

Council Activity Briefings

Date: Wednesday 26 March 2025
Time: 1:00pm
Venue: Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakaterere
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton



Attendees

Mayor Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan (Chair)
Councillors Leen Braam
Carolyn Cameron
Russell Ellis
Phill Hooper
Lynette Lovett
Rob Mackle
Tony Todd
Richard Wilson

Executive Team

<i>Chief Executive</i>	Hamish Riach
<i>GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces</i>	Neil McCann
<i>GM Compliance & Development</i>	Ian Hyde
<i>GM Business Support</i>	Helen Barnes
<i>GM People & Facilities</i>	Sarah Mosley
<i>GM Democracy & Engagement</i>	Toni Durham

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1. *Business Support Group*

1.1 Information Systems

1.1.1 Projects

The following provides detail on a selection of team activity, typically the larger or more complex work items that are currently being work on.

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	On track	Within budget	Carry-over	Comments
Application and Process Development						
Application enhancement and development	BAU Activity		N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Ongoing development and business improvement within Council's ERP and other core applications.</p> <p>Recently deployed developments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS – Mt Somers Emergency Response mapping • GIS – Ocean Farm Sprinkler maintenance survey • GIS – Water Treatment Plant (Rakaia) Inspection Survey • GIS – Caravan Dump Station Inspection Survey • Property Lease report - <p>Current developments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS - Roading (contractor) data map integration • GIS – District Water Treatment and Wastewater Pump Station Maintenance Survey • GIS – Roadside Collection Contamination Survey

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	On track	Within budget	Carry-over	Comments
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety – user review of current solution function. • Community Facility Booking Systems = this solution will support management of community facilities overseen by Property, Open Spaces, Library and Democracy & Engagement. • Online Event application process – to support the application of requested community events. This application can be used to manage the timeline of an event, including generating relevant documentation, checklists for ADC staff to complete their tasks and have the ability to complete a review of the event. • Submission Management – Management of community consultation responses. RFI issued with no responses received. Alternative methods are currently being investigated. • Mahi Tahi (Council Intranet) development in creating a HR Information Hub for ADC employees.
Financial Modules and Management Services	October 2024	September 2026	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>Transformation of remaining financial modules and management services within the TechnologyOne solution to the current product offering.</p> <p>Multi-stage, multi- year project. Stages identified and scheduled. Works progressing as scheduled.</p>

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Aerial Imagery Capture 23/24 – Urban and Rural Areas	July 2023	November 2024	No	Yes	Yes	These works are in collaboration with ECan (lead agency), Selwyn DC, Timaru DC and LINZ and form part of a planned cyclic renewal of this asset. Waiting on publication of captured urban and rural imagery by partner agencies.
Learning Management System – digital learning management system to support internal learning programs.	August 2024	January 2025	Yes	Yes	No	Works to deliver this solution are complete. The solution named Ako Tahi (Learn Together) includes courses on essential information management skills, personal development, plus training on security awareness, privacy, and official information. Expansion of course content will continue to be added by business teams across ADC.
IT Infrastructure, Server and Desktop						
Cyber Security	BAU Activity		N/A	N/A	N/A	Ongoing programme in the development of reducing Council's cyber security risk profile and includes access, monitoring, hardware and patch management and identification, investigation and application of security related applications and enhancements.
Backup Server Renewal	February 2025	June 2025	Yes	Yes	No	Renewal of existing server and storage.
Mobile Phone Fleet renewal	August 2024	July 2025	Yes	Yes	No	Forms part of our management and maintenance program of renewals.

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						Having completed policy review and scope of supply, procurement activities are currently being undertaken.
Internal Network Restructuring	May 2024	February 2024	No	N/A	N/A	The redesign and updating of network configuration and consolidation across ADC operation sites has been completed.
EA Network Centre – internal space changes	December 2024	February 2025	Yes	N/A	N/A	Actions in support of room changes and associated ICT requirements at EANC has been completed.
Art Gallery and Museum – reception changes	December 2024	May 2025	Yes	N/A	N/A	Actions in support of reception changes and associated ICT requirements at AAGM.
Microsoft Windows 11 and Teams Upgrade	December 2024	April 2025	Yes	N/A	N/A	Project will deliver new versions of Microsoft operating system (Windows 11) and Microsoft Teams to ADC managed devices. Roll out continuing.
Information Management						
Data Management - Monitoring and Reporting	February 2025	May 2025	Yes	N/A	N/A	Review and improvement identification of current service monitoring of information creation, volumes, record designation, sentencing and disposal for physical and digital form, supporting organisation record management and compliance.
Information Management Maturity Assessment	February 2025	February 2025	Yes	N/A	N/A	Internal audit of service verses Archives NZ defined best practices for Information Management. The audit has been completed with results to be considered and any future action identified,

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Physical and Digital Record Management - continuing work to identify, record, appraise and manage remaining Council physical records.	BAU Activity		N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Continuing and ongoing activity with business teams to assess digital and physical records held by Council as part of the management of the life of that record, including that of protected or permanent retention under statutory Acts including the Public Records Act and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. Work includes the decision to retain or dispose a record based on Council's adopted retention and disposal schedule.</p> <p>Recent completed works include disposal of qualifying records at Open Spaces and our offsite storage providers facility.</p> <p>Working with Museum staff we are recording detail on Council archives (pre-1990) held at the Museum.</p> <p>On the digital side, works are ongoing to assess, and manage unstructured and structured data held on business file shares and within our document management systems. This works includes retention and disposal activity.</p>
Information Asset Register	BAU Activity		N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The register provides a central list of information assets and detail of information held, that supports the overall and on-going management of our information, associated compliance and risk activities.</p>

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						The construct of the register is now complete with detail on identified assets being added.

1.2 Property

Current	Brief Project Description / progress
Ashburton Business Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total, approximately 43-hectares of the Business Estate remains unsold, with 39-hectares sold. • Lot 8,13 and 16 in stage two are on hold for a potential purchaser to complete due diligence.
Elderly persons housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All available 86 units are fully occupied. • There are 38 applications on the waiting list, with 17 people requesting single units and 21 requesting double units (7 couples and 14 individuals). • 28 people on the waiting list are current residents in the Ashburton District, with 10 being from out of town. • The occupancy rate is currently at 100% of available units. • Officers are currently working on installing extractor fans in bathrooms and kitchens to existing tenants to comply with the Healthy Homes Regulations. The date to comply with the Regulations is 1 July 2025. We are tracking well against the programme with 2 units left to be installed. • Tenants on the waiting lists are placed in available units at the discretion of Council Officers. This will depend on their position in the waitlist, their location and the urgency of the applicant's situation.
Friendship Lane demolition and rebuild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor took possession of the site on 12 August 2024. • The project is tracking well against the programme and will be delivered in a single stage. • All frames and trusses are up and have passed the compliance inspection. • Bricks are currently being installed on the units Only two left to complete. • Drains, stormwater and sewer complete to all units. • Power, water and fibre are in ground and ready to be install into the units. • Batts have been installed and are complete to all units. • All units gib complete. • Gib stopping complete for units 9-16. • Gib stopping started on units 1-8

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painter on site and working on units 9-16. • Bricks are now complete 4/3/25 • Kitchens are going in on units 9-16 4/3/25 • All outside cladding has been installed 4/3/25 • Finishing work started in units 1-8









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Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Officers are currently working through ongoing rent reviews for ground leases and entering into new ground leases with legal entities. • A Deed of Assignment for a ground lease took place in February 2025. • In accordance with the resolution from the Long-Term Plan, officers are currently investigating alternative management and operation models for the Ashburton Airport. • At the time of providing this update, 33 people have registered for an annual landing fee. • <i>The following table</i> provides an update of aircraft movements for the past 12 months. <div data-bbox="667 564 2007 1078"> <table border="1"> <caption>Aircraft Movements at Ashburton Airport</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Movements</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Mar-24</td><td>920</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr-24</td><td>480</td></tr> <tr><td>May-24</td><td>700</td></tr> <tr><td>Jun-24</td><td>620</td></tr> <tr><td>Jul-24</td><td>640</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug-24</td><td>850</td></tr> <tr><td>Sep-24</td><td>840</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct-24</td><td>730</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-24</td><td>1100</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec-24</td><td>740</td></tr> <tr><td>Jan-25</td><td>790</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb-25</td><td>890</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Month	Movements	Mar-24	920	Apr-24	480	May-24	700	Jun-24	620	Jul-24	640	Aug-24	850	Sep-24	840	Oct-24	730	Nov-24	1100	Dec-24	740	Jan-25	790	Feb-25	890
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Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review of Council's Forestry holdings continues to progress. 																										
Upper Hakatere Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the 20 August 2024 Council meeting, Council approved the removal of a number of bollards from the Upper Hakatere reserve as a trial over the 2024/25 summer period, with no camping permitted at the Upper Hakatere reserve. Since the trial started, Council has not received any formal complaints about camping within the Upper Hakatere reserve area that is the subject of the bollard trial. Council received one 																										

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	<p>complaint in January 2025 about a campervan parking overnight beside the public toilets in the Upper Hakatere area. There have been no further complaints since the February briefings.</p>

1.3 Finance

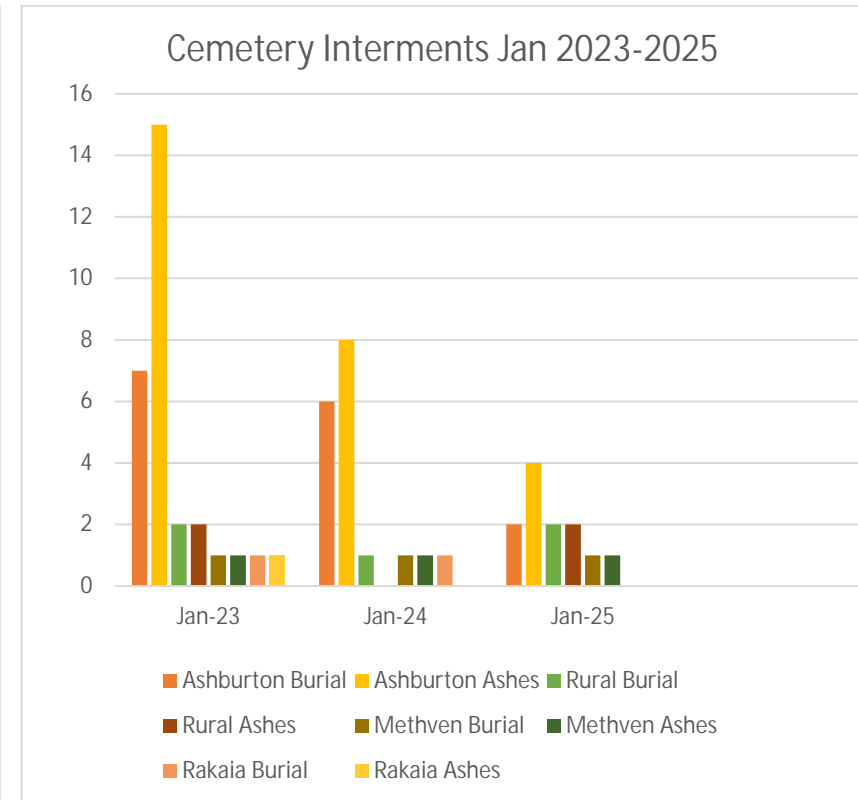
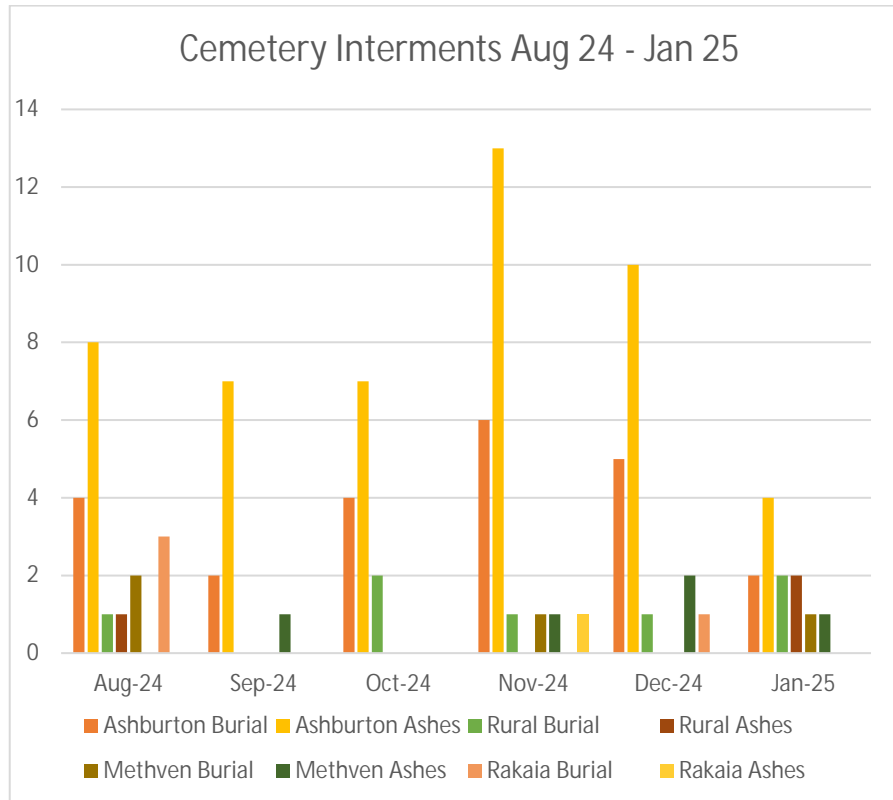
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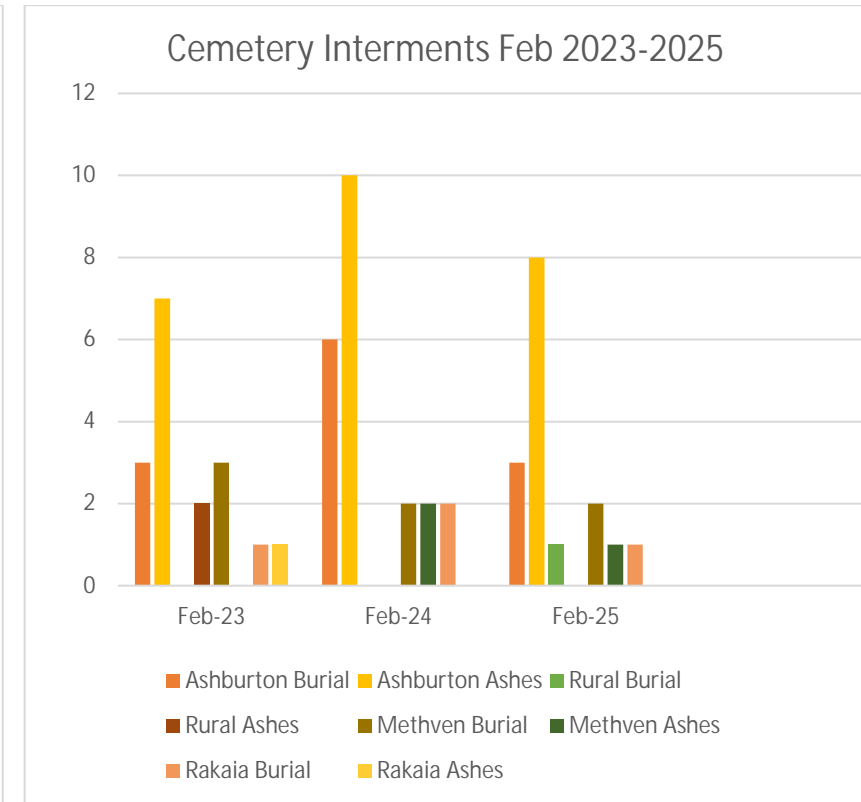
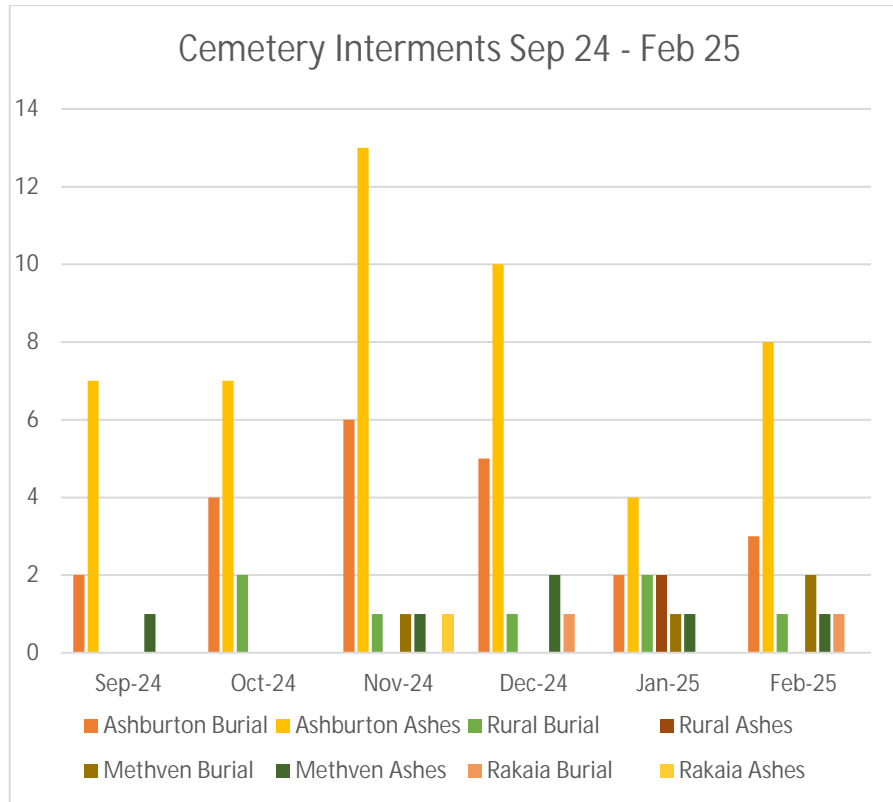
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Annual Report 2023/24	Complete	30 October 2024	Yes	Yes	No	Officers have received Audit NZ's draft Report on the Annual Report 2023/24 and are working through providing feedback on the draft. Once the report is finalised, officers will bring the final report to Audit & Risk.
Interim Audit	April 2025	May 2025	Yes	Yes	No	Planning for the interim Financial Audit is underway. This is expected to take place at the end of April.
Financial Modules and Management Services	Current	30 June 2025	Yes		Yes	IS and Finance are working through the stages of this multi-stage, multi-year project. Work is progressing as scheduled. Currently a module is being developed in Ci Anywhere to enable more efficient processing of purchase card and credit card transactions.
Vehicles (Fleet)	Current	30 June 2025	Yes	Yes	No	6 replacement fleet vehicles (hybrid) were ordered with a prior to 30 June delivery date. 3 of 6 were received early, leaving 3 expected to be received before year end. There are 3 vehicles being prepared for auction.
Annual Plan 2025/26	Current	30 June 2025	Yes	Yes	No	Officers have been working through changes from the budget workshops.

2. Infrastructure & Open Spaces

2.1 Open Spaces

2.1.1 Cemeteries





2.1.2 Activities – items of importance

Cemeteries

- Cemetery staff remain committed to their mowing rounds and weed control. Summer has proven to be challenging this year with spring-like favorable growing conditions prevailing.
- Interment activity is down a little on past years which reflects in Cemetery revenue.
- Hedge-cutting of the Ashburton Cemetery hedges occurred along with Waterton and Hinds Cemeteries.
- Staff continue to have regular contact and dialogue with undertakers on various cemetery matters.
- Regular cyclical maintenance continues to occur at closed district cemeteries

- Surplus ground material from various Rural cemeteries is being moved to Methven Cemetery where the Eastern bund is being extended. When formed, topsoil will be added to the bund and revegetation plantings extended over this area.
- A new cremation beam is in the quoting stage for Methven Cemetery, scheduled to be installed by June this year.
- Methven Cemetery has had its driveway re-gravelled.

Open Space Management

- With the adoption of Reserve Management Plans in December, staff are working on an action schedule of tasks.
- An independent assessment by a suitable qualified person of the Districts Public Conveniences has been undertaken looking at accessibility and safety. The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) addresses safety elements. This information shall inform the Public Conveniences Asset Management Plan when it is reviewed in year two of the LTP cycle.
- The manager spoke to the Ashburton Rotary Club at its February meeting concluding with an evening tour of the Domain Nursery.
- Customer service requests are being closely monitored for timely resolution.
- Staffing of Horticulturists is back to full strength with a new recent recruit.
- Staff remain focused on the capital renewal programme, and its timely delivery in accordance with LTP approved projects. The goal is for completion by 30 June – with minimal carryovers.
- The Hakatere Ashburton River Trail (HART) group met in late February. There was a good turnout with 17 people present. We discussed a lot of maintenance challenges over the lush spring/summer. Assistance from local ECAN staff was positively mentioned several times. The most problematic issue being errant motorbike riders causing mayhem displaying a complete disregard for the track, other users and the wonderful assets in general. Even the Motorbike Club members had complained to Police about illegal motorbike use – to no avail, which is unfortunate.
- A lower South Island Park and Open Space managers' meeting was attended. Seven District Councils were represented.
- Officers are working through a Public Convenience location report for Ashburton Cemetery facilities.
- Open Spaces Planning staff are dealing with subdivision and land use applications with the aim of ensuring assets are designed, constructed and maintained to Council standards prior to handover. Also ensuring existing parks and reserves aren't adversely affected by neighboring developments.
- Planning staff are also working on standardising and detailing opens spaces technical requirements for subdivisions and developments.
- Management are working with ADC's Communication Team to improve ADC website information pertaining to Open Spaces.
- Management and administration staff are working towards developing procedures and requirements around Natural Burial.

Ashburton Domain

- Summer has seen heavy use of the Ashburton Domain's facilities. A lot of people and family groups have been using the Domain over summer. The paddling pool has seen heavy use on hot days.
- The annual bedding displays are now starting to fade, getting past their best. However, the displays have triggered numerous positive comments to our staff. The sunflower display plots continue to pique people's interest.
- Work in the reconfigured wildflower/butterfly garden area continues with additional planting.
- Lawn spraying for broadleaf weeds is ongoing when conditions allow.
- This year's Dahlia display has been stunning. With some additional varieties and new planting design all with the goal of providing the WOW factor for the community to enjoy along the boundary of the Royal Lawn:



- The Domain nursery is now growing the next cycle of annuals, which are being pricked out and grown on for changeover in April.
- The steering group driving the Ashburton Bike Skills Park have completed the detailed design phase and are now preparing and lodging funding applications.
- Events have been a regular occurrence on the Domain over summer. Two circuses, the Dinosaurs', Waitangi Day Market, Pipe Band Festival, School sporting events and the Multicultural Bite.

