matter the weather!



## TRIENNIAL MEETINGS

**Rakaia Reserve Board** - Monday 31 October, 7.30pm at Rakaia Bowling Club

**Ruapuna Reserve Board** - Tuesday 1 November, 7pm at Ruapuna Hall

**Tinwald Memorial Hall Board** - Wednesday 9 November, 7pm at Tinwald Hall

**Methven Reserve Board** - Wednesday 23 November, 7pm at Methven Rugby Club

## VOTE 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS

The official declaration of results confirms the following candidates were elected:

**Mayor:** Neil Brown.

**Councillors:** Liz McMillan, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett, Richard Wilson, Carolyn Cameron, Tony Todd, Leen Braam, Phill Hooper and Russell Ellis.

**Methven Community Board:** Richie Owen, Allan Lock, Kelvin Holmes, Megan Fitzgerald and Robin Jenkinson.

**Braided Rivers Community Trust:** Chantelle Quinn, Chris Robertson, Gerard Rushton, Tim Silva, Robert Harnett and Kieran Breakwell.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a proposal to temporarily close roads to ordinary vehicle traffic to enable the holding of a community event – **Ashburton Santa Parade.**

Road proposed to be closed:

- **MONA SQUARE**, between Cass Street and Kermode Street
- **KERMODE STREET**, between Mona Square and East Street
- **EAST STREET**, between SH1 and Cameron Street
- **CAMERON STREET**, between East Street and Victoria Street
- **VICTORIA STREET**, between Cameron Street and Cass Street

**Periods of Closure:** From 10.30am to 12 noon on **SATURDAY, 03 December 2022.** Detours will be available on adjacent roads and these will be signposted.

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e)). Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email (info@adc.govt.nz) to the Council, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by **4PM on FRIDAY, 28 October 2022.**

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## ALCOHOL OFF LICENCE

### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Ashburton District Licensing Committee will hold a public hearing to consider an application by KD Kumar Investments Limited for an off licence under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**Date:** Friday 4 November

**Venue:** Council Chambers

**Time:** 10am

**Committee members:** Robin Kilworth (commissioner), Greg Clapp (member) and Tracy McIlraith (member).

Any person who claims an interest in the proceedings must:

- Advise the committee of the grounds of that interest (if not already notified)
- Advise if they intend to make submissions or give evidence at the hearing
- Provide **four** copies of typed statements of the evidence and submissions to be tendered.

All parties are required to provide all documents that will be produced as evidence to the licensing committee by close of business on **Thursday 27 October**. Documents must also be provided to all other parties within the same timeframe.

**RICK CATCHPOWLE**  
Secretary, District Licensing Committee

## STORMWATER BYLAW

That Council gives public notice of the making of the **Ashburton District Council Stormwater Bylaw 2022** under section 157 of the Local Government Act, noting that the bylaw will come into operation on **21 October 2022.**

**COUNCIL OFFICE**  
5 Baring Square West  
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8.30am - 5pm  
Thursday 9am - 5pm

**ASHBURTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
180 Havelock Street, Ashburton 7700  
Mon - Fri 9.00am - 8.00pm  
Sat 10am - 1pm | Sun 1pm - 4pm

**EA NETWORKS CENTRE**  
20 River Terrace  
Mon - Fri 6am-9pm (pools 7pm, gym 8pm)  
Sat & Sun 7am-7pm (pools 5pm, gym 6pm)

**ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & ASHBURTON MUSEUM**  
327 West Street  
10am - 4pm daily, late night Wed to 7pm