

Feedback sought on highway speeds

Waka Kotahi - NZTA is proposing to lower the speed limit through Rakaia township to 50km/h and Mid Canterbury residents are being urged to have their say on that and other changes in their Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan.

The national transport authority wants to lower the speed limit on State Highway 1 through Rakaia from 70km/h to 50km/h; and lower the speed limit north of Rakaia and over the river and rail bridges from 100km/h to 80km/h or 60km/h.

The other proposed changes are on State Highway 77.

The authority is proposing a 30km/h variable limit past Ashburton Borough School (related to school hours), and a 30km/h variable limit past Our Lady of the Snows primary school and Mt Hutt College in Methven. It's also proposed to lower the speed limit from Methven township to the new Opuke Thermal Hot Pools to 80km/h.

Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown urged Mid Canterbury residents to have their say during Waka Kotahi's consultation, which will run for four weeks until 12 December.

"The speed limit through Rakaia has long been a concern for our local road safety committee and for Rakaia locals who struggle to get across the highway safely at times.

"The new hot pools in Methven have also created a lot of vehicle and foot traffic, and locals there have been lobbying for the limit on that stretch of road to be lowered from 100km/h."



He said the proposed speed limits around schools were in line with changes Council wanted to make as part of its own draft Interim Speed Management Plan for the district.

Council's draft plan attracted over 80 submissions and Council will be hearing verbal submissions on Wednesday 23 November.

"Waka Kotahi's plan is about proposed changes to its highways, and Council's

plan is for its local roads. The aim is for everyone to be safe as they move around, whether they're in a car, walking or cycling.

"Anyone who has an interest in the safety of our roads should take a look at Waka Kotahi's plan and provide feedback."

Details of the draft Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan (ISMP) can be found on Waka Kotahi's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/ISMP

Clock tower message for community

Ashburton's iconic clock tower will begin glowing orange next week for the duration of Zonta's 16-day international campaign against domestic violence.

Orange is the signature colour of the Zonta Says No campaign, which will run from Friday 25 November until Saturday 10 December.

The campaign is recognised by all 66 countries where there are Zonta Clubs, including 28 Clubs in New Zealand and the local Zonta Club of Ashburton.

Local club spokesperson Alison Grant said the campaign was about increasing awareness of domestic violence, as only 25 per cent of cases were reported.

"Our mission in Zonta is to give women and girls equal rights and opportunities, to eliminate violence and to improve the lives and women and girls worldwide."

Council Chief Executive Hamish Riach said Council supported the campaign message and lighting up the clock tower orange at night would help raise awareness within the Ashburton community.

"Family violence happens at all levels of society, and affects all members of a family, so it is important people know where they can access help and support."

Council staff change the colour of the LED strip lighting by accessing an electronic controller in the base of the clock tower. The lights are usually one colour, though there is an option for a multi-coloured display.

The lights are currently glowing purple to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer and premature babies. Council receives several requests throughout the year for colours to mark special events.

After the Zonta Says No campaign finishes on 10 December, the multi-colour mode will be chosen to run through the festive season.

Mr Riach said the clock tower was widely recognised as a symbol of Ashburton and the celebration lights had been a feature for almost seven years.



Liz McMillan - Deputy Mayor

Combined team effort makes district a safer place

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, it is great to be able to get out for walks in the evening.

One of my favourite walks is along the Methven walkway, either through the Enchanted Forest or along the new track through the cemetery.

The path through the Methven cemetery is a good example of Council collaborating with service groups.

Our Open Spaces team have worked with Methven Lions with a planting day held last month. The rhododendrons that were planted a few years ago at another planting day organised by the Methven Community Board are growing well and the space is looking good.

Last term I presented a petition with over 500 signatures to Waka Kotahi NZTA asking to reduce the speed on

State Highway 77 from Methven to the racecourse entrance. While this is still a work in progress it led to our Council agreeing on putting in a shingle footpath to make it safer for people to walk along the side of the road.

I am pleased to say this path is scheduled to be in place before the end of this year.

One of my roles as a Councillor is to chair the Safe Communities steering group. This is a group of 27 agencies who meet bimonthly to discuss safety in the community.

After a two-year break we were able to organise the Safety Village at the Ashburton A&P show. This year saw 11 different agencies set up, with one of the main attractions being the kitchen fire display by FENZ.

I spent the morning at the Safety Village on the Saturday and it was pleasing to see so many people come through to

get information on services in our community. Congratulations to Lesley our Safe Communities co-ordinator for organising the village and to all those who took part.

After a disruptive couple of years I think we are all glad to be back attending events.

One of my projects outside of Council is restarting up the Methven & Foothills Walking Festival which will be held next year in the April school holidays.

This was a popular walking festival in the early 2000s and our group has been meeting regularly to put together a programme to suit all ages. We hope it will attract people from near and far.

I think you will agree that when you live in a district as beautiful as ours, you want to share it with everyone and hope they will keep returning.



Time to share the Christmas cheer

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, as the Council unwraps the festive season with three free community events guaranteed to spark joy in even the biggest grinch!

Share the wonder as the town's Christmas tree comes to life at Light Up the Night, hit the right notes at the Christmas Busker Days and settle in for a Christmas favourite at the outdoor Family Movie Night.

Mayor Neil Brown says big crowds will be expected this year as the community enjoys the chance to celebrate without covid restrictions. "We can see from recent events, like the A&P Show, that people are more than ready to get out and be part of an occasion, and we expect our Christmas festival to attract bumper crowds."