- Fixed irrigation has been installed into the West and Wills Street annual beds. This will now mean staff do not have to lay out drip-pipe irrigation every time a changeover occurs which will be a time saving. It also means a timer can be used to irrigate the beds at a more appropriate time of the day, overnight. This will reduce transpiration and evaporation and be a far more efficient use of water. The programme controlling it is Bluetooth enabled via a cellphone application. Adjacent to this area beside the lower pond has also had irrigation renewals undertaken and following completion of this work the lawns and some trees will be reseeded and replaced. There is a large gap in this area created when we lost a large tree to a weather event last year. Replanting will occur in Winter.
- An old water main entering the Domain from West Street has had to be replaced. Over Summer there were a few breaks in the pipe causing water to flow down the guttering. The area was excavated using a hydro-vacuum to minimize tree root disturbance. Even this excavation process created another pipe breakage and leak in the process.
- Brick wall renovations are continuing along the West Street Domain frontage.
- Staff have removed the remaining sections of the wrought iron fencing from the Ashburton Technical College. They are being sandblasted, rust treated and repainted before being repurposed in the Domain at an entrance into the wildlife garden.
- The Domain flying fox has had another brake mechanism and cable replaced following heavy use over the summer months.
- Staff took delivery of a replacement mower in February. It is a catcher mower, a Gianni Ferrari, from Italy, with delivery taking several months:



General Parks and Reserves and Gardens

- Playground weekly and monthly safety checks and maintenance continue throughout the district.
- Spraying rounds for weed control is ongoing, district wide.
- Ongoing lawn maintenance is occurring on the lawn area in the CBD, Baring Square East and West.
- CBD tree maintenance lifting will occur in Autumn.
- The Nursery Lead is scheduled to host a group of Brownies at the Depot Nursery. The group will learn how the nursery works and will help with a couple of tasks while onsite, under staff supervision.
- New signage on the Hakatere Ashburton River Trail is now complete.
- Annual beds in both Methven and Rakaia have been flowering well with plenty of vibrant colour.
- Playground work continues around the district. The new Barrhill playground is now installed just awaiting soft fall installation after the Mt Somers surround construction is complete.
- Work at Lake Hood, undertaken by contractor ACL is going well. The early gate locking for jumping platform access is working well, general summer use continues. The Park hosted a large Jet Ski event in mid March. Trees replacements will take place over winter, this is for scheduled replacements of those damaged by vandalism and some natural attrition.
- Ashburton neighbourhood park seats have finally arrived and been installed at Braebrook, Turton Green, and Ferrier Place.
- Arborists finished maintenance pruning and carriageway lifting on Walnut Avenue East
- Arborists have finished dead-wooding oaks & ash trees on East Street, Ashburton CBD.
- Shrubbery borders have been formed along the Chinese Village boundary fences. Excess soil from dig outs, previous works remained onsite and has been used to spread over newly formed gardens. Trees will be planted this winter. The last stage of figure “8” path has been installed, again with a crusher dust gravel surface.
- Braebrook Park has had five solar bollard lights installed.
- Jetty repair work, also at Braebrook Park is complete. A contractor replaced all decking due to degradation.
- Staff were very disappointed to see some of the new Hakatere Ashburton River Trail signs willfully damaged. Staff purposefully chose the heavier ACM panel for the signage knowing it attracts untoward attention, but did not expect to see this level of mistreatment:



Public Conveniences

- The new Rakaia Domain facility is progressing well. The solution to the water supply related issue has been solved. Building surround site works are being undertaken with regrassing, laying of paths. Projected completion is not far away, now April.
- All facilities are working well.
- A sensor light has been installed at the public toilets on the Methven Domain.
- Construction of replacement public conveniences for the Ashburton Domain picnic ground and Hakatere Mouth is complete in the factory. Staff are currently awaiting scheduling by the installer which will determine the next timeline. Resource consent has been approved for the Hakatere Mouth facility.

- The refurbishment of the old and condemned changing rooms at the Hakatere Mouth has been out in the market for pricing. A local company has been successful in its bid. Staff are happy to confirm the refurbishment can be funded from existing Public Convenience replacement budgets as proposed. This will be a good outcome for the community in repurposing a condemned building. Once a building consent is granted, site works will commence
- Mid March saw a spate of toilet paper thefts with broken dispensers from various different toilet blocks in Rakaia, Ashburton and Hinds with 16 of the large rolls being taken and some dispensers damaged.
- The old Rakaia Domain facilities again received vandalism on multiple occasions.

2.1.3 Biodiversity

Recent/Ongoing Activity

- Scoping for ecological connectivity modelling and a blue-green network is still ongoing. Biodiversity Strategy Actions – 2.2 A- “Investigate and develop a plan to establish biodiversity corridors from the mountains to the sea to sustain its functions”.
- Council Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor continues to work with the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan 2024 Action 4 proposed working definition – blue-green network project development which overlaps with some ADC biodiversity strategy actions.
- The Council Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor continues to provide input into the District Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy and the Ōtuwharekai Integrated Catchment Plan being developed. These projects have huge biodiversity implications.
- Pudding Hill Stream control is ongoing. This is an ADBAG-led project delegated to Council Ecologist and ECan Staff. This project is to remove weeds along the Pudding Hill Stream berms and margins (willows, sycamore trees, larches, Douglas fir, Himalayan honeysuckle, alders, poplars, and monkey musk).
- Lake Camp/Clearwater animal pest controls were completed in February 2025.
- Weed controls at the Taylors Stream and Rakaia Gorge were completed. This includes release spray and annual weed eradication around the native planting areas.
- Weed Spray at Bowyers and Taylors Stream were completed in January/February 2025.

- Smallbone Drive Reserve weed clearing on the area adjoining Dobson Street West and ACL yard completed. ACL cleared the weed debris and levelled the site for easy movement of foot traffic on Dobson Street West. The next project phase will be the planting of native shrubs and grasses in some parts of the cleared areas.
- Council staff are also working with ACL to plant out the drains that run from Smallbone Drive to the Ashburton River. This will be completed in the coming planting season.

Planned Projects

- Pest Controls at Awa Awa Rata Reserve and the surrounding forest are planned for April 2025. This is in collaboration with the Department of Conservation (cost sharing approach).
- Wakanui/Mill Creek Biodiversity enhancement for planting on Wakanui/Mill Creek Channel at Argyle Park and on the same channel by SH1/East Street - Contract awarded to Wildlands Consultants. We plan to use only Carex grasses and shrubs less than 1m in height at maturity to retain the landscape visual of the sports field and railway/business area. Planting is scheduled for April/May 2025. The project is part of the enhancement to improve water quality and aquatic habitat for the fish (recommendations received from EOS's last ecological study of Mill Creek) and support the establishment of green corridors along the Wakanui Creek channel (ECan against condition requirements within the Ashburton Networkwide stormwater discharge consent).
- 2025 Proposed Plantings (Timeline: May – September 2025)
 - ABE site planting (infill planting of existing planted areas)
 - Taylor Stream planting (bridge side slope and infill planting),
 - Bowyers Stream planting (wet areas beside the plantation that are difficult to mow and infill if needed)
 - Cawthron Grove reserve area adjoining Tinwald Domain.

2.2 Solid Waste Management

2.2.1 Solid Waste Management Contract

- A Council workshop was held on 12 March 2025 to discuss the result of the tender evaluation and TET recommendation.
- A report recommending the award of the contract to the preferred tenderer will be presented to Council on the 2 April Council meeting.

2.2.2 Solid Waste Kerbside Refuse and Recycling Collection

- The new rubbish compactor has been installed at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park. The old compactor was removed for relocation into Methven.

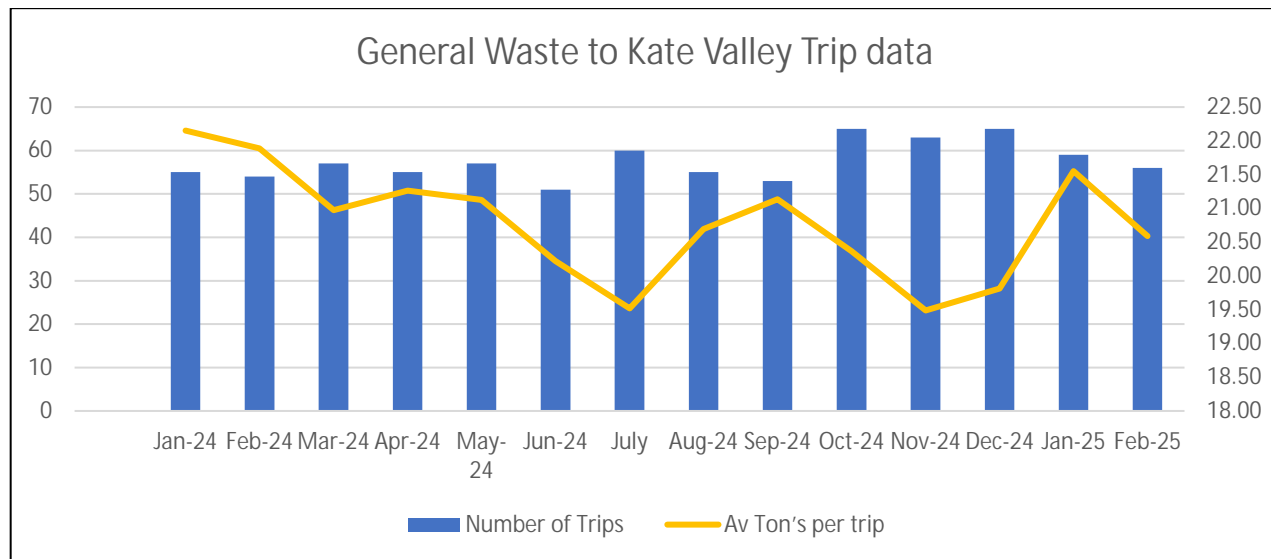
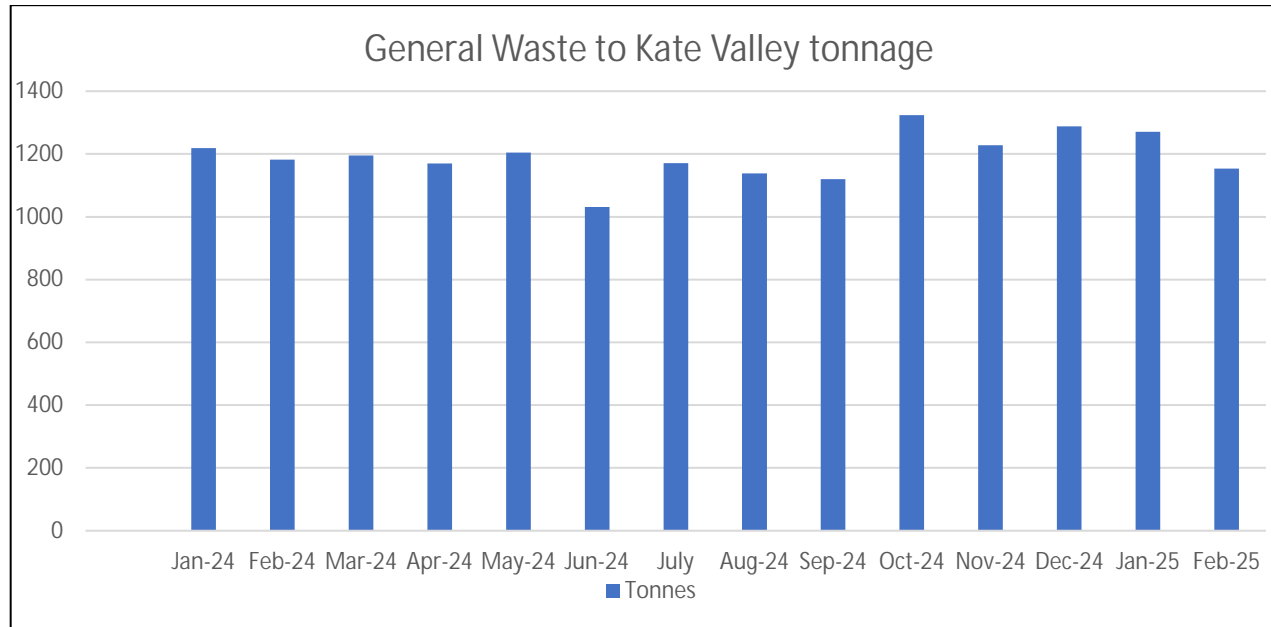


- The five day installation included fitting the new compactor in place, replacing and fitting of new metal walls and the concreting of floors.

- There were a total of 130 CRMs received in February 2025. A summary of the CRMs for the last six months is shown below:

Request Enquiry	Monthly Total Number					
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Illegal dumping	8	6	0	5	12	10
Kerbside - Bin Accessory	12	11	4	6	4	7
Additional Bins	19	26	34	33	31	31
Damaged Bins	11	18	16	13	21	12
New Bins	20	23	14	14	12	24
Missing Bins	10	8	16	7	4	3
Gross Contamination	8	13	5	2	6	6
Missed Collections	27	52	26	18	25	24
Contractor Complaints	2	5	2	2	1	3
Satellite Drop Off Site Issues	4	7	8	2	5	3
Other Miscellaneous Complaints	1	4	2	2	5	7
Total	122	173	127	104	126	130

- A total of 24 missed collections CRMs were reported in February. However, only 10 bins were missed.
- The other reported missed collections were due to bins not out on time, residents reporting too early that their bins had not been collected when the truck was still doing their rounds or bins were packed too tightly and did not empty properly when being tipped into the truck.
- The request for additional bins averaged 30 bins per month since November while requests for new bins for new properties increased in February compared to the previous three months.

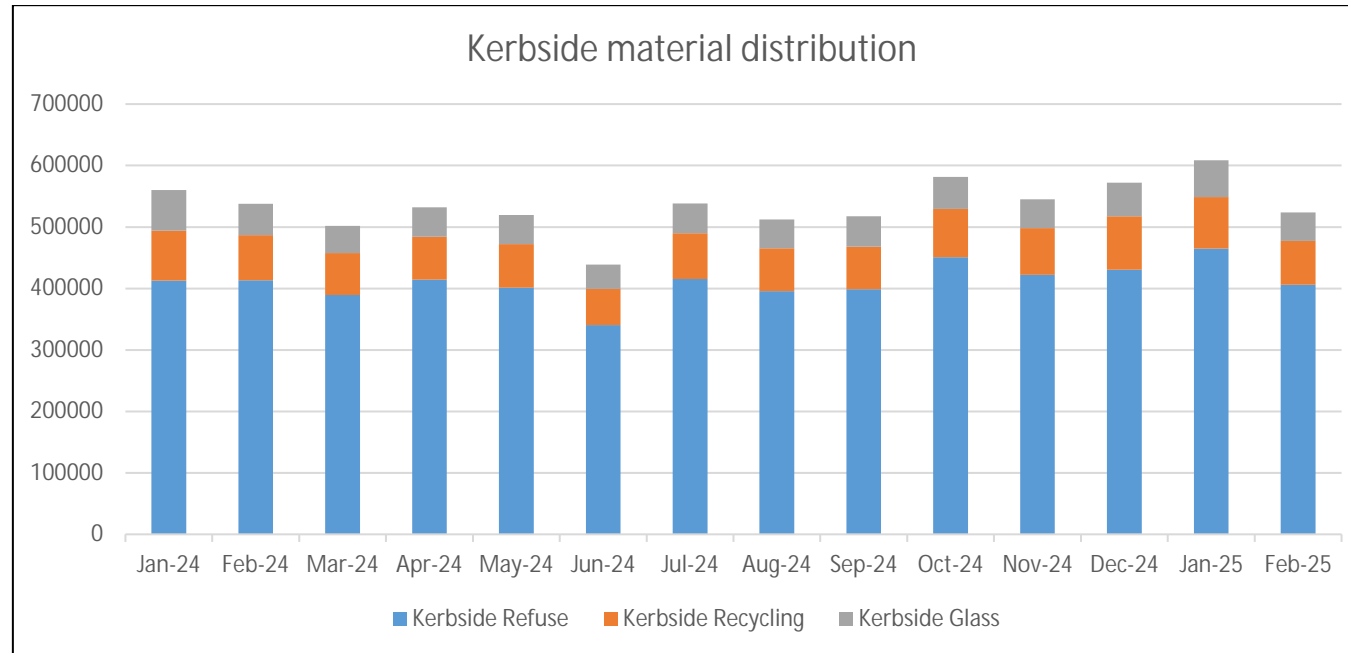


- Tonnages to Kate Valley for February were 1,153 tonnes bringing the total waste sent to landfill to 9,671 tonnes. This is lower than the tonnages for the same period last year at 10,245 tonnes.

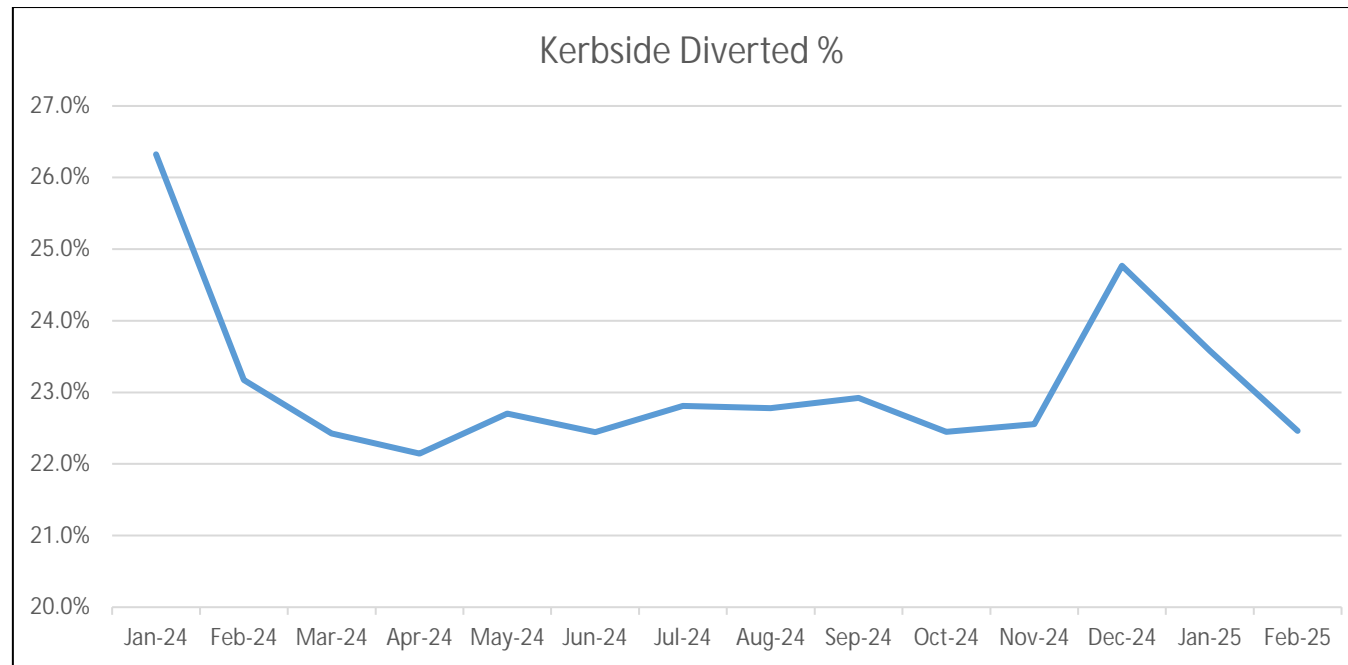
The average weight per load for February is 20.60 tonne which is lower than December and January due to compactor issues. With the installation of the new compactor, it is anticipated that these issues could be mitigated going forward.

Site	Last 6-months Recycling Volumes						6-month total tonnes
	Sept- 24	Oct 24	Nov- 24	Dec- 24	Jan- 25	Feb- 25	
Methven Recycling Centre	14.88	12.18	13.04	16.82	18.63	10.71	86.26
Rakaia Huts	.335	.470	2.245	3.60	.224	0	6.874
Pendarves	0.865	4.86	0.84	4.56	4.09	11.03	26.245
Hakatere Huts	0.565	2.24	0.28	2.03	0.33	2.04	7.485
Willowby	2.475	4.02	3.75	4.57	4.31	2.60	21.725
Rangitata huts	0.30	2.44	0.29	2.15	1.99	0.470	7.64
Hinds	1.325	2.81	3.81	3.13	0.940	4.51	16.525
Mayfield	3.415	1.22	3.58	4.52	1.80	2.67	17.205
Mt Somers	0.57	0.56	3.24	0.85	0.950	3.33	9.5
Staveley	2.0	1.95	0.42	2.13	2.10	0.65	9.25
Fairton	0.68	0.68	3.5	2.66	3.75	2.19	13.46
Rakaia Resource Recovery Park	6.67	9.50	6.17	8.51	10.03	4.17	45.05
Monthly Totals	37.095	47.16	41.165	55.53	49.144	44.37	267.219

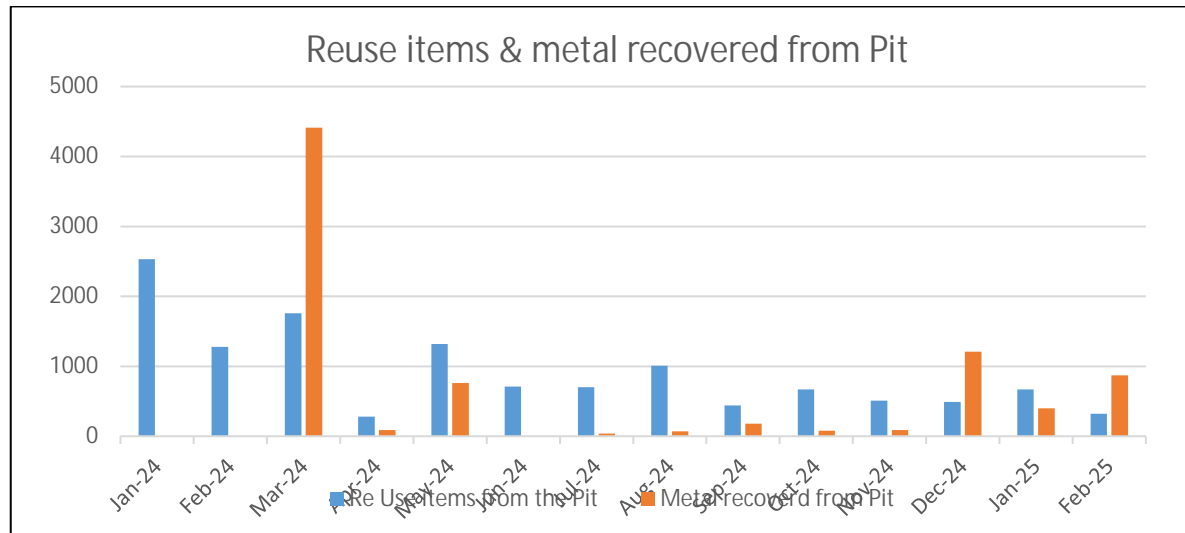
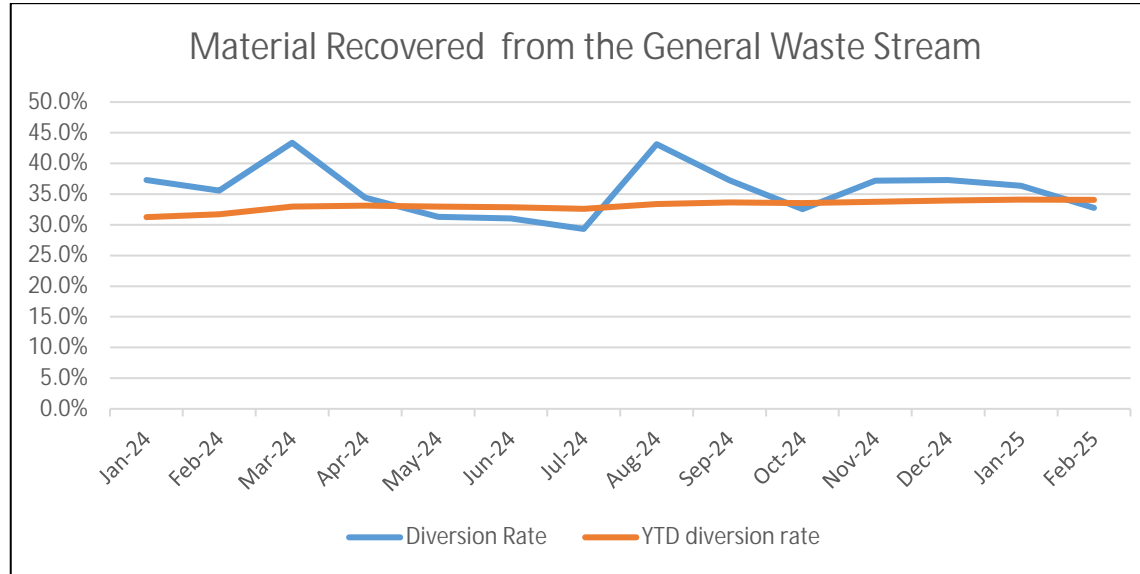
- The volume of recyclable materials from the drop off stations decreased in January and February are comparatively to the last few months of 2024. The volumes are usually expected to increase during the months of December to February following the holiday period and as residents have clean outs. Volumes could slow down in the coming months.



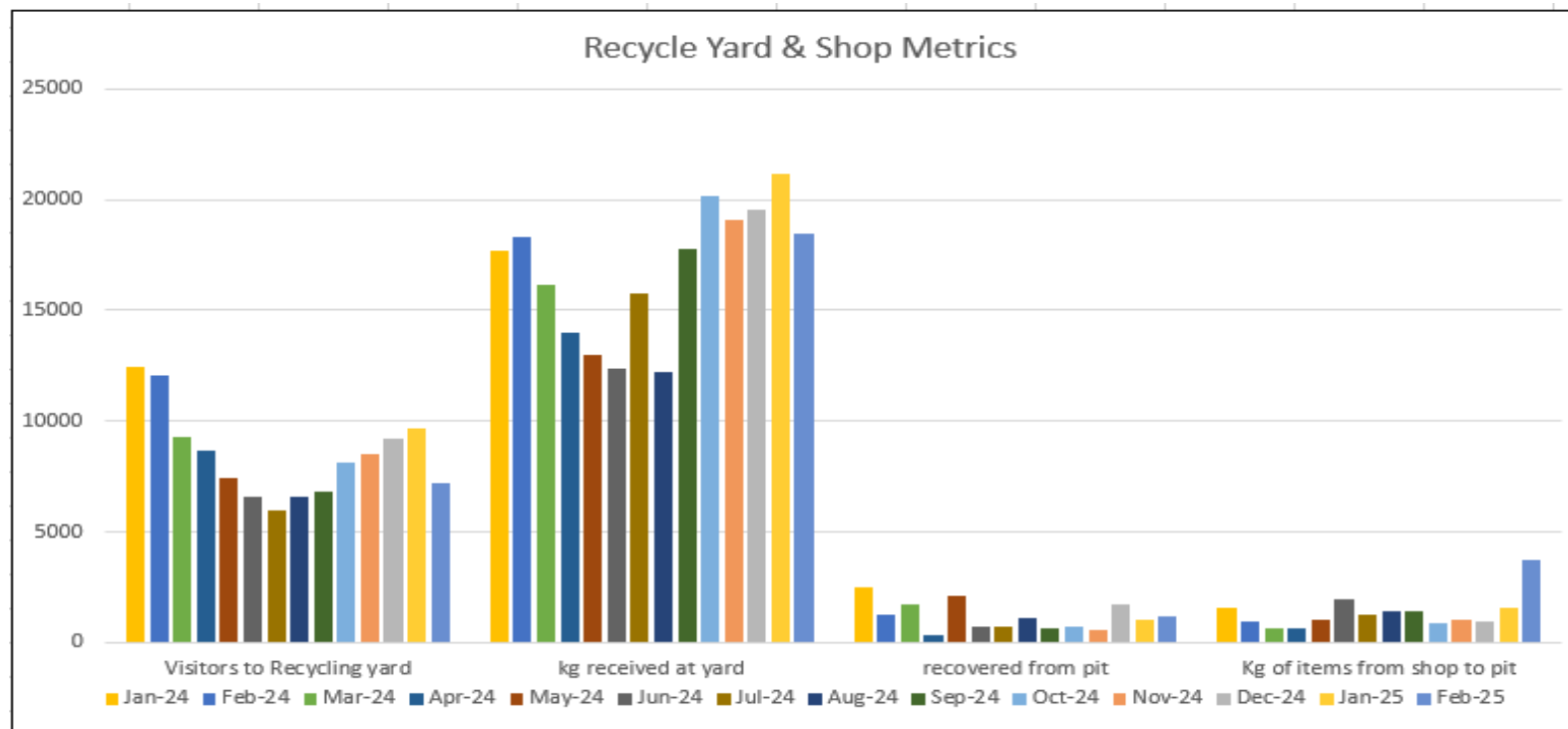
- Kerbside recycling volumes in February dropped to 71.30 tonne from 83.65 tonnes the previous month. Volume of kerbside recycling is expected to go back to the same levels as seen last year after peaking in December and January.
- Glass collection dropped from 59.89 tonnes in January to 46.31 in February. It is expected to follow the same trend as the kerb side collection.
- Kerbside refuse dropped from 430 tonnes in December, 465 tonnes in January (the highest recorded last year) to 406 tonnes February.
- Overall, January kerbside collection of 465 tonnes is the largest monthly refuse volume during the past 12 months.

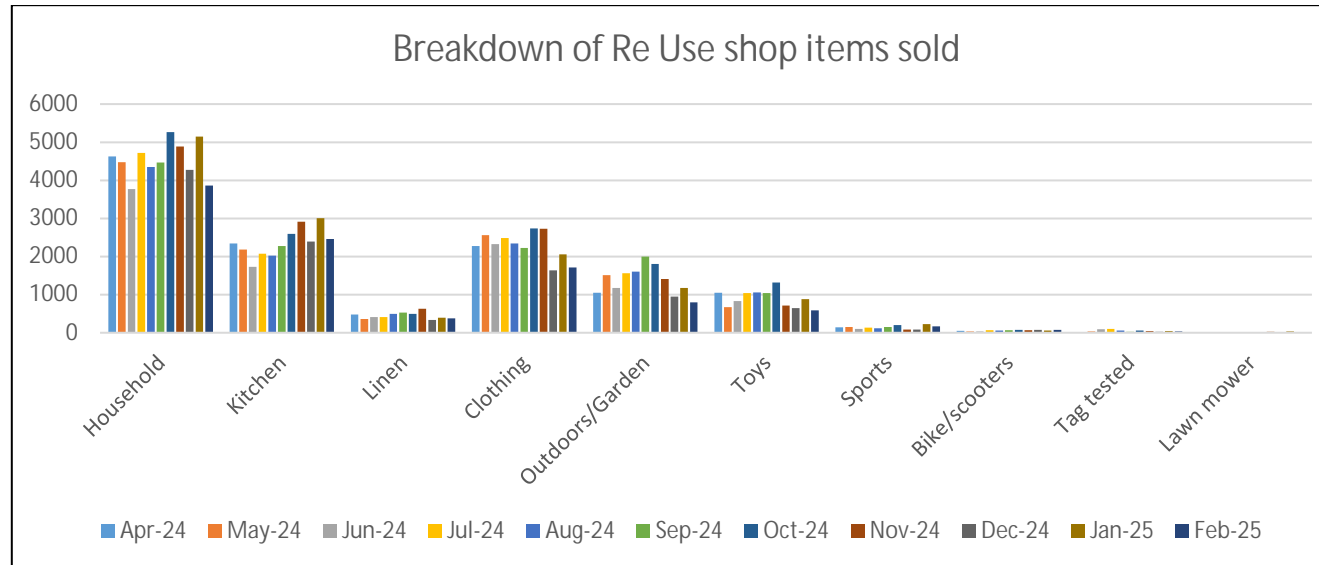


- Kerbside diversion rate (volume of kerbside recycling against volume of kerbside general waste collected) dropped from 25% in December to 23% in January and 22% in February.



- The number of items recovered from the pit for February was low at 320 items compared to January's 670 items. There was an increase in the amount of metal recovered from the pit in February.
- In February there were 7,230 visitors to the recycling yard- 25% less than January but there was only a 12% reduction in the weight of re-usable items received.





- A total of 10,088 items were sold at the re-use shop during February with a sale value of \$10,250.00. This is lower than the 13,000 items sold in January with a sales value of \$13,750.00. Over the last 12 months, November 2024 had the highest sales at \$14,864 with more than 13,500 items sold.
- The most salable items continue to be household goods, clothing, outdoor/garden products and toys.

2.2.3 Waste Education

- The kerbside audits are ongoing. Compulsory bin checks are made for any house with a for sale/rent sign, with books left for the new occupiers. Follow up bin checks are undertaken once they are in. February did see some challenging bins and members of the public – notes were left in bins, verbal abuse received and some filming of the team as they were working.
- Education centre revamp is continuing with work undertaken outside in the garden area. New flags and fence signs have been installed. Work on the inside is next.
- With the school holidays and then the new term starting, no school visits were undertaken in January/February. However, a newsletter was sent to all schools and pre-schools and with follow up calls the bookings have started in March.

- The team participated in the Methven Mayfield holiday programme in conjunction with the Library and Art Gallery & Museum. They ran repurposing soft toys into door stops classes, making 52 in total. The classes also enabled recycling conversations to be held.
- A generous donation of 30kg of soft toys from EnviroNZ to Eco Educate is enabling their Repurpose Pals project to expand into event giveaways. The toys are a great draw card for children, it encourages them to bring their waste to the events trailer and allows for recycling conversations to be held with both the children and their parents while the child is choosing a soft toy to take home.

2.3 Stockwater Operations

2.3.1 General

- The mechanical cleaning and spraying of main races is ongoing across the district. With most crops having now been harvested, progress has sped up recently. Unfortunately, due to the damp warm conditions experienced since Christmas the weed growth has been phenomenal in the races resulting in some short sections having to be cleaned for a second time this season.
- River levels have been dropping during the first few weeks of the year, however, recent rain has seen higher river flows which have required the reinstatement of some of the intakes.
- No further update has been received from ECan regarding their investigation into the dead fish incident at Mt Somers.
- HHWET are not currently putting water down the ADC race to the Frasers Road MAR site.
- Enquires are still coming in for smaller, end of line race closures.

2.3.2 Applications

- A summary of the current applications is listed below:

Stockwater closures/alterations/culvert installation applications as at 14 March 2025

PHASES

Application ID	Location	Length*	No of properties	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
SKW/008/22	Brothers Road	12,164	17						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/013/22	Back Track	4431	10						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/012/23	490 Old Main South Road	8,949	6						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/020/23	1037 Rangitata Highway	6,739	7						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/023/23	Junction Road	15,135	16						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/030/23	Methven Highway	0	2						Physical work to be completed
SKW/007/24	Hackthorne Road to SH1	27,664	25						To be considered as part of the SW exit plan
SKW/012/24	47 Anama School Road	3941	3						Physical work to be completed
SKW/013/24	260 Chertsey Road	8520	9						Awaiting additional information
SKW/001/25	440 Lismore Mayfield Road	6037	3						Awaiting additional information
	Phase complete		Phases:	Application received	Information gathering	Review significance and scope	Reporting and decision making	Sign off work completed and rates/GIS update	
	On track								
	Overdue								

*Note: a 0 in the length column relates to a culvert or pump service installation application - no race is being closed.

2.4 Stockwater Exit Transition

- The Pudding Hill Wider Stakeholder engagement survey closed on 4 March with 62 respondents. The majority stated their interest in Pudding Hill was environmental or amenity and most believe that Council should prioritise maintaining an environmental flow in the Mt Harding Creek system.
- The Methven Auxiliary Users Survey closed on 3 March. A total of 139 responses were received from the 208 affected properties. Despite reminders being sent, there are 70 properties to be followed up. John Wright from Melius is undertaking this work. Mr Wright will also begin the investigation work for those properties who advised through their surveys that they would require a stockwater supply.
- The Methven Auxiliary Wider Stakeholder engagement survey opened on 18 March, with a closing date of 9 April. A drop-in session will be held in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall on Wednesday 26 March. Cr Wilson will be at the session.
- Survey forms have been sent to all properties receiving stockwater from the Bushside Intake.

2.5 Roads and Footpaths

2.5.1 2024/25 financial year

Local Road Operations	ADC budget	NZTA approved budget	Spend as at 28/02/2025	Comments
Structures Maintenance	\$400,000	\$315,782	\$97,932	
Environmental Maintenance	\$760,000	\$650,696	\$716,658	Includes ice gritting costs
Network Services Maintenance	\$860,000	\$881,283	\$1,093,432	Includes roadmarking costs
Network Operations	\$18,000	\$17,057	\$5,134	
Level Crossing Warning Devices	\$37,000	\$35,062	\$36,388	
Minor Events	\$100,000	\$94,762	\$70,469	
Network and Asset Management	\$1,100,000	\$1,042,378	\$578,188	
Structure Component Replacement	\$250,000	\$410,634	\$977	Reduced expenditure to balance total budget
<u>Traffic Services Renewals</u>	<u>\$190,739</u>	<u>\$180,747</u>	<u>\$161,913</u>	
Total Local Road Operations	\$3,715,739	\$3,628,491	\$2,760,990	76% of NZTA approved budget
Local Road Pothole Prevention				
Sealed Pavement Maintenance	\$2,300,000	\$2,193,133	\$1,781,259	
Unsealed Pavement Maintenance	\$850,000	\$851,067	\$622,773	
Routine Drainage Maintenance	\$540,000	\$500,820	\$198,879	
Unsealed Road Metalling	\$1,200,000	\$1,178,400	\$1,178,400	
<i>Metalling - unsubsidised</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>		<i>\$349,193</i>	
Sealed Road Resurfacing	\$3,040,000	\$3,044,200	\$4,653,630	Includes the 50km unsubsidised (\$1,848,000)
Drainage Renewals	\$435,000	\$540,100	\$405,197	
<u>Pavement Rehabilitation</u>	<u>\$2,640,000</u>	<u>\$2,396,080</u>	<u>\$2,348,920</u>	
Total Local Road Pothole Prevention	\$11,505,000	10,703,800	\$11,538,251	\$9,579,628 (89%) of NZTA approved budget
Walking and Cycling				
Cycle Path Maintenance	\$6,000	\$2,121	\$3,355	
Footpath Maintenance	\$325,000	\$113,778	\$247,322	
<u>Footpath Renewals</u>	<u>\$683,000</u>	<u>\$216,672</u>	<u>\$166,897</u>	
Total Walking and Cycling	\$1,014,000	\$332,571	\$417,575	

Road Safety Promotion

Road Safety Promotion	\$170,000	\$78,000	\$47,063
Total Road Safety Promotion	\$170,000	\$78,000	\$47,063

Local Road Improvements

Road Improvements – Second Bridge	\$2,600,000	\$140,000	\$59,066	
LCLR Roding Improvements	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$100,354	<i>Cost to unsubsidised</i>
Total Local Road Improvements	\$4,200,000	\$0	\$159,420	
TOTAL ROADING	\$20,104,739	\$14,742,862	\$14,923,298	\$12,864,322 (87%) of NZTA approved budget

2.5.2 2024/25 Work completed as at 28/02/2025

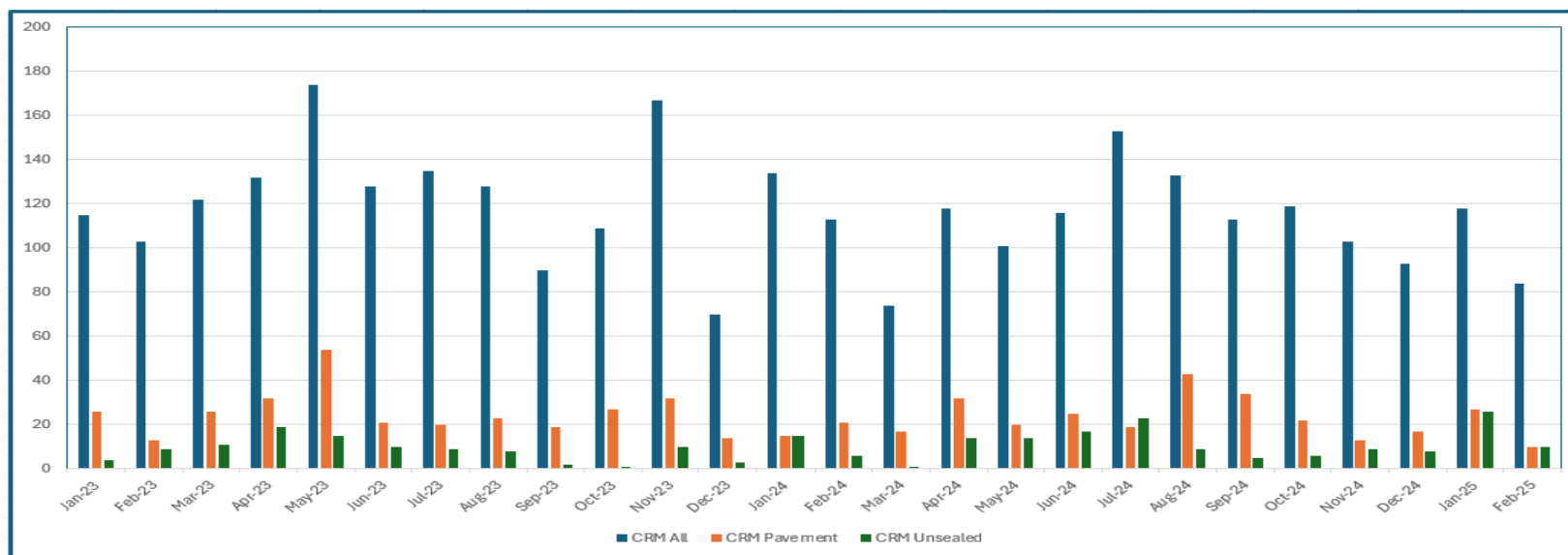
- 4,964 km of unsealed grading completed
- 43,435 m³ of maintenance metal placed
- 4,872 potholes repaired
- 16,009 m² of sealed digout repairs
- 7.09 km of sealed road rehabilitation sealed
- 103.9 km of reseals completed

2.5.3 Main areas of work

- Routine maintenance work on sealed and unsealed roads.
- With the expenditure to date against budget being high, the routine work will be managed with the contractor to keep within the overall budget at year end. Some will be weather dependent e.g. ice gritting. The higher value renewals work of reseals and rehabilitation have largely been completed so there will be minimal costs against these for the remainder of the year.

2.5.4 Roding CRM data – January 2023 to February 2025

Roding CRMs showing the fluctuations through the year (All 3,045 - Pavement 622 - Unsealed 264)



2.5.5 Corridor access data

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Corridor Access Requests	69	70	85	58	109	64	58	68	94	75	70	45	64	88				
Traffic Management Plans	33	22	25	34	24	54	18	31	59	26	30	27	22	37				

2.5.6 Forward Works Programme

Sealed roads work (resealing, rehabilitations and heavy maintenance) for the next three years and the initial unsealed roads maintenance metalling for 2024/25 are shown on the forward works programme on the Council website:

<https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/services/transport/road-and-footpath-programmes>

2.5.7 Sealed road rehabilitation

The Maronan Rd site has been sealed including asphalt at the Winslow Westerfield Rd intersection. The Seafield Rd site is being prepared for seal. These will complete the rehabilitation sites for the year.



Basecourse construction – Seafield Road

2.5.8 Local road improvements and new footpaths

With the zero NZTA approved funding for Low Cost Low Risk projects and a lower approved NZTA funding for footpath maintenance and renewals and road safety promotion the decision to spend the Council share not matched by subsidy on reseals in 2024/25 will mean minimal local road improvements. This includes minimal intersection improvements, delineation improvements and resilience improvements.

The work completed or programmed with the Council share is:

- 50 km of reseals \$1,848,000.
- Streetlights as part of power undergrounding \$290,000.
- Curve warning signs for out of context curves \$70,000.

- New sumps and soak pits for drainage \$100,000.
- Footpath maintenance \$150,000.

2.5.9 Road Closures for Motorsport Events

There have been no issues with damage to the pavement from previous motorsport events. Organisers have been requested to supply information on numbers of participants and attendees. No information received to date but will continue to make the request.

2.6 Contracts – Tenders

Current Contracts/Tender	Closing Date
Nil in this reporting period	

Awarded Contracts	Awarded to	Value	Estimate	Tenders received	TTM
Nil in this reporting period					

2.7 Lake Hood

Following recent warm weather in February, an algal bloom has appeared in some areas of the lake, particularly in the canals.

Environment Canterbury have been undertaking weekly water quality tests, and recent results have placed Lake Hood on an AMBER alert warning for potential toxic blue-green algae (planktonic cyanobacteria). While current levels are below the threshold for a RED alert level (which involves a public health warning), we encourage users of the lake to be cautious if they are having recreational contact with the lake water, like swimming, water-skiing or kayaking.

In an effort to improve circulation of water in the western area of the lake, bore water was pumped into the canal near the first bridge on Lake Hood Drive. Without a strong easterly wind, we didn't see much benefit in continuing with the trial.

The weed harvester continues to operate 3 days per week, depending on weather conditions, and this is expected to reduce in the next few weeks as weed growth slows in the colder temperatures.