Opening the festival is the official lighting of the town's giant Christmas tree at Light Up the Night. People are invited to join Santa, the elves and the team from Hokonui at East Street on 2 December from 6pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a folding chair and settle in for an evening of music, festive lighting and entertainment.

There will be plenty on offer for everyone, with three kids' activity zones and a range of mouth-watering offerings



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available from the nearby food trucks. The Christmas tree will be lit up about 9.30pm.

Hokonui will run a charity auction in the lead-up to the night, selling off the opportunity to push the button on the Christmas tree lights. Money raised will go to the Phat Bastards Bike Club, whose members are doing a 48-hour charity ride in the new year to raise money for Farming Families, Hospice Mid Canterbury and Methven Search and Rescue.

A touch of Hollywood arrives at the picnic ground area of the Ashburton Domain on Saturday 17 December at the Christmas Family Movie Night. Starting at 6pm,

the whole family will enjoy this special outdoor screening of a classic holiday favourite. Movie goers should bring chairs or blankets to sit on and come dressed for the occasion in Christmas garb!

While entry is completely free, the Hokonui team will be collecting donations of canned food items for the Salvation Army foodbank, which will help local families doing it tough over the holiday period. Members of the Ashburton Youth Council will be handing out free popcorn.

The Mayor also encourages people to support their local retailers in the lead up to Christmas. The Christmas Busker Days will see a line-up of local talent spread Christmas cheer through music for shoppers in the CBD on Friday 23 December and Saturday 24 December, between 10am and 2pm.

"This is a good chance to come down and enjoy the atmosphere and buy local. It's been an uncertain couple of years because of covid, but now things are getting back to normal, and we have a town centre to be proud of."

Nights Of Lights is kindly supported by Hokonui. More information about the events can be found at nightsoflight.co.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 137 Havelock Street, (unless otherwise advised).

Ashburton Water Zone Committee
– Tuesday 22 November, 1pm (live-streamed)

Submission deliberations for Draft Alfresco Dining Policy and Draft Speed Management Plan
– Wednesday 23 November, 9am (live-streamed)

Council Meeting – Wednesday 23 November, 1pm (live-streamed)

Submission deliberations continued – Thursday 24 November, 9am (live-streamed)

Council Activity Briefings – Wednesday 30 November, 9.30am

Audit and Risk Committee – Wednesday 30 November, 2pm (live-streamed)

ALCOHOL OFF LICENCE

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing before the Ashburton District Licensing Committee in the matter of an application by KD Kumar Investments Ltd for an off licence under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 has been adjourned until **Friday 2 December**.

Venue: Council Chambers, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Time: 10am

RICK CATCHPOWLE
Secretary, District Licensing Committee

TRIENNIAL MEETINGS

Greenstreet/Ashburton Forks Reserve Board - Monday 21 November, 7pm at Greenstreet Hall

Methven Reserve Board - Tuesday 22 November, 7pm at Methven United Club

Dorie Reserve Board - Thursday 24 November, 7pm at Dorie Hall

Lagmhor Westerfield Hall Board - Monday 28 November, 7pm at Lagmhor Westerfield Memorial Hall

Pendarves Reserve Board - Tuesday 29 November, 7pm at Pendarves Hall

Tinwald Reserve Board - Monday 12 December, 5.30pm at Ashburton Vintage Car Club

Hinds Reserve Board - Tuesday 13 December, 7pm at Hinds Fire Station

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Light up the Night



Fri 2 Dec
6:30pm - 10pm
Ashburton CBD

Christmas Busker Days



Fri 23 & Sat 24 Dec
10am - 2pm
Ashburton CBD

Family Movie Night



Sat 17 Dec
6pm - 9.30pm
Ashburton Domain

PUBLIC NOTICES

ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a road closure for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold its "Gravel Bent Sprint Meeting" (with the exception of emergency vehicles) for the period indicated:

Roads to be closed:

- **LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Christys Road intersection
- **LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Denshires Road South intersection
- **LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Christys Road intersection for 2km

Period of Closure: From 8.30am until 5.30pm on Sunday, 20 November 2022

This notice of closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 - Schedule 10 (11 (e)). It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under the authority of an authorised permit to use the roads/streets for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure

PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO LEASE LAND

The Ashburton District Council seeks expressions of interest to lease some, or all, of land described below;

1. **15-35 Bryant Street, Tinwald**
Area: Approximately 1 hectare
2. **20 Bryant Street, Tinwald**
Area: Approximately 1.3 hectares

Both sites contain a number of sheds, as well as yard space. A lease of up to 2.5 years will be offered to the successful tenderer/s.

Interested parties are welcome to contact Council officers to arrange an inspection of the land and buildings prior to lodging a tender.

Interested parties may express their interest by completing the appropriate tender documentation which may be obtained from **Council's Commercial Property Team** at 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, by phoning Council on 03 307 7700 or by e-mailing commercial@adc.govt.nz.

Tenders are to be enclosed in an envelope labelled "Bryant Street Lease Tender" and are to be either delivered or posted to reach Council by **closing time of 4pm, Friday 18 November 2022**. Address for tenders: Bryant Street Lease Tender, The Chief Executive Officer, Ashburton District Council, PO BOX 94, Ashburton 7700.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
Officer for enquiries – Michelle Hydes, Property Advisor: 027 573 0265



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