3. Compliance & Development

3.1 Building Services

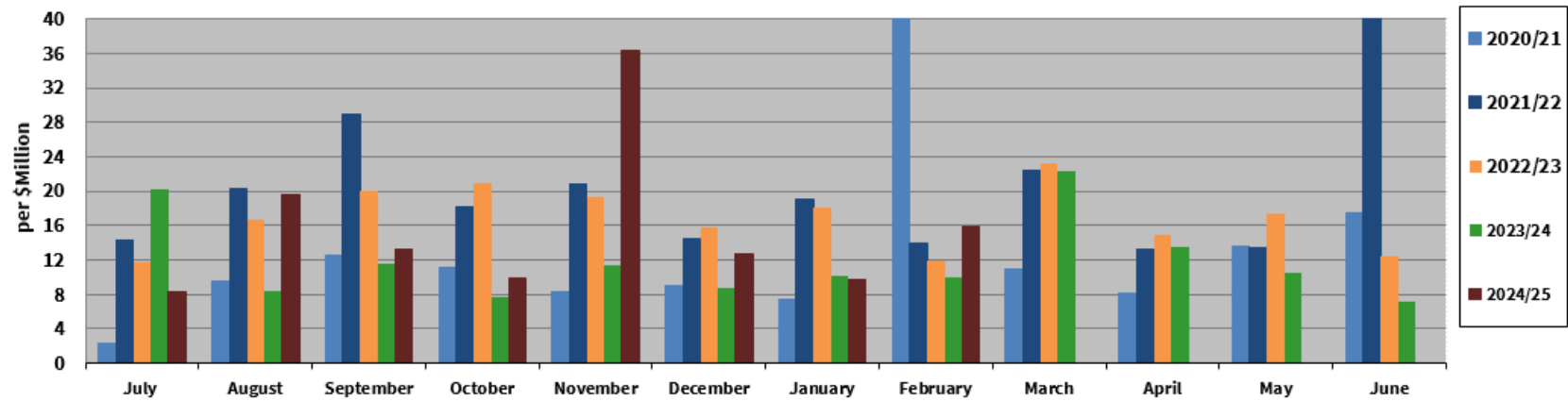
3.1.1 Building consents / amendments

Month	Building Consents				% Processed within 20 Days	Average Processing Days	Inspections Carried Out (max wait time in brackets)	CCC Issued within 20 Days
	Received	Received YTD	Issued	Issued YTD				
July 24	63 (55)	63 (55)	50 (69)	50 (69)	98%	11.3	336 (5)	98.9%
August	50 (30)	113 (84)	55 (44)	105 (113)	100%	10.7	268 (5)	100%
September	41 (44)	153 (128)	48 (42)	153 (155)	100%	10.5	307 (5)	99%
October	57 (29)	210 (156)	38 (28)	191 (183)	100%	9.3	311 (7)	100%
November	41 (31)	251 (187)	51 (32)	242 (215)	100%	13.7	306 (5)	97.6%
December	24 (29)	275 (216)	32 (26)	274 (241)	100%	14.6	259 (4)	100%
Jan 2025	40 (27)	315 (243)	45 (38)	319 (279)	95.6%	11.3	196 (4)	98.2%
February	49 (44)	364 (287)	36 (30)	355 (309)	97.2%	12.2	272 (5)	100%
March	(51)	(338)	(37)	(352)				
April	(38)	(376)	(56)	(408)				
May	(58)	(434)	(49)	(457)				
June 25	(57)	(491)	(45)	(502)				
Note: figures in brackets are for the corresponding month during the previous year.								

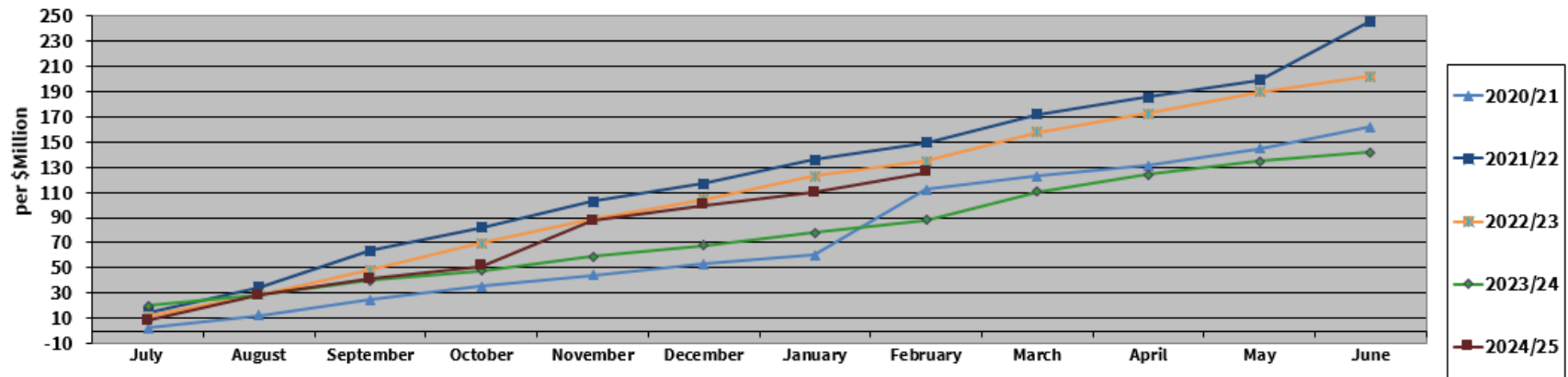
Month	BC Value of Work			
	Received	Received YTD	Issued	Issued YTD
July 2024	\$13,258,955 (\$8,738,727)	\$13,258,955 (\$8,738,727)	\$8,284,275 (\$20,219,273)	\$8,284,275 (\$20,219,273)
August	\$35,962,157 (\$9,886,060)	\$49,206,112 (\$18,605,787)	\$19,649,100 (\$8,484,452)	\$27,933,375 (\$28,703,724)
September	\$12,819,396 (\$12,316,580)	\$62,013,808 (\$30,922,367)	\$13,232,786 (\$11,568,003)	\$41,166,161 (\$40,271,727)
October	\$17,397,800 (\$12,217,236)	\$79,416,608 (\$43,134,602)	\$9,879,454 (\$7,710,277)	\$51,050,815 (\$47,982,004)
November	\$11,425,350 (\$15,015,499)	\$91,411,958 (\$58,150,101)	\$36,348,600 (\$11,365,505)	\$87,399,215 (\$59,347,509)
December	\$12,247,950 (\$14,337,900)	\$103,659,908 (\$74,488,001)	\$12,725,573 (\$8,853,920)	\$100,124,788 (\$68,201,429)
January 2025	\$12,465,350 (\$10,590,075)	\$116,125,258 (\$82,478,076)	\$9,752,450 (\$10,155,875)	\$109,877,238 (\$78,357,304)
February	\$17,146,000 (\$7,683,885)	\$133,271,258 (\$90,661,961)	\$15,809,850 (\$10,069,500)	\$125,687,088 (\$88,426,804)
March 2024	(\$15,067,412)	(\$105,729,373)	(\$22,379,910)	(\$110,806,714)
April	(\$7,367,399)	(\$112,362,772)	(\$13,509,376)	(\$124,316,090)
May	(\$11,504,377)	(\$123,867,148)	(\$10,623,645)	(\$134,939,735)
June 25	(\$20,257,559)	(\$144,207,573)	(\$7,248,792)	(\$142,202,227)
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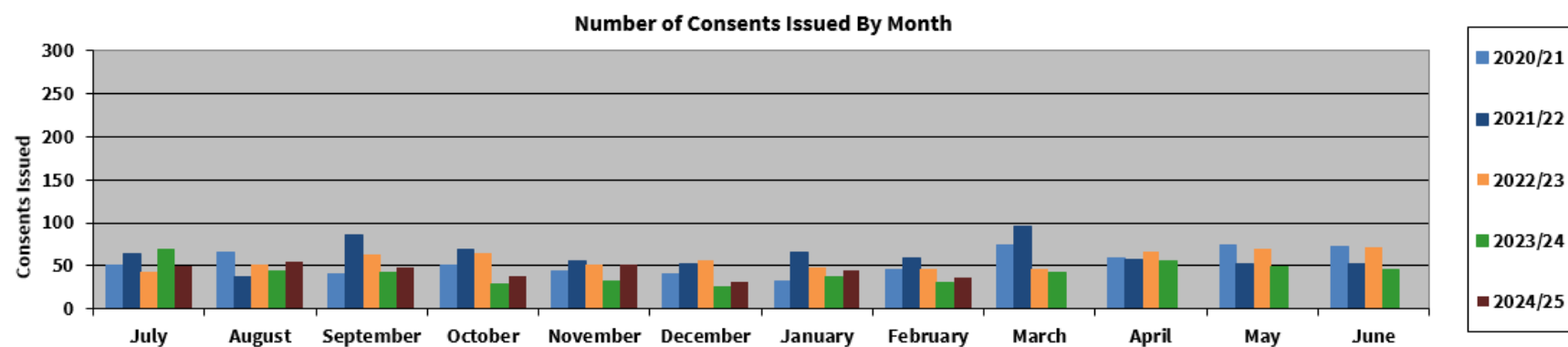
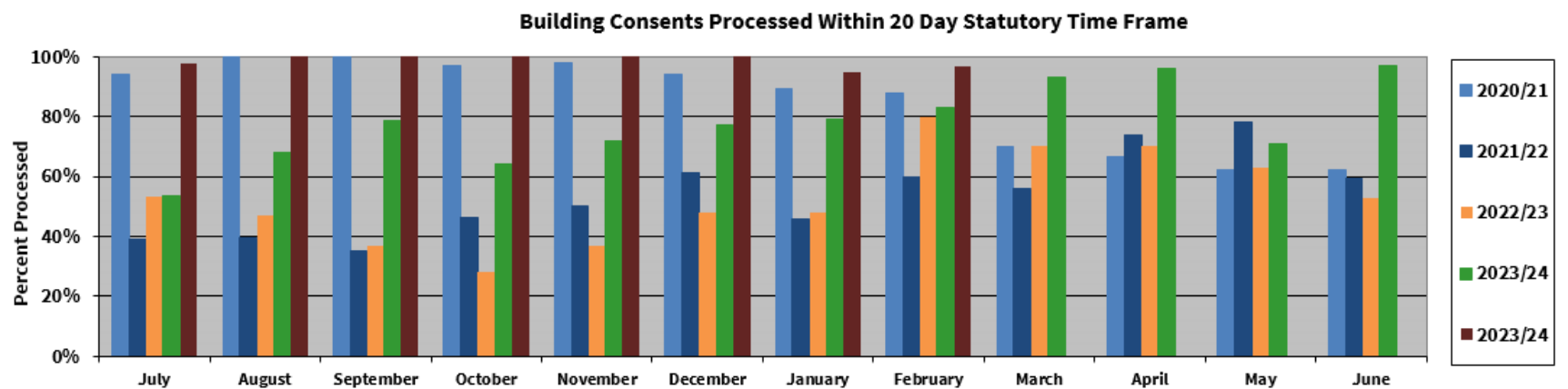
Month	Building Amendment				% Processed within 20 Days
	Received	Received YTD	Issued	Issued YTD	
July 2024	13 (26)	13 (26)	8 (30)	8 (30)	100%
August	10 (26)	23 (52)	9 (20)	17 (50)	100%
September	9 (28)	32 (80)	4 (27)	21 (77)	100%
October	14 (20)	48 (100)	15 (20)	36 (97)	93.3%
November	10 (35)	56 (135)	8 (28)	44 (125)	100%
December	2 (22)	58 (157)	5 (28)	49 (153)	100%
January 25	9 (20)	67 (177)	10 (14)	59 (167)	100%
February	12 (46)	79 (223)	11 (33)	70 (200)	100%
March	(24)	(247)	(26)	(226)	
April	(22)	(269)	(18)	(244)	
May	(22)	(291)	(18)	(262)	
June 25	(10)	(301)	(7)	(269)	
Note: figures in brackets are for the corresponding month during the previous year.					

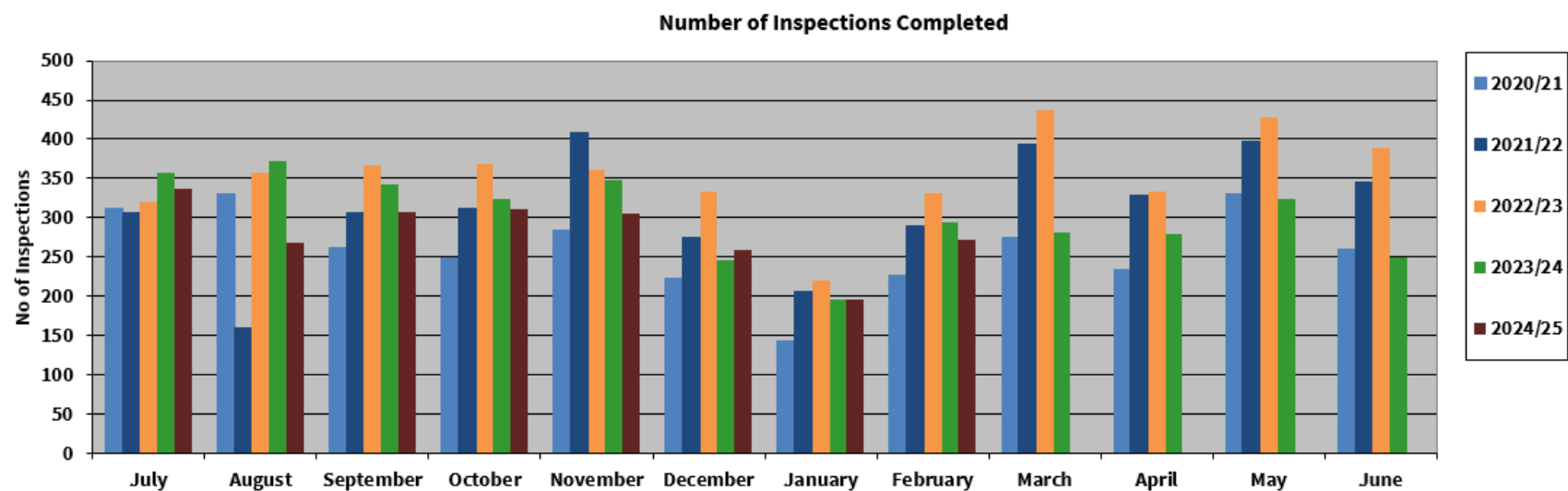
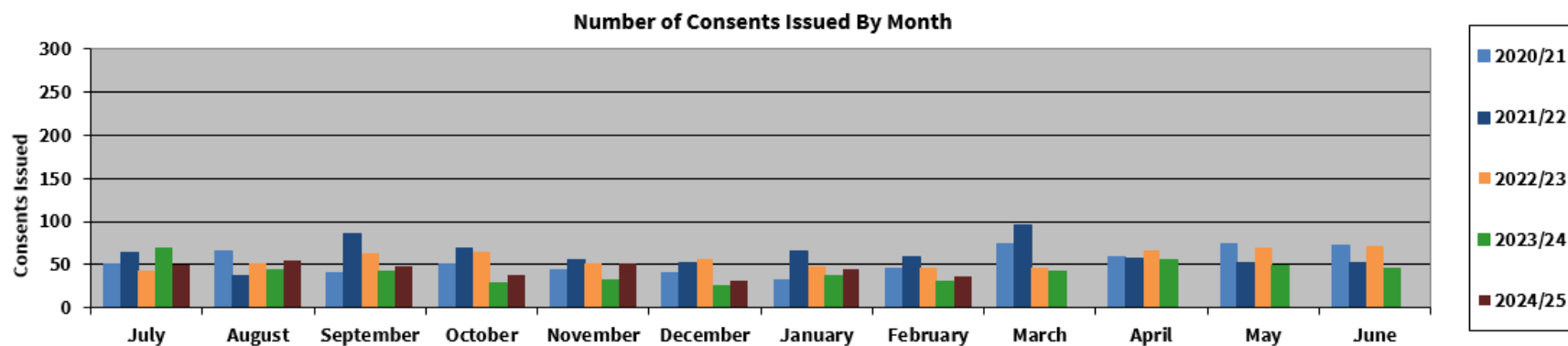
Building Consent Values By Month



Building Consent Values Accumulating







Consent volumes

- 3.1.2** With eight months of the financial year gone, compliance for issuing consents at 99% with an average of 12 working days. Out of the 364 consents received so far this financial year, 130 are for new dwellings (compared to 83 same time last year). We are currently 27% ahead of consents received and 15% ahead of consents issued compared to the same period last year.

Lifestyle Village Development

- 3.1.3** Last year a number of resource consents were granted for Freedom Lifestyle Villages to build approximately 250 units and a facilities building. Building consent for the first 12 units were received in February with construction anticipated to start in May. This is the beginning of a three and half year build programme for the site.

3.2 Civil Defence Emergency Management

3.2.1 January 2025

January 2025 was a late start back for the EMO returning to work on 16 January. This has meant a shorter number of activities for the month.

The EMO had a number of volunteer Expressions of Interest upon return from leave and took the opportunity to make contact and meet with all of those still wanting to pursue this EOI. As a result a further three volunteers have signed up and will be joining us at our next training activity in February.

The EMO reviewed and updated the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for Civil Defence. This document is reviewed annually to ensure that contact details, stand up procedures, phone trees and volunteer information is relevant and current.

The EMO stood up all of the IT equipment in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in lieu of a watch standup, this ensured that all IT equipment used in the EOC had completed all of the scheduled updates required. The EMO also worked with the Helpdesk team to have a phone and laptop provided for the Recovery Function which was a key debrief point from Exercise Pandora 24.

The EMO provided a presentation on the Ashburton District Hazard Scape (the risks we face) with a particular focus on the AF -8 to all of the staff from the Ashburton Intermediate. This presentation was requested by the Principal as a direct result of the meeting attended by the EMO with the Ashburton District Principals Association in November last year.

The EMO attended the Safer Ashburton/Welfare Committee meeting, hosted in the EOC. This meeting allows the EMO to maintain the relationships with the agencies within Ashburton who will work in the welfare space during an event, without “re-inventing the wheel” and having a specific meeting which would be attended by the same people. This is an efficiency that participants have agreed to.

The Bi-annual Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Survey is being prepared for publishing by Canterbury CDEM Group (Group). This survey is regionalised and designed to see how aware the residents of Canterbury are to the risks we face, where to get information on how to prepare, and suggestions on things we could do better in delivering Civil Defence in the region. The Survey, hosted on the online “Ask My Team” platform this year, will commence on 17 February and close on 10 March. Group staff from the Community Engagement function have been working with our Council Communications staff on advertising and delivery of the survey to our districts residents.

Other meetings attended by the EMO were the monthly meeting of Neighbourhood Support, and a Regional Recovery Workshop hosted by the Group Recovery Manager. Both of these meetings maintain our relationships with these entities and at the latter training and discussions were held to assist with being better prepared for what Recovery will look like within the region.

3.2.1 February 2025

February 2025 has involved a number of meetings, visits and Teams workshops. The first of these was a discussion with Neighbourhood Support (NS) about a new database owner for the Gets Ready platform. Gets Ready is a database managed by NS which allows them secure information storage for people and families who have signed up to be a part of NS. From a CDEM standpoint it provides us with email access to the 6900 subscribers currently on the system in disasters to provide up to date information during the Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery phases (The 4R's). The platform is paid for via an annual grant from Council which is included in the EM Budget.

The first stand up for the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was conducted in the first week of February, and was attended by good numbers of our Council volunteers, but also by volunteer support staff from FENZ, a member of the Rural Support Trust Response and Welfare team and an Animal Welfare representative. Apologies were also received from Health and St Johns. Having our partners in the EOC for training was a learning from Exercise Pandora 24 and allows EOC staff to form sound working relationships with our partners. Having the partners in the EOC also brought a different lens to our Holistic Consequence Analysis and Impact Mapping exercises we conducted.

The EMO attended the monthly Multi Agency briefing. This online forum allows updates to be provided by partner agencies and CDEM on information of note in the sector, any emergency events that have happened and any learnings that have come from these events or other activities in the EM space. There were a number of interesting updates including predicted weather for the remainder of Summer and Autumn, and also how Space Weather events have occurred over the December/January period and predictions for what this will look like going forward.

The EMO also attended the Canterbury CDEM Group Response Framework and Recovery Framework meetings, both of which are chances for all EMO's to discuss these aspects of the 4R's to find efficiencies across the region and reduce duplication of effort.

The first training for 2025 of the Emergency Support Team (our CDEM Volunteers) occurred in the third week of February. We had our three new members join us and while we still had the use of daylight savings we travelled to Mt Somers and visited the Mt Somers Hall to set this up as a Civil Defence Centre. This was a valuable exercise for the EST allowing them to see what the hall looks like and what conditions they will encounter if they were deployed there during an event.

The EMO made contact with the FENZ Chief Fire Officers of the rural fire brigades to maintain the good working relationships we have with these groups. This is a monthly phone call that allows us to discuss issues within each of the small settlements in the district and ascertain if there is anything we can do to assist each other.

The Public Information Management (PIM) team from Ashburton held their three monthly catch up in the EOC towards the end of February. This regular catch up ensures that latest learnings and techniques from the sector are passed on to our PIM staff.

The annual Canterbury 10 (C10) Noho (meeting, gathering) was held in Kaikoura in mid February. This activity is a chance for all current C10 members, and EMO staff to come together for a period of professional development and relationship building. They are invaluable to ensure that the C10 staff know each other, and maintains skill levels which allow them to deploy as surge staff during emergency events. Two staff (of ADC's six trained C10 members) attended this years Noho.

The final activity for February was the first Canterbury CDEM Group EMO Forum for 2025 held at the Christchurch City Council Civil Defence Response Base in Wigram. This meeting allows for professional development activities, updates, project allocation and planning to occur for the region and is attended by all EMO's from within Canterbury including our partners at Ngai Tahu. Canterbury Group conduct 4 of these forums each year, with two of them being single day events and two of them being two day events.

3.3 Alcohol Licensing

Month	On/OFF/Club new applications	On/Off/Club renewal application	Special Licence applications	Managers Certificates (new and renewal)	Temporary Authority
March 2024	0	1	7	18	1
April	0	0	4	17	1
May	1	7	7	20	1
June	0	5	5	12	1
July	1	6	9	17	1
August	1	9	6	16	0
September	1	8	9	18	0
October	1	6	9	17	1
November	1	8	8	16	2
December 2024	0	5	2	7	0
January 2025	0	3	4	19	0
February	0	3	10	11	1

3.3.1 Withdrawn or Opposed applications: A District Licensing Committee (DLC) Hearing was conducted on 17th February to deliberate on an opposed licence application. The DLC panel has not yet reached a decision.

3.4 Animal Control

The following is a breakdown of animal control activities for the reporting period:

Month	Dogs currently registered	Known un-registered dogs	% of dogs registered	Dogs Impounded	Dogs Euthanized	Dogs rehomed	Reports of wandering stock
February	6775	257	96.3%	10	0	3	3
March	6823	177	97.5%	5	0	6	2
April	6855	163	97.67%	10	0	0	3
May	6935	29	99.6%	8	0	5	4
June	1929	4966	28%	2	1	3	7
July	5896	909	86.64%	12	0	2	6
August	6334	434	93.6%	4	0	2	7
September	6412	370	94.5%	5	0	1	4
October	6458	335	95%	8	0	2	3
November	6506	282	95.9%	13	0	3	4
Dec 2024	6546	274	96%	7	0	1	3
Jan 2025	6585	257	96.2%	12	0	1	2
Feb 2025	6614	243	96.4%	9	1	1	1

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3.4.1 There were two barking dog Abatement notices issued.

3.4.2 Dog Registrations: 7 Notice To Register (NTR's) issued for known dogs, 11 NTR's issued for undeclared dogs, 38 infringements for failing to register dogs.

3.4.3 Dog Attacks Reported:

1. Dog on Person: No physical attack. Infringement issued. Case closed.
2. Dog on Person: No physical attack - Enquiries continuing.

3. Dog on dog(s): Enquiries continuing.
4. Dog on dog: Offending dog impounded. Enquiries continuing.

3.4.4 CRMS –Total 73

(Ani Foul –0 , Other –4 , Barking – 21 , Attack – 4, Found/Lost/Wandering –36 , Keeping of animals –5 , Rushing dog – 1 , Wandering stock -2)

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3.4.5 Two properties were issued notices to fix their fencing under the Dog Control Bylaw.

3.4.6 Dog Registrations: 4 NTR's issued for known dogs, 1 NTR issued for undeclared dog, 34 infringements issued for failing to register dogs

3.4.7 Dog Attacks investigated –

1. Dog on person – Infringement issued.
2. Dog on person – Infringement issued plus menacing classification.
3. Dog on person – Dog voluntarily surrendered by owner and euthanized.
4. Dog on person – not immediately reported and insufficient details provided.

3.4.8 CRMS – 76

(Ani Foul –0 , Other – 1, Barking – 26 , Attack – 4, Found/Lost/Wandering –41 , Keeping of animals –3 , Rushing dog – 0 , Wandering stock -1)

3.5 Food Safety

The following is a breakdown of food licensing activities for the reporting period:

Month	Food Premises Audited	Food Control Plans Audited	Mobile shops inspected
March	4	4	0

April	7	7	14
May	6	6	0
June	16	16	0
July	23	23	0
August	5	5	*20
September	4	4	*8
October	10	10	0
November	8	8	0
December 2024	13	13	0
Jan 2025	6	6	0
February	10	10	0

*Accounts for Night Noodle Market and Boulevard Day

3.6 Planning

Resource Consents	January 2024	January 2025
No. of resource consent applications decided ₁	8	10
No. of resource consents decided within statutory timeframe	8	10
Resource consent KPI Compliance (accumulating)	97.22%	99%
Notified/ Limited notified applications decided	1	0
Other:		
No. of 223 Certificates processed	7	2
No. of 224 Certificates processed	2	5

No. of building consents reviewed against District Plan ₂	15	12
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Land information memoranda	January 2024	January 2025
LIMs Produced	55	70
LIMs Produced within 10 working days	55	70
LIMS (accumulating)	402	554

Resource Consents	February 2024	February 2025
No. of resource consent applications decided ₁	8	14
No. of resource consents decided within statutory timeframe	6	14
Resource consent KPI Compliance (accumulating)	95.69%	99%
Notified/ Limited notified applications decided	0	0
Other:		
No. of 223 Certificates processed	7	4
No. of 224 Certificates processed	2	4
No. of building consents reviewed against District Plan ₂	10	15

Land information memoranda	February 2024	February 2025
LIMs Produced	86	101
LIMs Produced within 10 working days	86	101
LIMS (accumulating)	535	655

3.6.1 Pre-application meetings

One of the services the District Planning provides is pre-application advice and for larger and more significant proposals which includes formalised input from teams across Council. This service helps the applicant ensure they have a good understanding on what they need to include in their application and any matters that can be raised and worked through at an early stage. This also makes processing the application simpler, quicker and less costly and has proved to be valuable to all parties.

In January and February staff attended four formal Pre-Application meetings, the details of these remain confidential until we have an application lodged. However, previous projects that have been through the formal pre-applications process include the Lauriston Solar Farm, Fairfield Freight Hub and Opuke Thermal Pools projects.

3.6.2 RMA Updates generally

Central Government are in the process of making amendments to allow for minor secondary dwellings which have been referred to as “granny flats”. These changes will be required under both the Building Act and the Resource Management Act. We are working closely with our Building colleagues to ensure we have a good understanding of how these changes may impact both areas.

3.7 Economic Development

3.7.1 Events

Events Programme 2024/25

Upcoming Council Events:

- **Live on the Lawn (formally Jazz in the Park):** This free, community event is scheduled for Saturday 29 March at the Ashburton Domain at 12pm – 3.30pm. Marketing has commenced.
- **Glow in the Park:** This event is scheduled for King's Birthday Weekend on 30 May – 1 June. Planning is underway to secure sponsors and marketing has commenced. The website is live here: <https://www.glowinthepark.nz/>
- **Citizenship Ceremony:** This ceremony is scheduled for Wed 19 March at the Ashburton Events Centre. There are 50 candidates assigned to this ceremony.
- **EANC Kids Try Challenge (formerly EA Networks Kids Triathlon):** This event is scheduled for 23 March 2025. The Event Advisor is providing planning support to the EA Recreation Services Manager.
- **ANZAC Services:** Planning is underway for the 3 services on the 25 April.

Community events and activities involving Council in the reporting period:

- **The Amazing Dinosaur Discovery**, 13 Jan – 20 Jan
- **Run and Walk – Summer Park Series**, 14 Jan – 18 Feb
- **Kingdom Circus**, 21 Jan – 24 Jan
- **Free Community Pop-ups**, 21 Jan and 28 Jan
- **Waitangi Market**, 6 Feb
- **Great Plains By-Annual Fly-in**, 9 Feb
- **Wanderlust Fairgrounds**, 8 Feb
- **Ashburton Car Club** - Gravel Sprint, 15 Feb
- **Ashburton River Trail**, 28 Feb – 1 March

Upcoming community events and activities involving Council:

Staff are working on 7 events scheduled to occur between March and May 2025 (not including Council Events):

- **Multi Cultural Bite**, 1 March
- **Mid Canterbury Children's Day**, 2 March
- **Run Mt Hutt**, 8 March
- **Ashburton Car Club, Wakanui Autocross**, 30 March
- **Ashburton Car Club, Street Sprint, fuelled by KFC**, 25 April
- **Ashburton Car Club, Standing Quarter Mile Sprint**, 17 May

3.7.2 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

- Placements
There have been 54 placements with 41 of those now in sustainable employment (been employed for at least 90 days).
- Staff are currently working with 45 clients who are seeking work
- Driver Licensing
 - There have been two restricted, one full for Class 1 , 5 F endorsements, 2 Class 2 full Licenses to end of February 2025
 - There have been 2 Defensive Driving lessons, and 12 Driving lessons paid for by MTFJ up to end of February 2025
- Continued employer meetings to show the advantages of working with MTFJ and have new outcomes in the pipeline.

Total Placements Made And Sustainable Outcomes 24/25 ⓘ

ALL TIME

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● Count of Deals

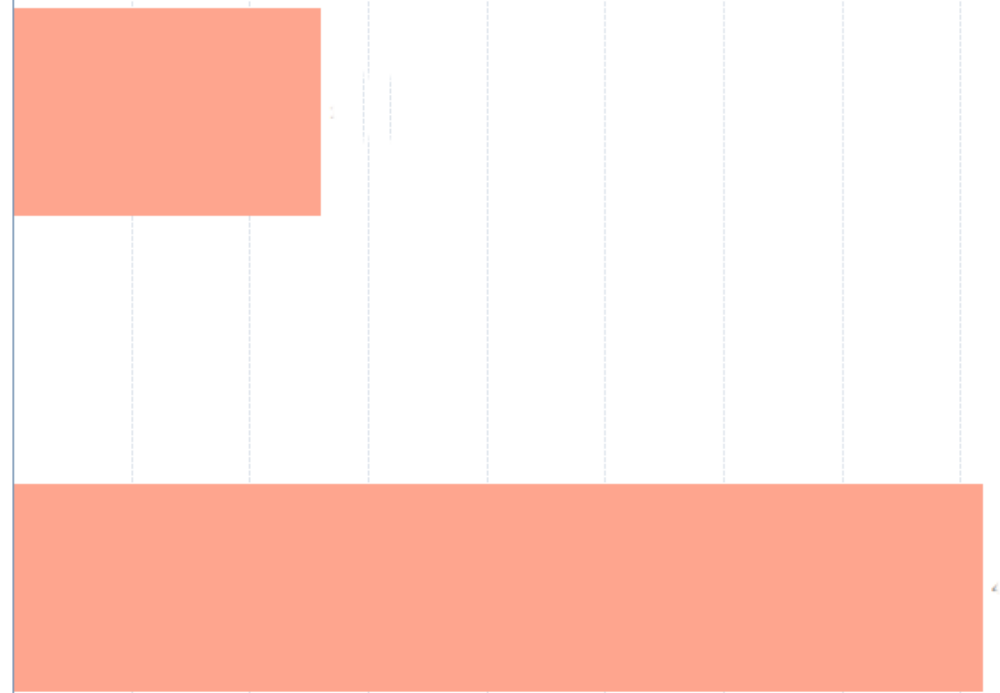
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Placement Made (Ashburton 24/25)

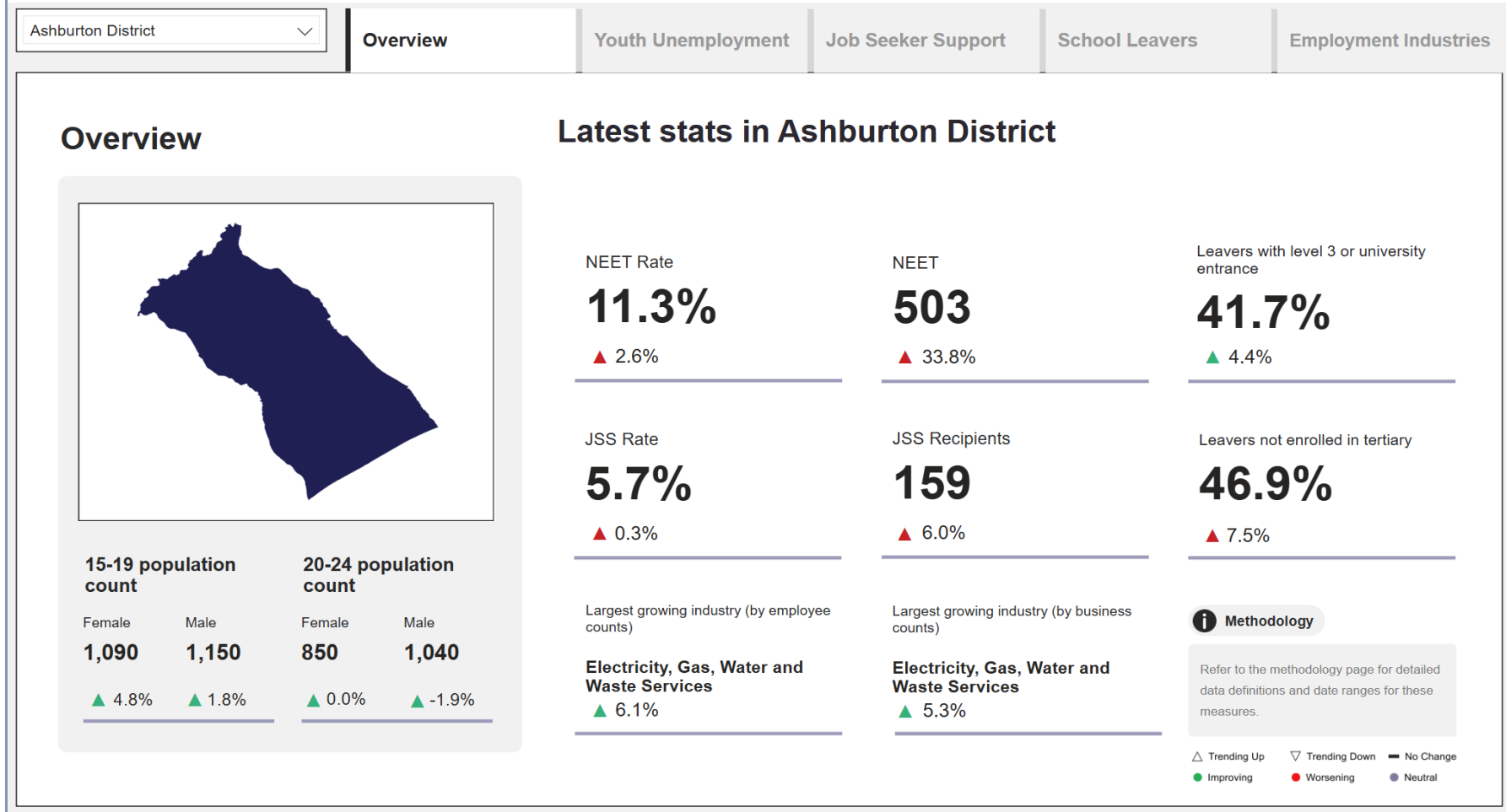
Sustainable Outcome Achieved (Ashburton 24/25)

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Count of Deals



- The information below is sourced from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs website and a tool provided by Dot Loves Data. The information is from December 2024, as data is updated it will be provided in the Activity Briefing Report.



Ashburton District

Overview

Youth Unemployment

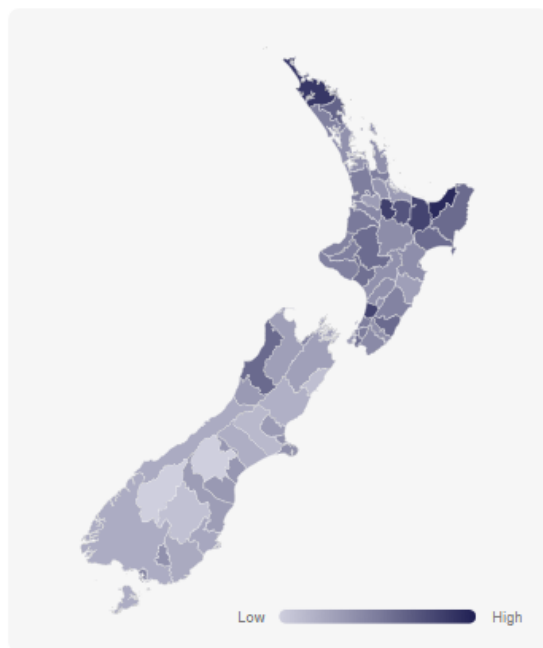
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Job Seeker Support

JSS Rate by TA

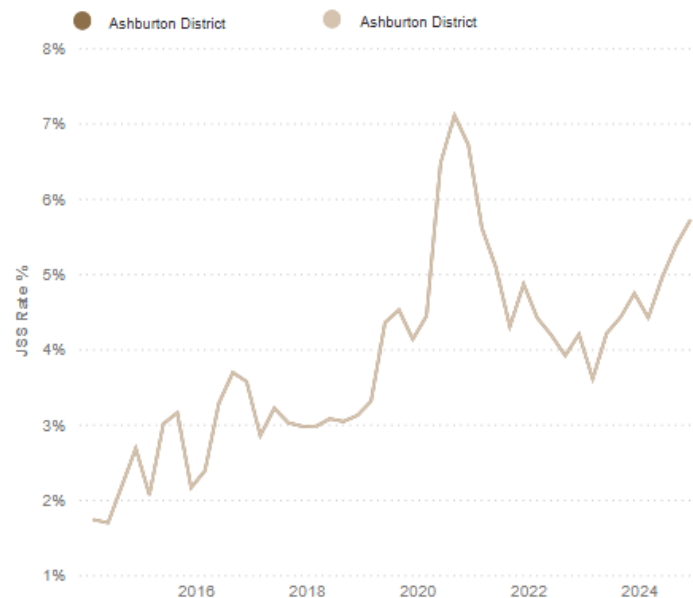


Methodology

Data from Ministry of Social Development. Page data as at: December 2024

JSS Rate

Percent of 18-24 year-olds receiving the Job Seeker Support Benefit



Compared to

Ashburton District

JSS Rate

5.7%

▲ 0.3%

JSS Recipients

159

▲ 6.0%

JSS Rate Rank

7 / 66

▲ 1

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Ashburton District



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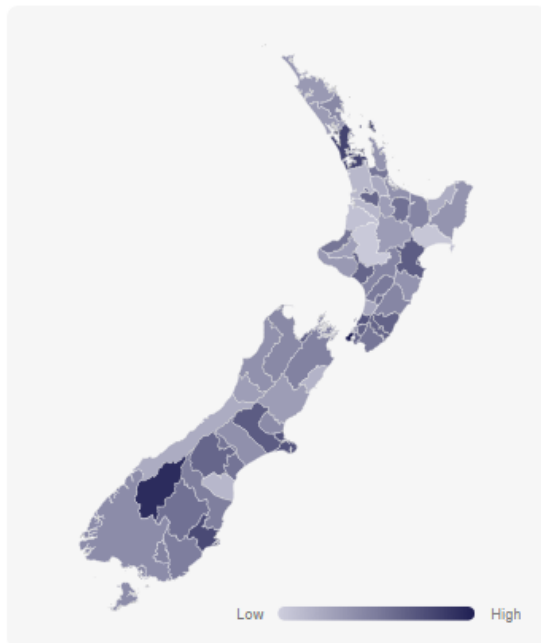
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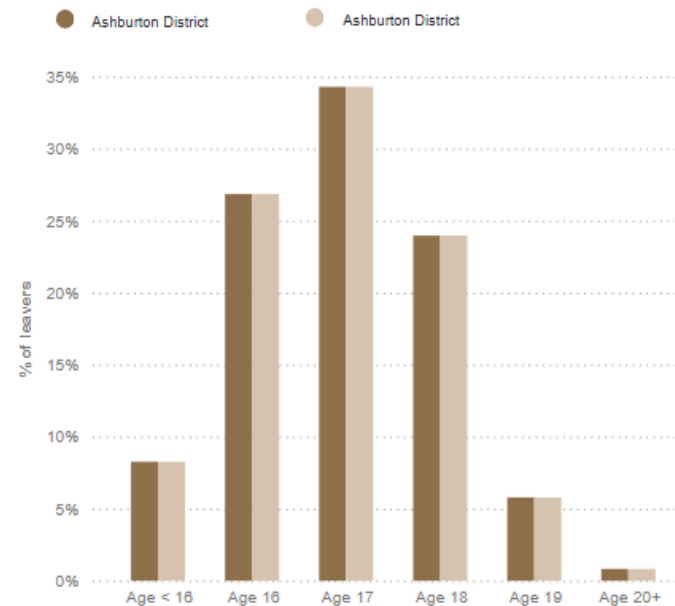
Achieved Level 3 or above



Methodology

Data from Ministry of Education. Page data as at: 2023

Proportion of Ashburton District School Leavers by age leaving school



Compared to

Ashburton District



% of leavers with level 1 qualification or above

80.0%

▼ -0.3%

Number leaving school before their 17th birthday

85

▲ 7.6%

Total number of school leavers

343

▲ 25.2%

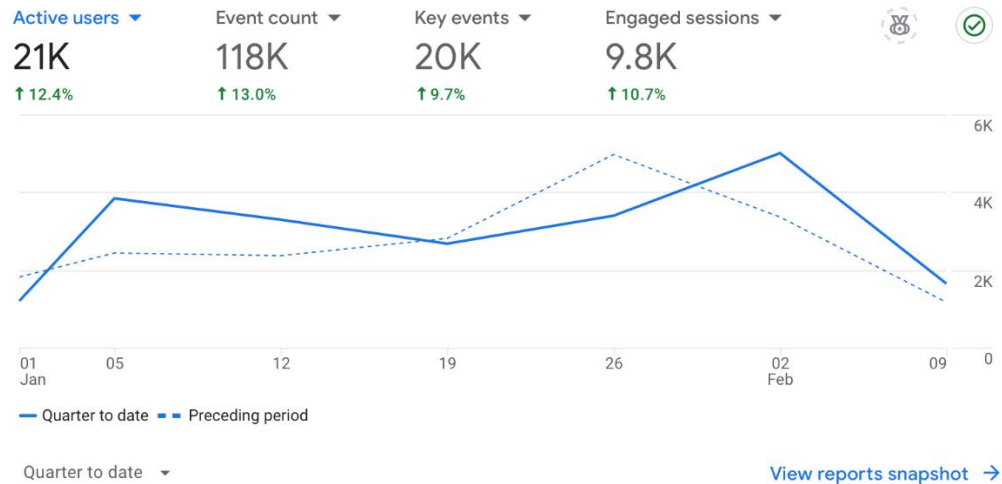
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3.7.3 District Promotion

District Promotion - February	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The social media collaboration campaign with Brit Cunningham received approx. 235,000 views and over 500 saves across Tik Tok and Instagram. Engagement from followers has been very positive. Additional video content has also been received and will be used for future promotion.○ The summer campaigns are continuing to run with results continuing to be very positive. Approx 850k accounts have been reached since November 1st. Campaigns have focussed on Rakaia, The Plains Museum and Railway, The Aviation Museum, the Methven Walkway, the Ashburton Farmers' Market. There has also been an overarching brand video running through the summer.○ The first newsletter of 2025 was sent out to operators to provide market information, seasonal information and campaign updates.○ Work has continued on the development of the new Experience Mid Canterbury website and all design templates have now been confirmed. Content migration took place in February, followed by content updates and final testing.○ A district promotion brochure is in the final stages of design and should be printed and in hand by mid-March. The brochure is the first updated printed collateral promoting the district since 2016 and will be shared with both local and regional operators for distribution. The brochures include two updated maps of the district.○ Work began on an updated Ashburton town street map. Once design is completed, these will be printed in A3 pads and shared with local operators.

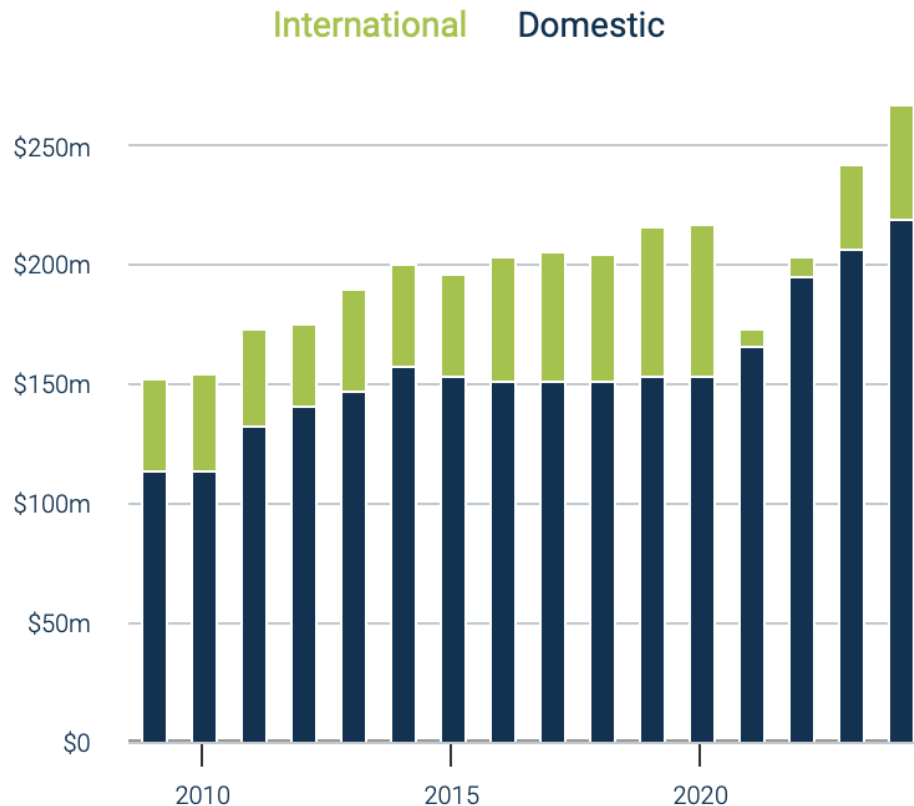
Website Statistics



- 10k+ active users landed on the website via a social media link
- 334 people downloaded the Methven Walkway information and map
- Most popular pages (Since Jan 1):
 - Summer (Campaign) 2024-2025 – 9k views
 - Methven Walkway – 2.7k views
 - Mt Sunday – 1.4k views
 - Camping – 835

Composition of tourism expenditure

March years, current prices



Infometrics update:

Highlights for Ashburton District, 2024

Positive results can be seen in visitor spend in our district for 2024 (March years) and it's amazing to see the increase in spend from

our domestic market, jumping approximately \$65m since pre-COVID levels (2019).

International spend for 2024 (\$48.5M) was well above the 2022 spend (\$8.6M) with a total increase of nearly \$40M. We are still approximately \$15M below pre-COVID spending from International visitors (\$64.1M) but this growth should continue as the tourists return.

This data is incredibly positive and shows that our district is making its mark on the destination path of travellers, both locally and internationally.

In Ashburton District tourists spent a total of \$267m in 2024. Spending was up by 10.5% compared with the previous year.

By comparison spending increased by 3.6% in New Zealand.

International visitors contributed 18.2% in Ashburton District in 2024, while domestic visitors contributed 81.8%.

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3.7.4 Pedestrian Counters

Reporting

- Numbers of pedestrians counted in January reduced to 80,898 which is comparable to October and November figures, and lower than the December figure of 98,004 people movements being counted.
- February data showed a further decline in foot traffic reducing to 73,846 movements in the period, however it is important to note there are three less days in February. When adjusted for average daily movements we can see:
 - January average daily people movements were 2610
 - February average daily people movements were 2637
- The data is showing that the peak times for pedestrian movements is in the middle of the day between 11am and 2pm.
- There is a strong correlation between retail and office operating hours and pedestrian movement in the Central Business District (CBD), indicating that retail activity is a primary driver of foot traffic. Peak pedestrian movement aligns with standard business hours from Monday to Friday, when most stores are fully operational.

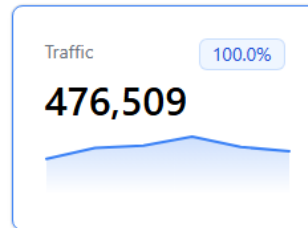
However, there is a noticeable decline in activity on weekends:

- **Saturdays** see reduced traffic due to many stores operating half-day schedules.
- **Sundays** are even quieter, as a majority of retail outlets are closed.

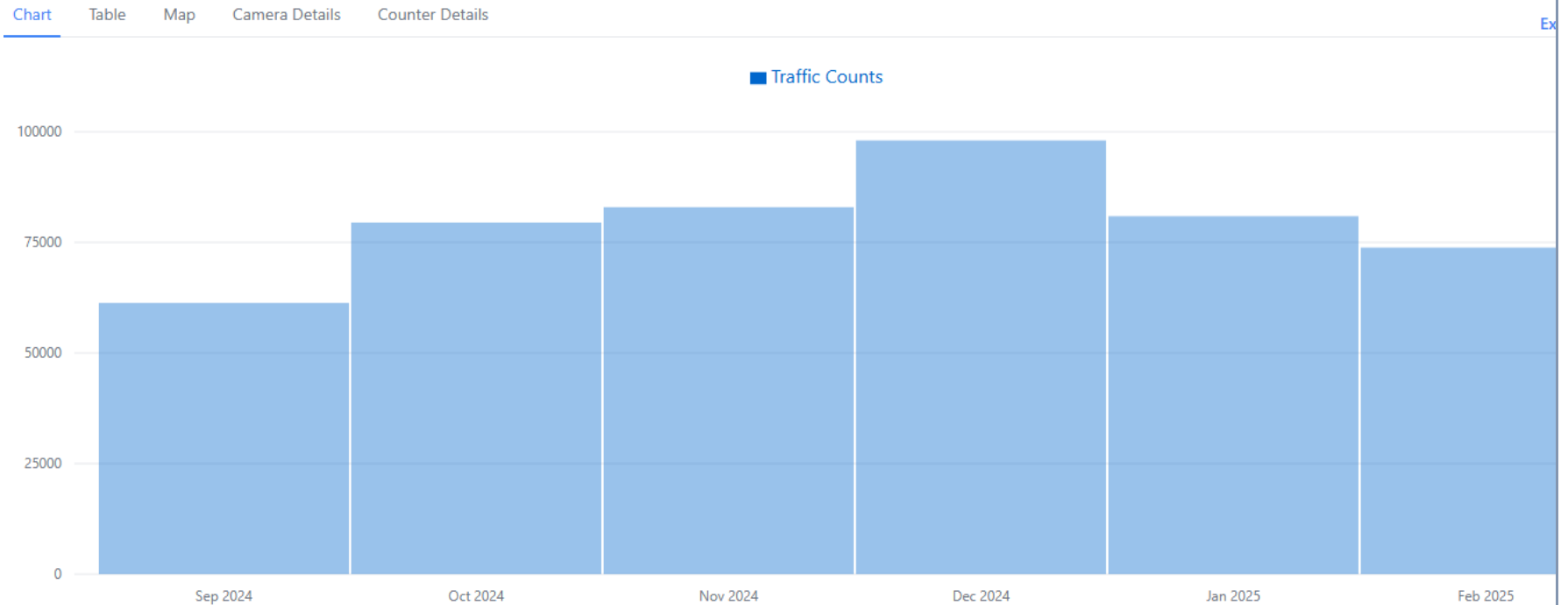
These patterns suggest that retail closures or limited hours during weekends discourage potential visitors, reducing the vibrancy and economic potential of the CBD.

- Increasing the vibrancy of the CBD is a programme of work scheduled for year 2 of the Long Term Plan, there are some measures that Council, Businesses and the Community could begin to consider as part of that process including:
 - Expanding the opening hours of retail to include Saturday and Sunday trading.
 - Weekend events possibly including live entertainment.
 - Attracting new stores that provide alternatives to people travelling to Christchurch to shop.
 - Collaborating with food and hospitality venues to provide weekend package deals.
 - Create a loyalty app for Ashburton shoppers with discounts and promotions.

- Using augmented reality create a virtual scavenger hunt which can include the CBD and businesses within it.
- Introduce family friendly initiatives such as workshops for kids.



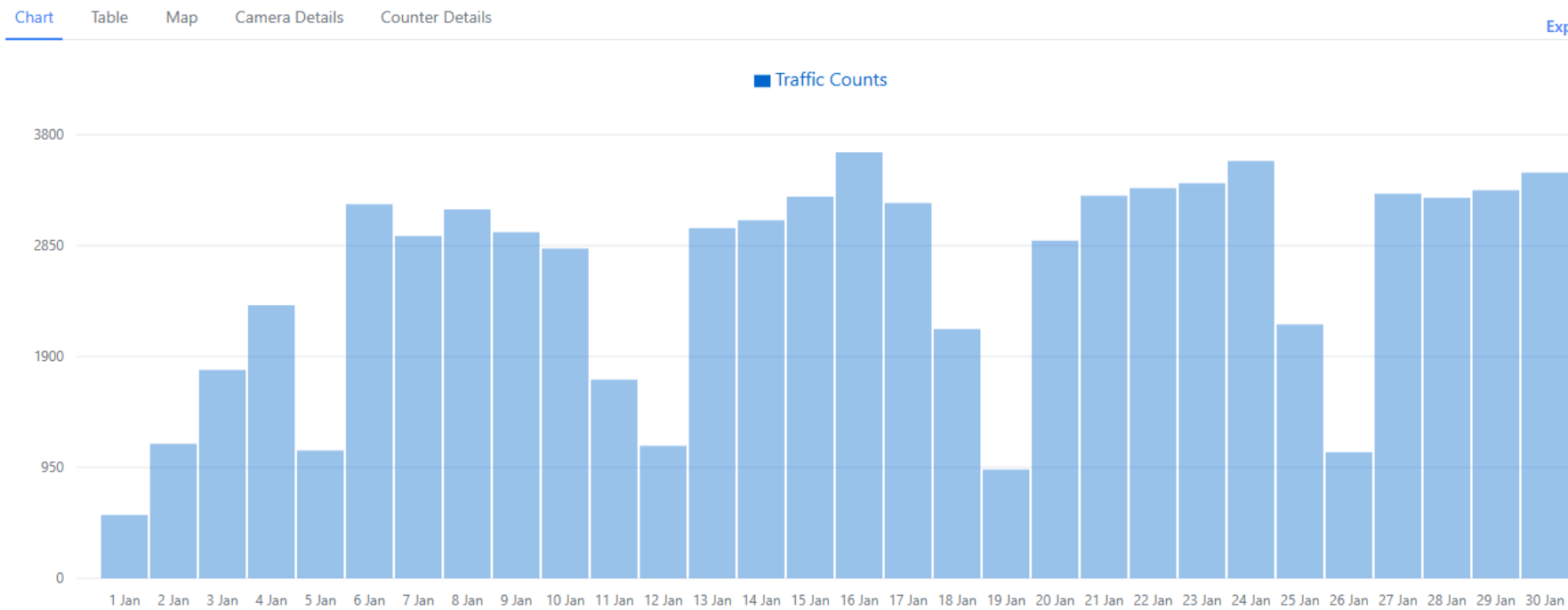
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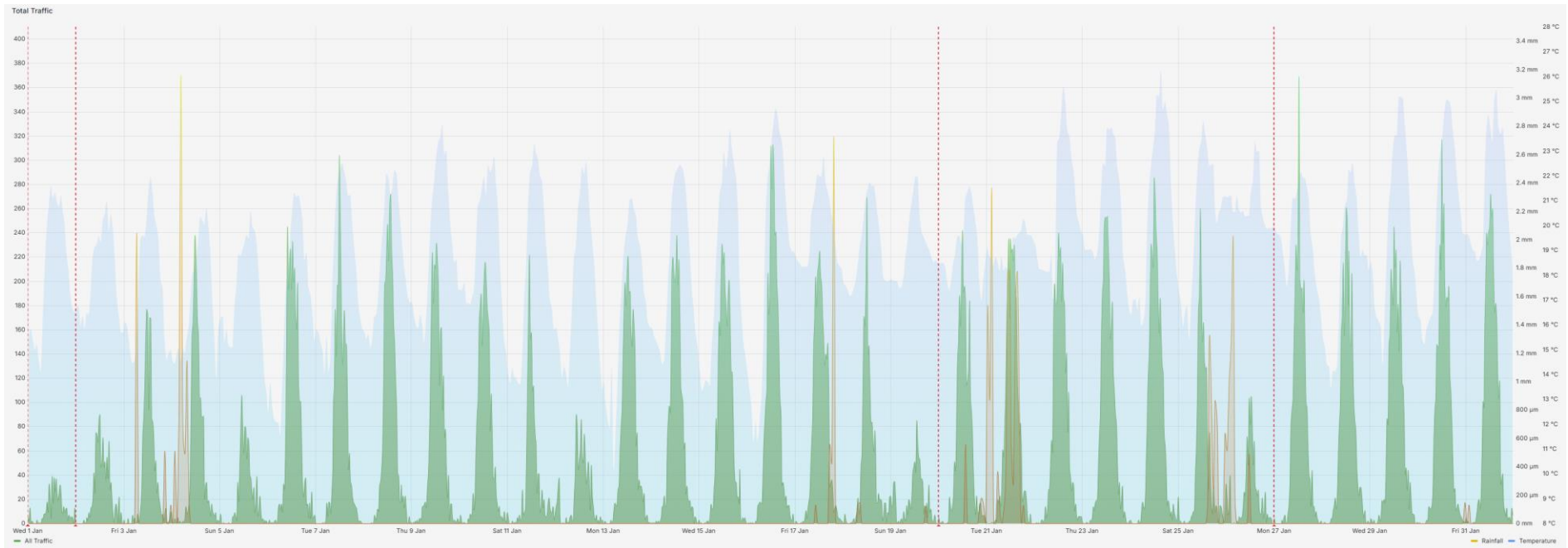


Graphs for January



Displaying 31 days from Wed, 1 Jan 2025 to Fri, 31 Jan 2025 in day buckets for all sites and all cameras and all counters

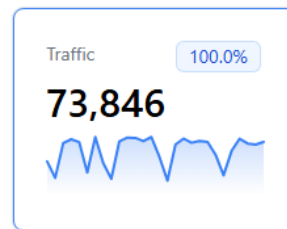




The graph above shows the spikes in pedestrians being counted on an hourly basis.

- The green spikes are pedestrians which is read using the left hand key
- The light blue is temperature that can be read against the right hand key and
- The orange spikes are rainfall which again can be read against the right hand key.

Graphs for February



Displaying 1 months from Sat, 1 Feb 2025 to Fri, 28 Feb 2025 in day buckets for all sites and all cameras and all counters

[Chart](#)

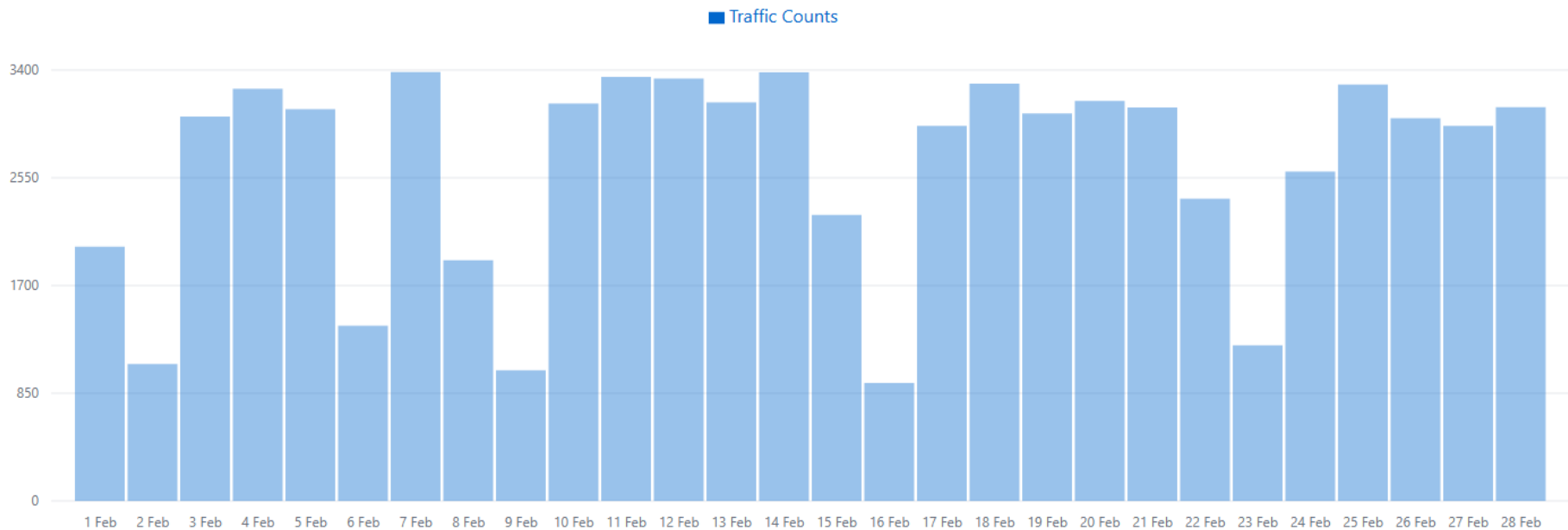
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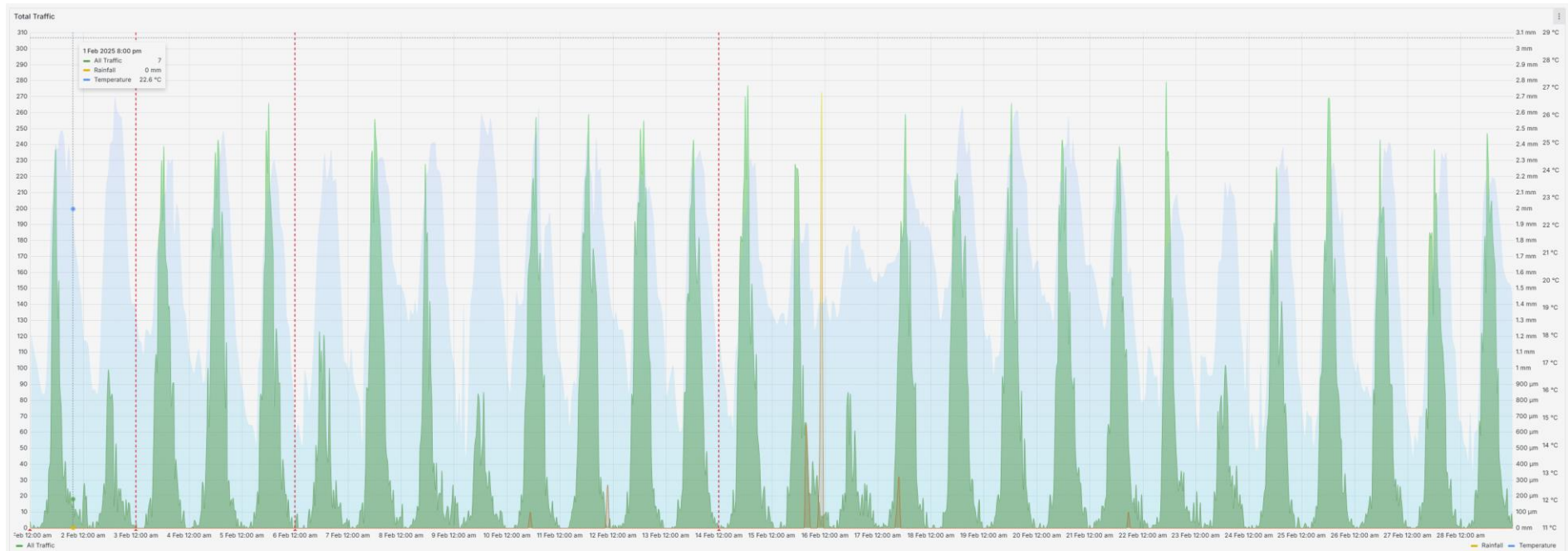
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3.7.5 Ashburton District Cycle Trail

Cycle Trail

Xyst have been appointed to develop a Trail Network Feasibility Study for the Ashburton District Council. The study will consider a loop connecting Methven, Mount Somers, Ashburton and Rakaia, with the route returning to Methven along the Rakaia River.

Recreation consultants Xyst are currently undertaking Market Research and Analysis, as well as Stakeholder Engagement and exploring potential Commercial Opportunities. This phase of work is on track to be completed at the end of March and will be reviewed by Officers before the main body of work of engaging with landowners begins.

3.7.6 Ashburton Learning Hub

Learning Hub / Learning Network

Work is ongoing with this project with notable steps completed being a survey of 200 local businesses, the results of which are currently being reviewed.

Staff along with members of the Education Community are exploring joining a globally accredited network that will provide a framework for further developing the education provision in Ashburton District. Kate White from Keep Learning Mid Canterbury has been instrumental in driving this opportunity forward.

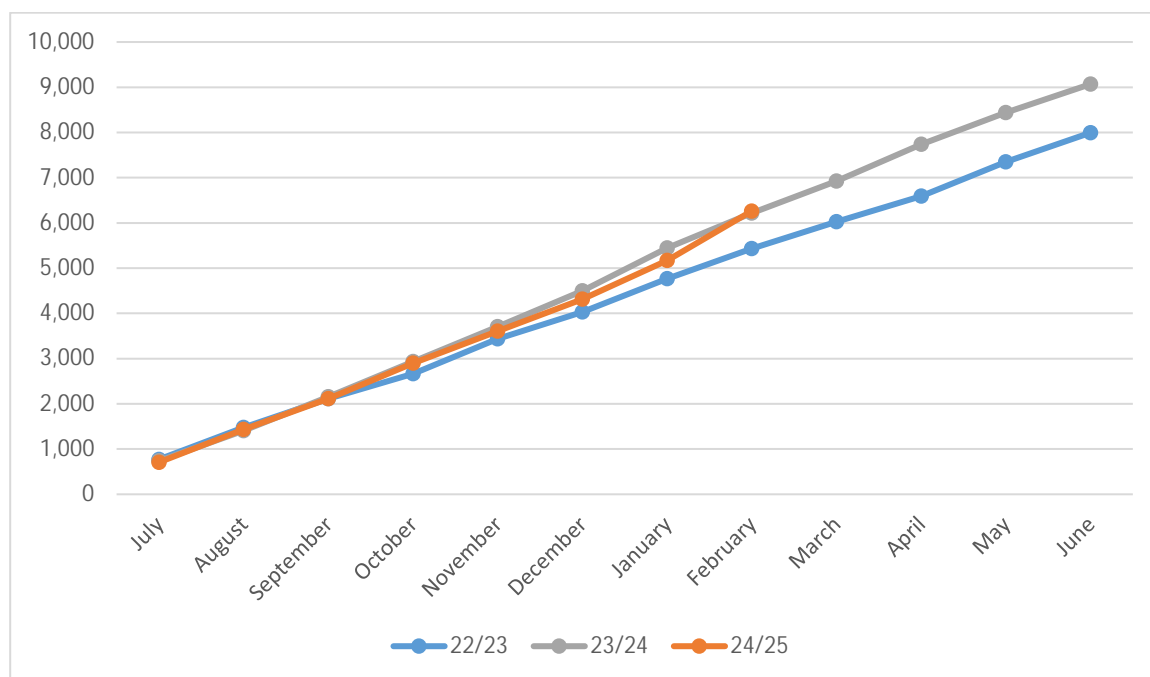
Next steps for staff will be to formalise the terms of reference for the Feasibility Study scheduled to take place between July 2025 and June 2026.

4. People & Facilities

4.1 Council Services

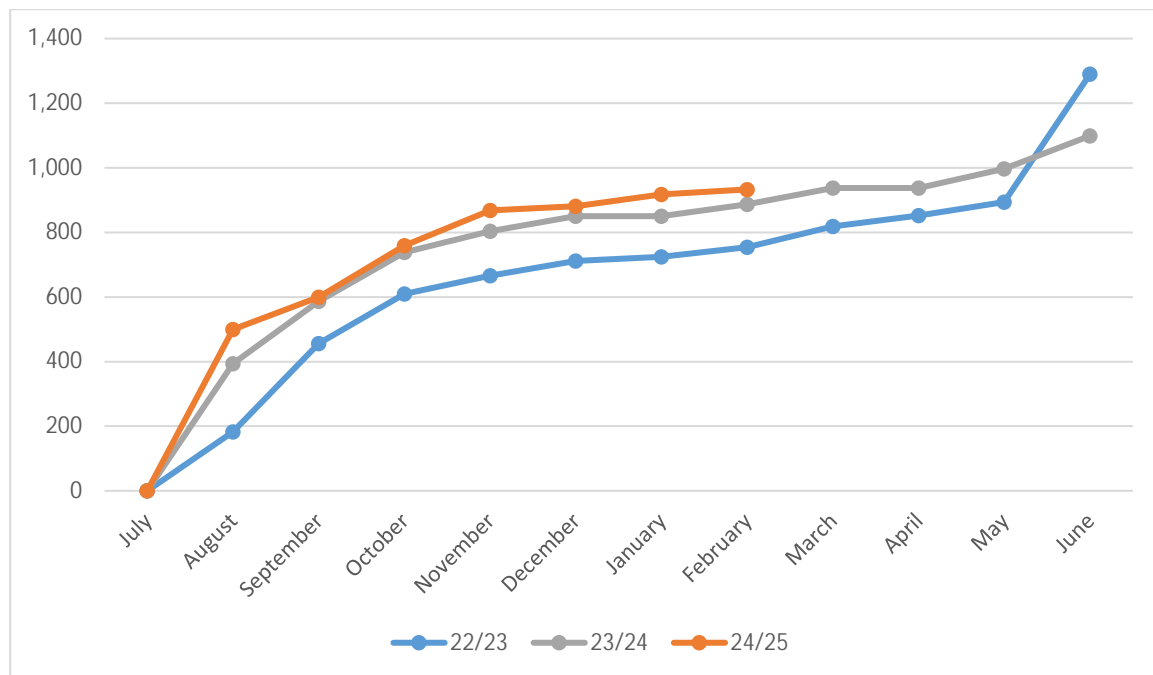
4.1.1 Key Performance Measures

a) Customer Requests Raised



24/25	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Kerbside	126	196	131	206	168	118	234	458				
Roading	179	150	131	131	112	112	138	115				
Water	126	142	137	134	153	208	197	231				
Animal	88	62	73	83	83	91	74	77				
Info Req	65	43	54	49	49	40	49	73				
Noise	23	25	42	37	31	41	45	23				
Property	20	20	42	22	22	12	24	16				
Other	80	88	68	129	88	81	100	98				
Total CRM's	707	726	678	791	706	703	861	1091				

b) Rates Rebates



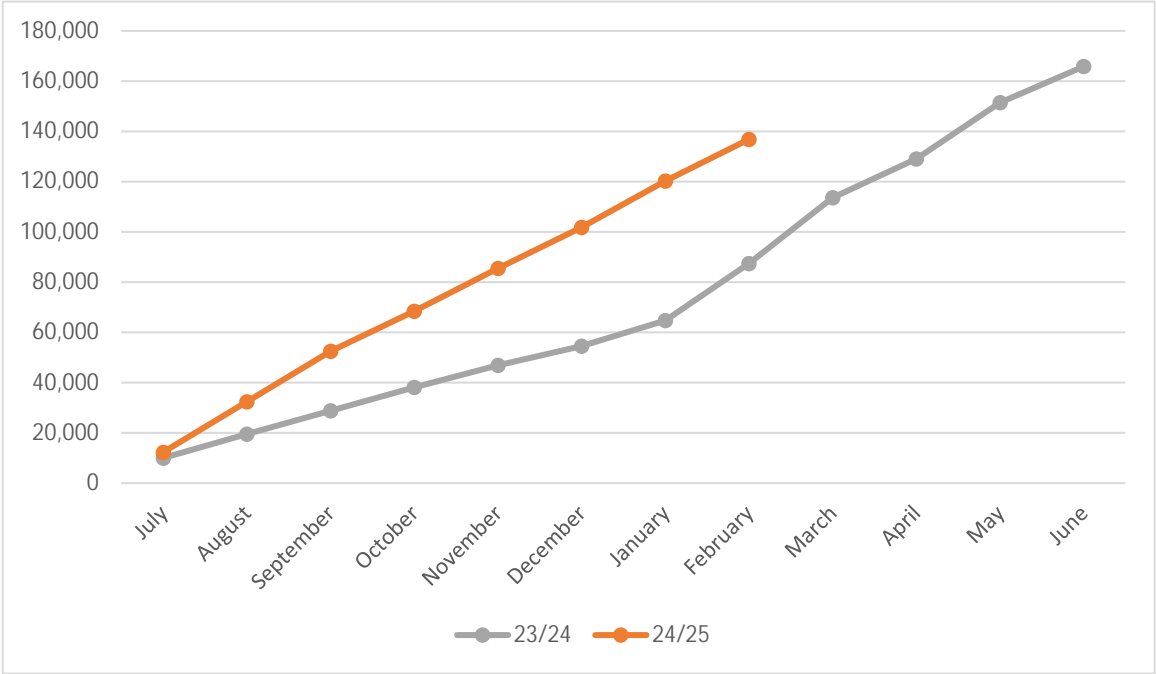
4.1.2 Operational Activities

	Description
Other:	<p>The increase in CRM requests for the month of February is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased number of recycling bins taken due to contamination by our Recycling Auditors. - Leaks detected by detection services also had 31 CRM's created. - Information requests / Property Files has increased by 20 per month.
ALGIM Mystery Shop	<p>While we were pleased to come 7th overall, it was also positive that we got 3rd when compared with only the other District Councils (54). The report detailed how the mystery shopper scored our phone calls and email interactions. Opportunities to improve has since been discussed within the team.</p>

4.2 Library

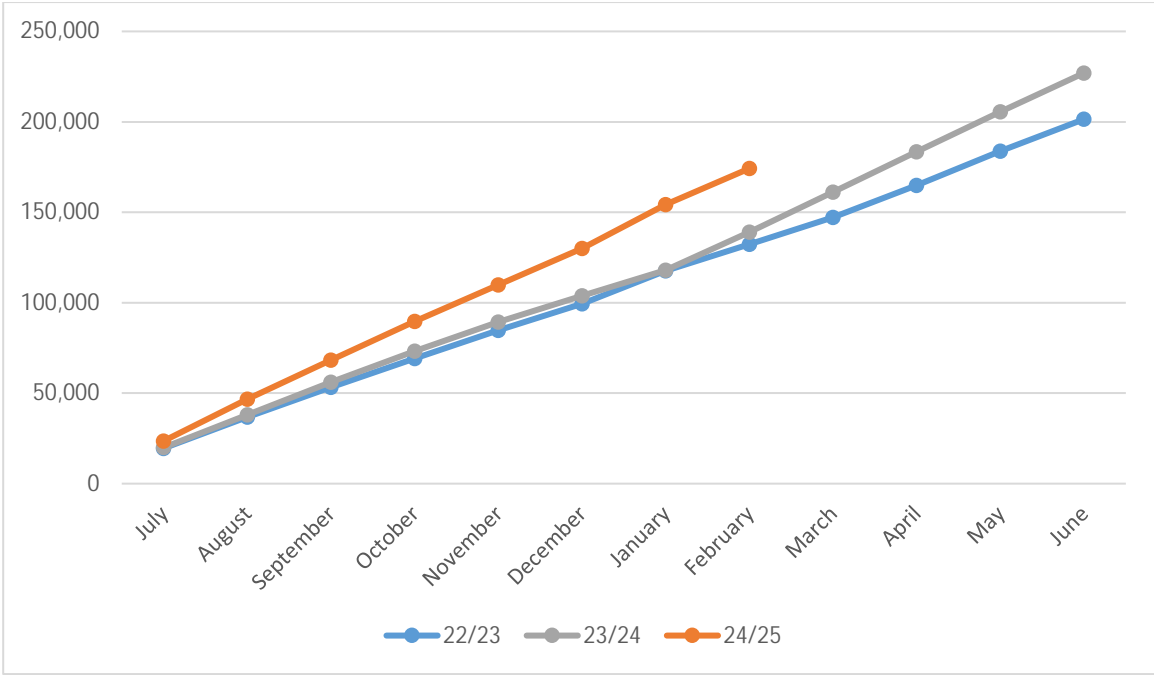
4.2.1 Key Performance Measures

a) Te Whare Whakare Visitation*

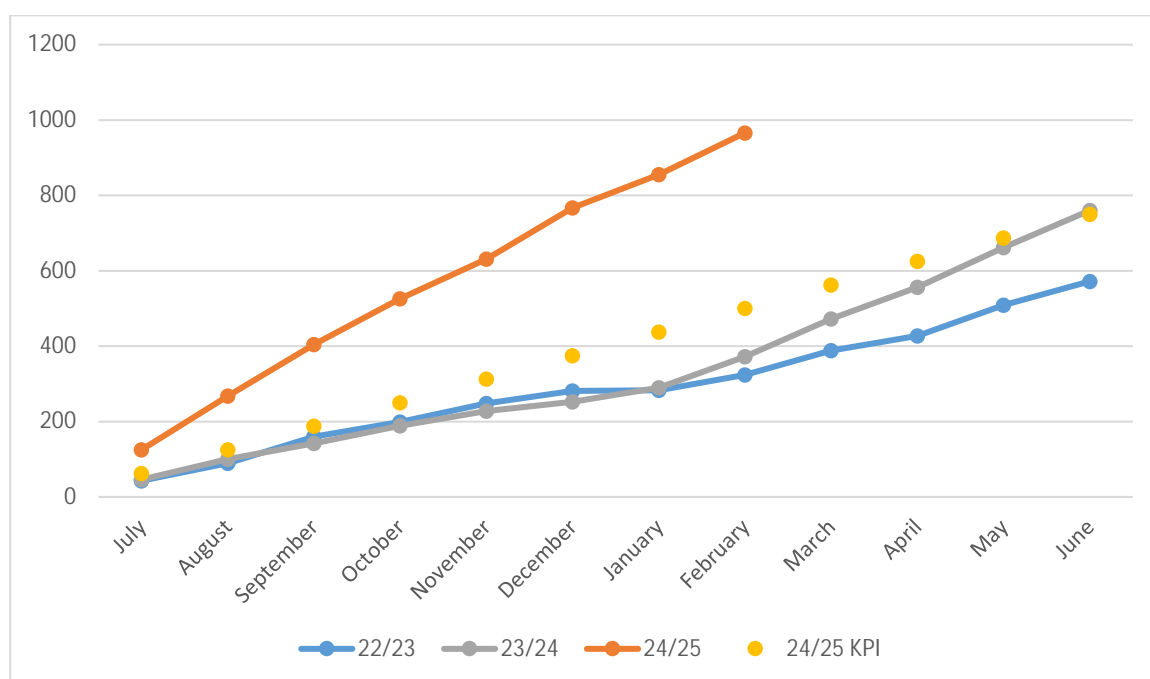


* June to December 2023 data is visitation numbers from the previous Library.

b) Issues



c) Activity & Programme Sessions



d) Other Activity Measures

24/25	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Memberships - Child	2130	2151	2127	2176	2153	2136	2143	2166				
Memberships - Teen	1099	1114	1136	1160	1172	1189	1197	1230				
Memberships - Adults	6573	6668	6722	6795	6833	6918	7002	6991				
APNK Sessions	4185	4467	4080	4534	4301	3471	3618	3534				
Paid Meeting Rooms	27	26	26	36	15	7	15	16				
Approved free Meeting Rooms	22	34	22	21	32	19	25	24				
Adhoc Meeting Rooms	238	285	267	218	95	149	174	193				

4.2.2 Activity/Programme Attendees January & February

		<i>Child</i>	<i>Teen</i>	<i>Adult</i>
Brain Injury Group 2 Sessions	Facilitated by the Brain Injury Association, this monthly group offers peer support and education on concussion and all types of brain injury.			17
Knitting Group 8 sessions	A weekly social group which encourages people to knit alongside others instead of sitting knitting at home alone.			148
Crafting with Dies 2 sessions	A fortnightly session where participants can create cards using elements created with a die cutting machine			20
Spinner Drop in 5 sessions	In partnership with Ashburton Creative Fibre. These sessions provide an opportunity to spin in a social environment, new spinners are encouraged to come and learn from members of Ashburton Creative Fibre.			27
Makerspace Equipment Class 18 sessions	Training all ages to use the equipment in the Maker Space with varying lesson lengths and group sizes	1		38
AV Studio 54 sessions	3 hour individual or group sessions that cover training in audio engineering and mastering & 30 minute Open demo drop in sessions	32	38	42
Book Club 2 sessions	Monthly community book club			35
Elderly Outreach 3 sessions	Literacy based activities for groups of elderly living in rest homes or attending a daycentre.			56
Sign Language Course 6 sessions	A course designed to teach the basics of sign language to members of the community. Participants will be able to communicate in sign language on simple everyday matters			70
English Language Drop In 4 sessions	A weekly drop in session with a trained and experienced teacher to practice English. Began in June 2024.			39
CV Help 11 Sessions	This drop-in service is available when required, with 1 people attending during this time.		1	10
Next Chapter	A monthly programme of literacy-based activities designed for those living with a diagnosed dementia			8

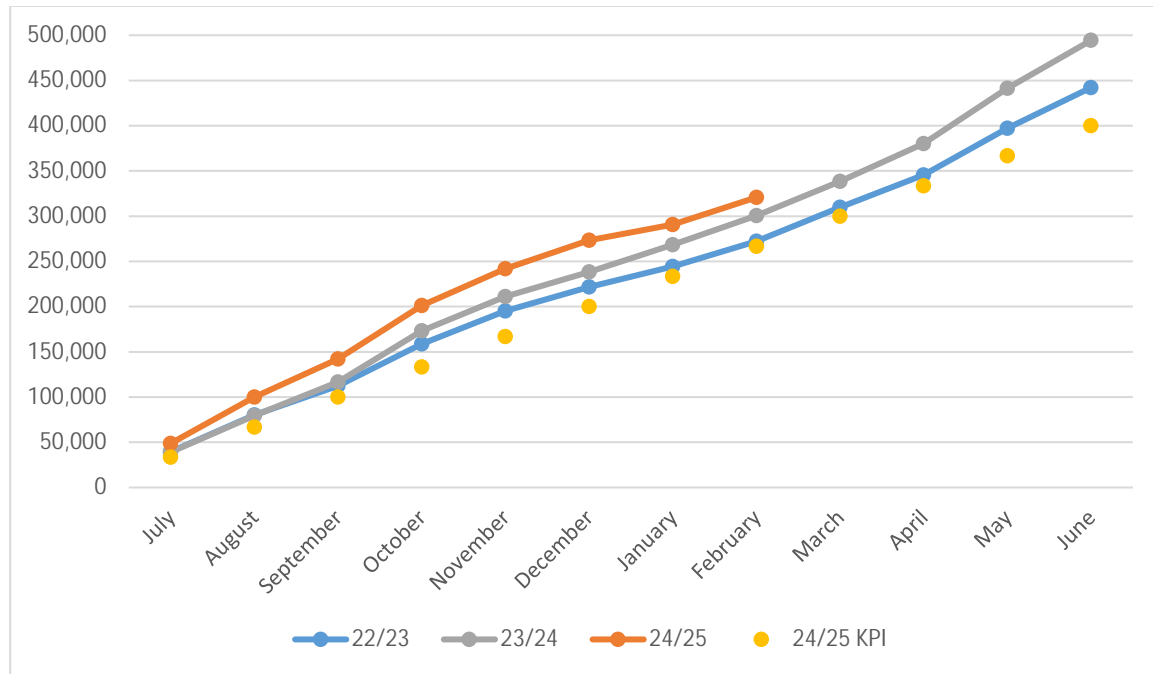
1 Session				
Stepping Up 2 Classes	Teaches seniors (65+) the basics of computers and digital skills, including smartphones use. The programme is flexible to user's needs, with training materials provided by the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa			6
Books on Wheels 4 deliveries	A fortnightly service to library users who are housebound or who find it difficult to get to the library. Books are curated by library staff and delivered by volunteers from Altrusa.			128
Recycle a Device 4 sessions	Training young people to refurbish devices, diverting them from landfill and donating them to families in need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We gave out 20 laptops in January/February We had 34 added to the waitlist. There are 65 people on the wait list currently. 		35	
Dungeons & Dragons 4 Sessions	The age of participants is between 13- 18 years. This is a teen led group. This is run during term time term we also advertised this at the Ashburton College orientation day.		49	
Create Explore Discover 5 Sessions	STEM learning through play	72		57
Micro Bytes & Mega Bytes 2 Sessions	Coding Clubs (Started February 24)	18		
Minecrafters 5 session	Mine Craft Club	39		
Build – Lego Club for kids 5 sessions	Build – Lego Club	29		14
School class visits 7 sessions	Story and browsing Schools that visited the library included Ashburton Christian School, Saint Joseph's, and also a regular Assisted Learning Programmes (ALP's) group from St Joseph's.	177		13
Wriggle and Read 5 sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement to music for ages 0-3 	174		147
Games on the Green 4 sessions	We had two EA networks staff come along and facilitate games – giant Jenga, Slam ball, corn hole, ring toss. There were a mix of ages who attended.	30	10	7

RAD training Day 1 session	We held a training day for teens who wanted to join RAD club. It was run by two staff members and two teens from the club assisted.		20	
No-sew pillow 1 session	Teens came along to the event space and made a heart shaped pillow. We had the Barbie movie playing on the large screen.		5	
Teen Summer Reading Challenge 1 activity	Teens aged 13-18 could enter the challenge and had to complete 8 reading tasks, When they completed 4 they received a Chocolate fish. To enter the main prize draw to win a Lego set. This ran from Dec – 27 th January.		3	
Summer Reading Challenge 1 activity	Children's Summer Reading challenge – participation Approximately 250 reading challenge cards issued. Numbers given in column are for completion/returned cards	53		
Summer Reading Challenge 1 activity	Prize Draw Event – playing a team based interactive Space Invaders using the Makeymakey.	26		12
Summer Reading Challenge 1 activity	Lego I-Spy activity special thank you to Michael Wong for creating such a wonderful Christmas themed Lego display for this activity.	117		
167 Sessions	Totals	768	161	894

4.3 EA Networks Centre

4.3.1 Key Performance Indicators & Activity Updates

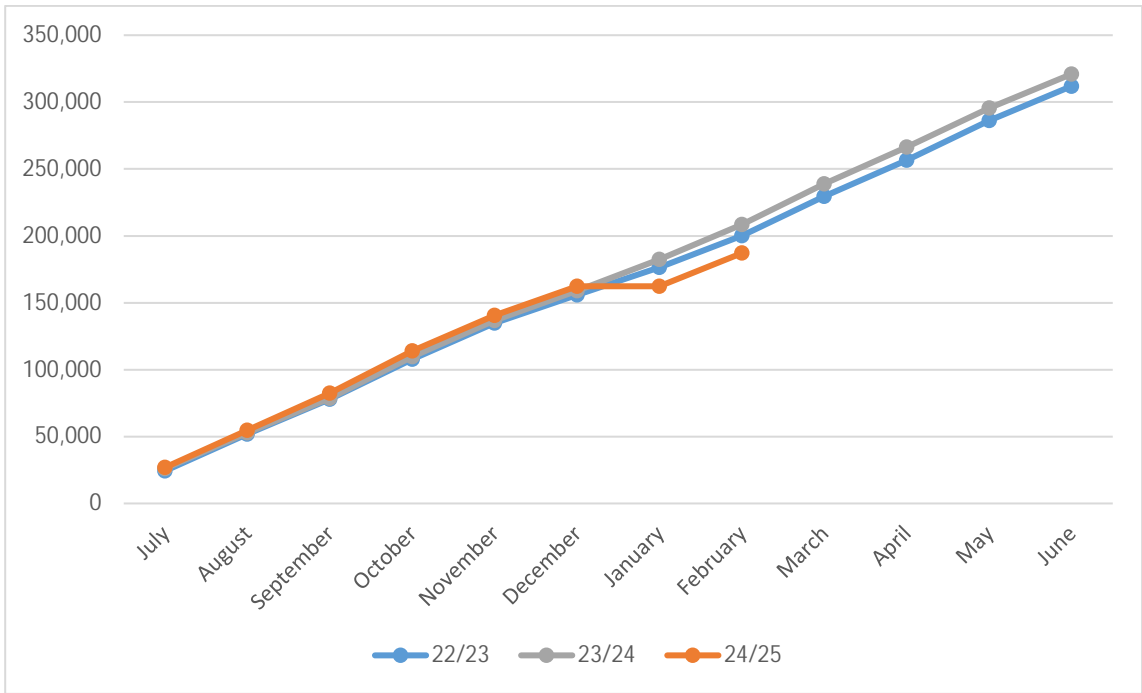
a) Facility-Wide Visitation



Comments:

- Visitation continues to track well despite the impact of the pool area being shut from 31/12/24 through until 03/02/25

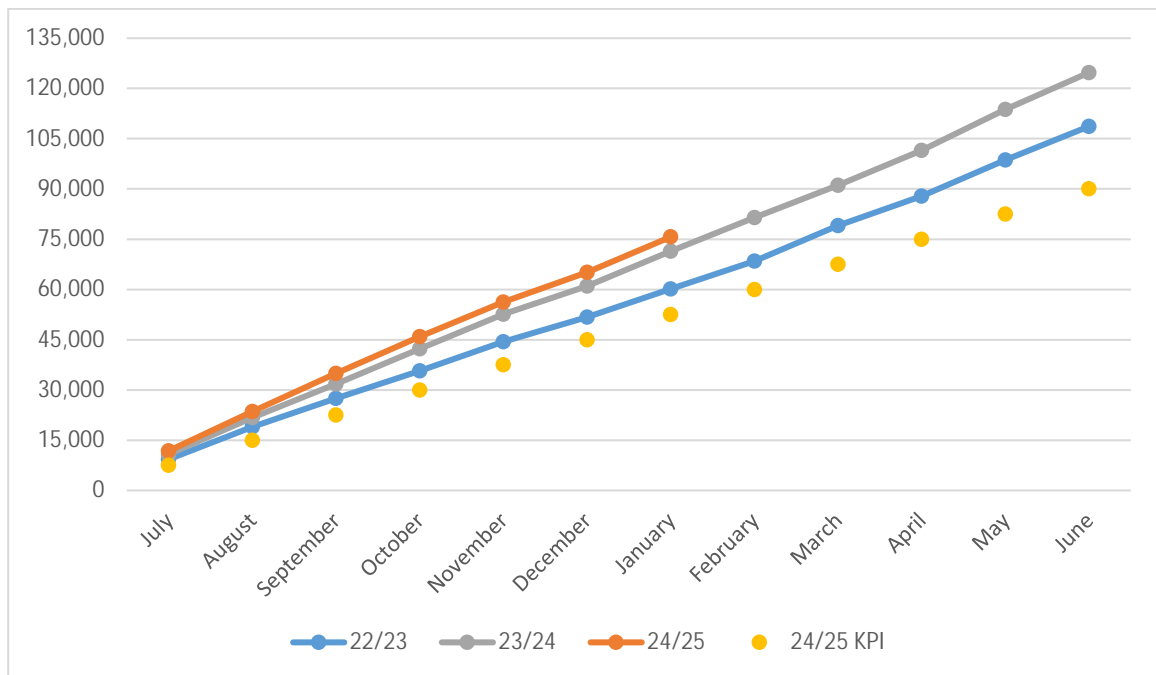
b) Pool Visitation



Comments:

- With the pool shut down, staff were redeployed to operate Hampstead Pool and also to operate EANC pool inflatables at the five community pools.
- EANC staff are in talks with an inflatable Waterpark company to bring a waterpark back to EANC for the April School Holidays.

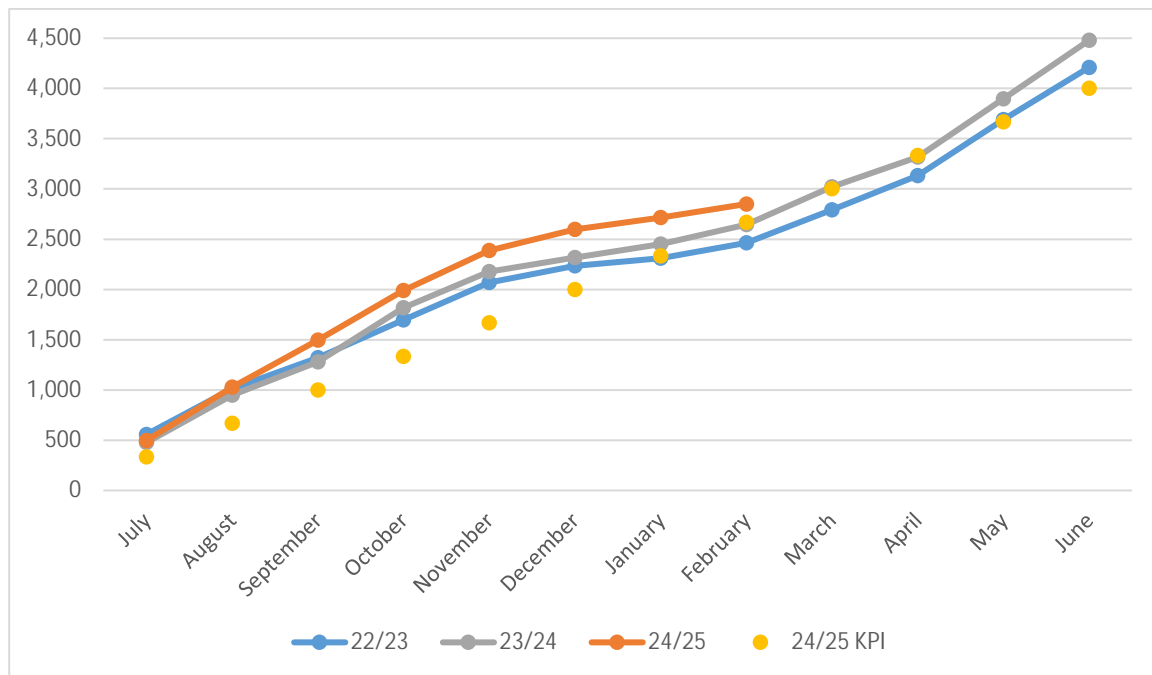
c) Gym & Fitness Visitation



Comments

- Gym & Fitness participation remains strong. January saw a surge in attendance as members returned from the holiday season and refocused on their fitness goals. This momentum has continued into February, with steady engagement across classes and gym facilities. Additionally, participation in programs and fitness assessments has increased, reflecting a strong commitment to goal setting and progress tracking.

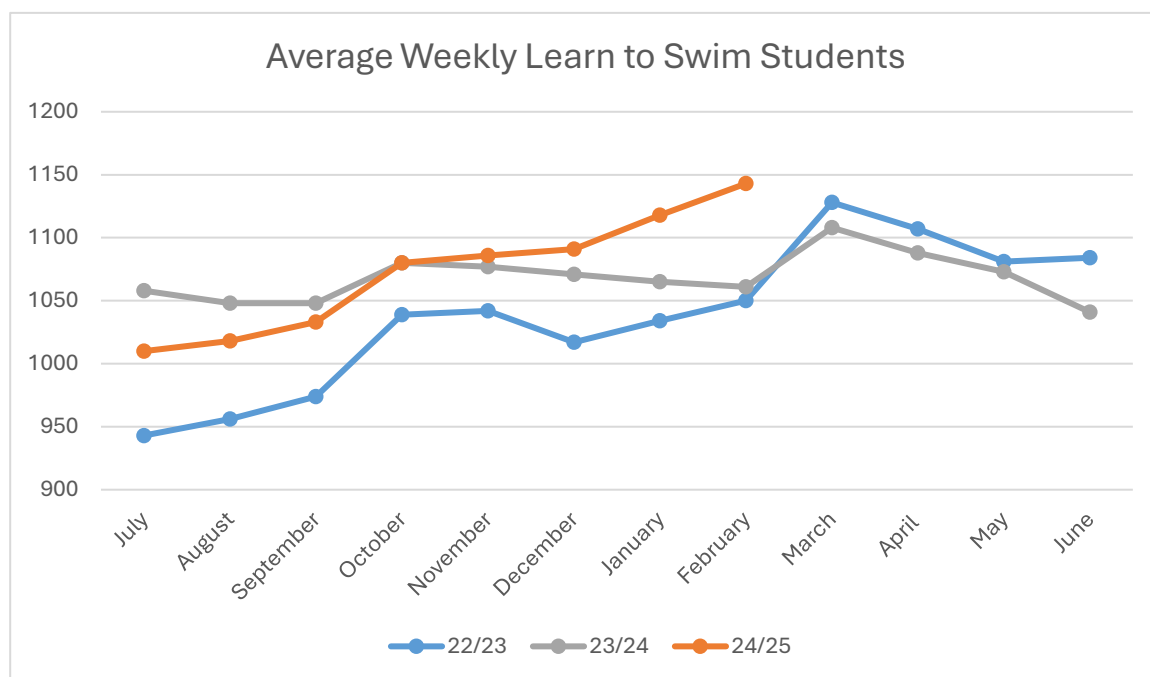
d) Stadium Booked Hours



Comments:

- There was a lull in Stadium use in the month of January, as most sporting codes took a break over the Christmas and New Year period. Bookings started to return from mid-late January and steadily increase as we build into the winter season.
- The sessions on the stadium inflatable were well received during the school holidays. The team operating additional pop-up sessions on days where weather outside was average or wet.
- There were an additional 460 hours in January and 41 hours in February for internal programme bookings, such as the holiday programme, pickleball, Active Adventures, and the stadium inflatable.

e) Swim School



Comments:

- Our LTS numbers have exceeded our previous years over February with what we believe is a record enrolment
- The Lion Foundation funding (which subsidises our School Swim Programme) enabled an additional 401 students from five schools to benefit from swimming lessons during February. For the first three weeks of the term we went out to rural school pools to teach swim lessons and water safety. We visited Longbeach, Lauriston, Dorie and Wakanui. The weather held out for us with only two classroom water safety sessions over the three weeks.
- We had seven swimmers attend the Waitaha Summer Sizzler at Selwyn Aquatic Centre. This was one of our first big meets of the year and required some tough times to qualify. Our swimmers achieved 17PBs out of the 37 races they entered. It was also a great meet for some of our swimmers to achieve Divisional II times, one of the biggest meets of the year.
- Our Swim School Lessons Programme had undergone a review over the past couple years around the competencies that were required for each level as well gathering feedback from parents around their experiences in the programme. This Term 1 2025, we implemented new competencies and structure in each level to help build a programme that the swimmer is supported and encouraged from Waterbabies all the way to our Squad programme. We have had good feedback with the parents and swimmers. We expect a full transition between the two programmes by the end of this term.

4.3.2 Activities/Programmes (January & February)

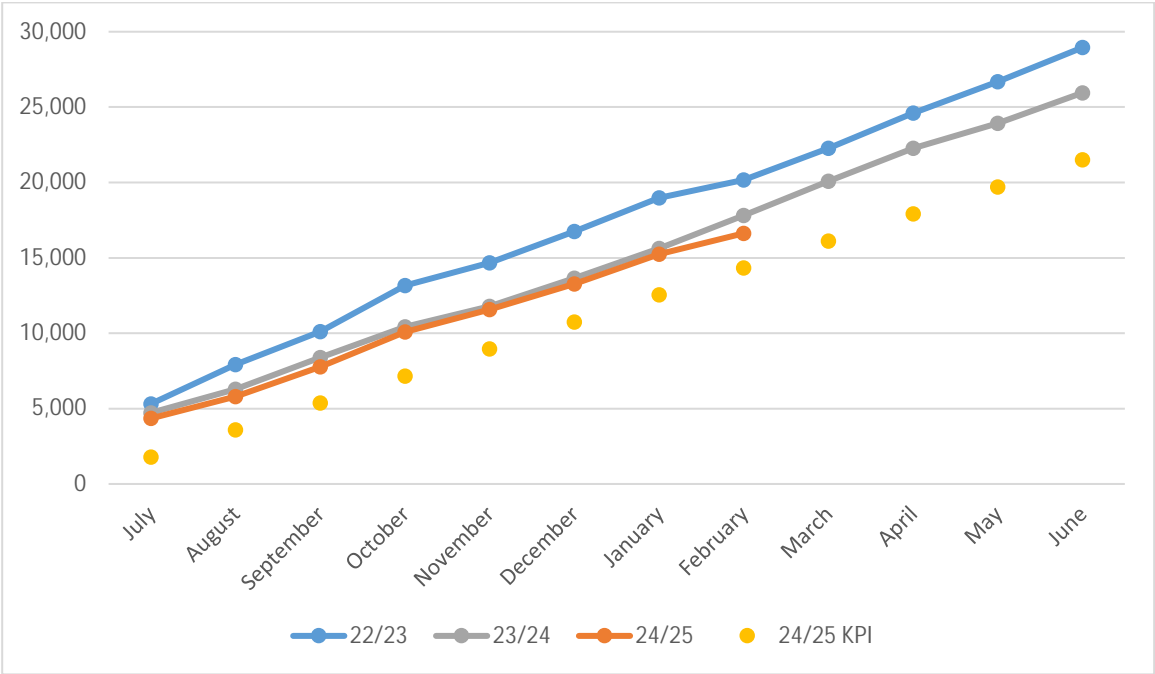
Attendees		Child	Teen	Adult
Couch to Wellness 1 Sessions	Runs During term in 10-week blocks Designed to get people active again			8
Daffodil Wahine 7 Sessions	Every Wednesday at 12.15, this special population class is designed for women to build healthy bones after cancer treatment			55
Prostfit 7 sessions	Every Monday at 11 am, this special population class is designed for Men as part of their rehabilitation from prostate cancer			140
O2go 7 Sessions	Every Wednesday at 10.30am, this special population class is designed to support people with significant breathing Issues like COPD & asthma.			154
Parkinsons Play 6 Sessions	Every Thursday at 1.30 pm, this special population class is designed for people diagnosed with Parkinsons to slow progression and build control of the condition.			48
Fitmums 3 Sessions	Runs during term on Thursdays at 10.45 am - this special population class is designed for new mothers to improve their general strength and fitness in a safe environment, with your baby.			36
Hospice – Offsite programme 16 Sessions	Every Tuesday Wednesday and Friday at 10am – this special population class is designed to maintain movement and mobility.			210
Squad 68 sessions	The current number of squad members at the end of February		57	
Active Adventures 1 sessions	Fortnightly 2-hour toddler play session in the stadium.	35		
Learn to Swim 957 group sessions & 201 individual sessions	Total number of private funded swimming lessons over 4 weeks for February.	4582		
School Swim Lessons 92 group sessions	This programme is co-founded by schools and the Lion Foundation. Lesson delivery is predominately at EANC, however in summer months some schools prefer tutor to travel to their outdoor pool. Over 4 weeks in February	401		
Hampstead Pool 31 days	Operated 1-6pm. Closed four days due to weather/mechanical issues.	459		167

District Pool Inflatable Sessions 14 sessions	EANC took inflatable equipment to operate at Council's district pools (Rakaia, Mayfield, Hinds, Mt Somers and Ruapuna). This activity was made possible due to staff availability due to the EANC Pool Maintenance closure.			
Stadium Inflatable 9 sessions	The stadium inflatable ran 9 sessions between the 4 th -14 th of January.	313		
Holiday Programme 20 sessions	School holiday programme ran for 4 weeks, starting Monday January 6. Each week had one offsite field trip, with two trips to summer pools (Geraldine and Temuka).	677		
Womens Swim Night 0 sessions	Sessions will resume in March and carry through until December.			0
1,435 sessions	Totals	6,467	57	776

4.4 Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

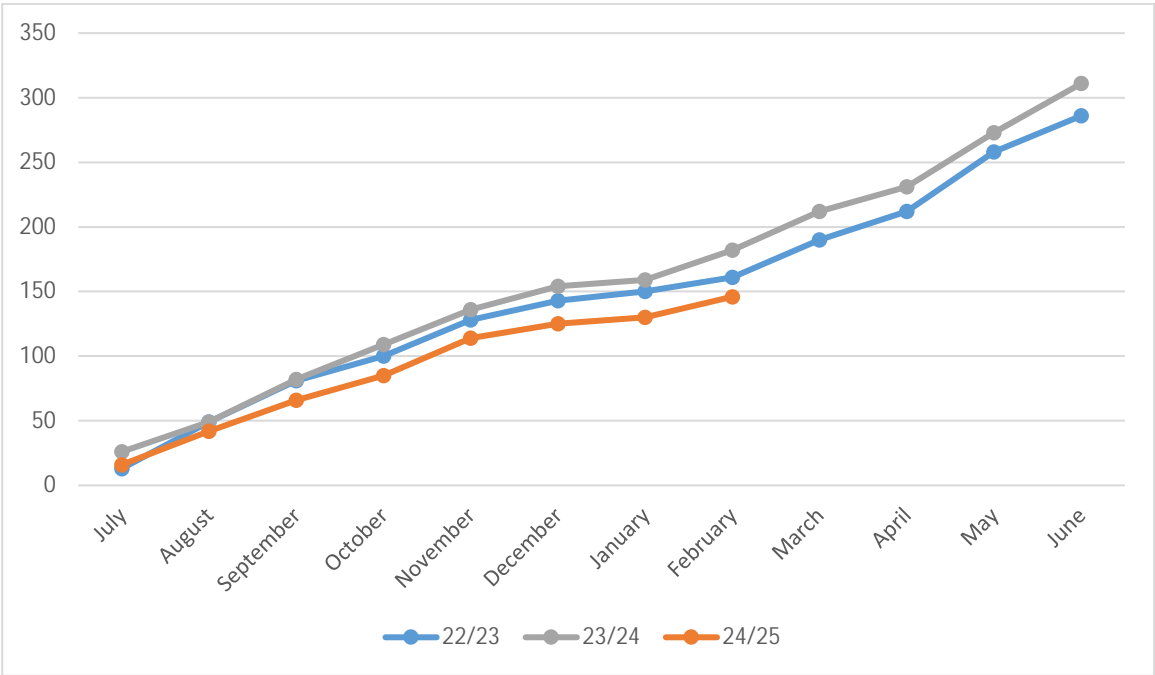
4.4.1 Key Performance Measures

a) Visitation*



*The 2023/2024 figures are a more accurate reflection of visitation numbers at the AAGM following the consolidation of data gathering methodologies at the facility in 2022.

b) Activity & Programme Sessions



c) Other Activity Measures

24/25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Exhibitions - Local	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0				
Exhibitions - National	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0				
Exhibitions - Touring	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Programmes - School Classes	2	9	8	1	17	3	0	3				
Programmes - Community	14	17	16	18	12	8	5	13				

4.4.2 Operational Activities

	Description	Date
Research Enquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January, 44 research enquiries were responded to, 38 of which were from the public. In February, 38 research enquiries were responded to, 33 of which were from the public. 	Jan-Feb 2025
Collection Development and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of new items, cataloguing and rehousing projects, environmental monitoring and pest management continues. Ashburton District Council's historical archives are being re-catalogued in order to make the collection more accessible to council staff and to the public, in line with Public Records Act obligations. Ashburton Museum & Historical Society collections and Ashburton District Council historical archives continue to be made available to researchers on Whakare Heritage Collections Online. 	Jan-Feb 2025
ADC Art Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pottery from the Civic Art Collection on display in Te Whare Whakare were removed and replaced with new items. A small publication was produced for the closing of <i>In View: Reflections of Whakare Ashburton's Unique Artistic Treasures</i> which included works from the Civic Art Collection. This publication will be released digitally which will aid in greater accessibility and knowledge of the collection. 	Jan-Feb 2025
Ashburton Wikipedia Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Mike Dickson spent two days at Mt Somers, Ashburton Lakes, and Mt Potts taking photos for the Ashburton Lakes article and articles on individual lakes. All lakes now exist in 	Jan-Feb 2025

	Description	Date
	<p>Wikidata and have photos added. A new article about Mount Sunday is scheduled to be featured on the Wikipedia's home page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new article was written about the Art Gallery and Heritage Centre and twenty photos were added. An article about Ashburton photographer and studio owner Bobbie Barwell was created by a volunteer. A selection of Experience Mid Canterbury photos were added to the following Wikipedia articles: Ashburton Domain, Awa Awa Rata Reserve (Q132803875), Hot air ballooning, Trott's Garden (Q132802159), Mount Potts (Q6923029), Potts River (Q7235383), Erewhon (Q132801754), Methven, Sheep farming in New Zealand, Mt Somers / Te Kiekie, and The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. 	
Articles/Blog Posts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January, 4 articles were written about stranded whales in Ashburton, the Somerset Hotel, ferry river crossings, and the life of Edward Jerningham Wakefield. In February, 4 articles were written about the Ashburton Cavendish Club, hunting in the 1800s, Ashburtonians Harry and Nina Chapman, and the history of hot water bottles. 	Jan-Feb 2025
Reviews/Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZAWAA25 finalists were featured in <i>The Star</i>. The Great Southern Railway history talk was discussed on the Hokonui radio show. Wesley John Fourie's <i>And with his kiss i became a braided river</i> was featured in the <i>Ashburton Guardian</i>. <i>Land, Sea and Air</i> exhibition opening was featured in the <i>Ashburton Courier</i>. Shirin discussed arts and culture in the district on the RNZ <i>Culture 101</i> Regional Wrap. 	Jan-Feb 2025

4.4.3 Exhibitions

Description	Date
<p><i>Bridging the Chasm – 150 years of Ashburton District Railway</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arriving in August 1874, the Great Southern Railway opened Ashburton to the world. The station became the arrival and departure platform for thousands of people coming and going over the next 128 years until all passenger services ceased in 2002. Discover how the chasm of the great Mid Canterbury plains was bridged by the railway, linking Christchurch to Timaru, and how passengers used the service in their everyday lives from 1874 until 2002. 	13 November – 2 March
<p><i>Lost Luggage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost luggage includes items of luggage or personal goods left behind or that have not arrived at the correct destination with the passenger. 	4 December – 16 March

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do passengers lose? While <i>Lost Luggage</i> displays an assortment of items regularly lost by passengers, some more unusual or unexpected items appear on the shelves. 	
<p><i>Falling If Not Flying</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recent body of work from Ōtepoti Dunedin-based painter Michael Greaves are a continuation of the last four years of his practice, a period bound up with the COVID pandemic, which altered the parameters of everyday encounters, resulting in new responses in the work he produced. An artist preoccupied with the philosophical questions surrounding painting and its purpose in the 21st century, Greaves tests how memories and ideas about the things of the world can be translated compellingly onto the painted surface. 	9 December – 7 February
<p><i>And with his kiss i became a braided river</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wesley John Fourie, based in Ōtepoti Dunedin, works across multiple media, including ceramics, video, photography and textiles. One element of Fourie’s practice is the production of hand-knitted scale models of rivers. The central work, the first day of my life as a braided river, is a total of 2100 metres of finger knitting that mimics at 1/100 scale the branches of Whakatere Ashburton river. The entanglement of yarn is a visual analogy for the river’s multiple channels of water. Made over three years, and existing in three-dimensions, the work is an accumulation of time – in the labour involved in working the yarn – that reflects the life of a river at human scale. 	15 December – 21 February
<p><i>In View: Reflections of Whakatere Ashburton's Unique Artistic Treasures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In View</i> features a selection of artworks from the Ashburton Art Gallery Incorporated Collection (AAG Inc.) and the Ashburton District Council’s Civic Art Collection. This exhibition follows the development of the two collections, including a work developed for a recent commission at Te Whare Whakatere, and works that are among the earliest of the collection. Traditional and contemporary artworks are juxtaposed, creating new dialogue between the pieces and highlighting the growing nature of the collection. 	21 December – 21 February

4.4.4 Activities & Programmes

Attendees		Child	Teen	Adult
<p>Talks, workshops and exhibition openings</p> <p>4 events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special events included an Air NZ talk about lost luggage, a Great Southern Railway history talk, a finger knitting workshop with Wesley John Fourie and a curator’s talk of <i>In View</i>. 	5		111
<p>Two O’Clock Tours</p> <p>1 session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two O’Clock Tours are monthly tours that explore a current exhibition, giving visitors additional insight in an engaging and interactive format. 			8

Able Art Collective, formerly Chris Ruth Centre 1 session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able Art Collective is a monthly programme that provides a supportive space for individuals with disabilities to explore, learn, create, connect and express themselves through art. These sessions are delivered in collaboration with The Chris Ruth Centre Ashburton. 			12
In Colour 2 sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Colour is a monthly group that supports mental health, mindfulness, and social connection through creativity. Classes are relaxed and art activities are guided by the interests of the group. 			16
Artzheimers 1 session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artzheimers is a monthly session delivered in collaboration with Dementia Canterbury, designed to provide a meaningful community-based art experience for people living with dementia. 			9
Cultural awareness talk - Tonga 1 session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Awareness talks are monthly sessions delivered in partnership with Hakatere Multicultural Council that explore the history and customs of people from different cultures living in Whakatere Ashburton. 			20
Kōwhai Mums 1 session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kōwhai Mums is a monthly group for parents/carers with tamariki aged 0-5 years. These sessions are delivered in collaboration with Hakatere Multicultural Council and have an emphasis on engaging newcomers to Whakatere Ashburton. 	6		9
Art Addicts 3 sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Addicts is a weekly after school art space for tamariki and whānau. Classes encourage exploration and experimentation with different artists, themes, materials and techniques. 	65		23
Island Breeze 1 session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Island Breeze is a monthly programme for Pasifika and Māori wāhine in Whakatere Ashburton to come together for traditional arts, crafts, singing, socialising and kai. These sessions are delivered in partnership with Tangata Atumotu Trust and Plunket. 	4		15
Community visits/outreach 3 sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One outreach session was delivered to residents at Elizabeth Street Day Centre. One on-site tour was delivered to a group from Whareora Community House Christchurch. One school holiday outreach programme was delivered in Mayfield and Methven in collaboration with other ADC facilities. 	54	13	59
School visits/outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three classes from Ashburton College, Home Education, and Ashburton Christian School visited 	26	42	18

3 sessions	AAGM and engaged in an education programme or participated in an outreach session at their school.			
21 sessions	Totals	160	55	300

5. Democracy & Engagement Group

5.1 Communications

5.1.1 Overview

- Main workstreams progressed in the last reporting period include: Community Grants campaigns, [the What's On Guide](#), [Stockwater Exit Transition Plan](#), early engagement of the [draft Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy](#). We're currently working on [draft Methven Community Plan consultation](#), What's Next for our Water consultation, and Live on the Lawn music event. We are currently planning for and consultation phase of the [draft Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy](#), Glow in the Park and Local Body Elections.

5.1.2 Ongoing workstreams

Brief Description	Objectives/comments
News updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of news updates remained steady, January x 22, February x 29• Produced regular updates on the Council news site.• Produced weekly editions of Council Brief for distribution on our website and by the local newspapers.
Media relations & enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slight decrease in number of media enquiries, January x 31, February x 22
Website, digital engagement and e-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to update content and improve navigation across the website. Met with Open Spaces and Projects teams recently.• The website Request for Information (RFI) has closed on Tenderlink and we are now assessing the options.
Digital signage channels and content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to update content running across 19 screens
Social media (organic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 11 council Facebook pages, 2 Instagram pages and 3 YouTube channels
Social media (paid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is mainly used for campaigns, consultations and recruitment advertising

Brief Description	Objectives/comments
Livestreaming and video production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to work with the audio-visual provider and information services team to monitor stability issues in Hine Paaka/Council Chamber.
People & capability support (internal comms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overseeing and producing the content posted on the staff intranet (MahiTahi) and producing the fortnightly newsletter (Connect) and digital signage for staff.
Graphic and multimedia design projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steady number of design projects in December x 20, January x 20
Public Information Management (PIM) – Emergency management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held a PIM meeting February 21 with presentations from Group Emergency Management and Rural Support Trust. We are assessing the skillsets of the PIM team so we can match staff to the appropriate PIM training sessions which Group are rolling out, starting this year.

5.1.3 Campaigns and consultations

- The following table summarises significant communications projects, campaigns, or consultations in the last reporting period.

Brief Project Description	Comms start date	Est. End date	On track	Objectives/comments
What's On Guide	October	Ongoing	Y	<p>[ONGOING]</p> <p>Developed project guidelines to provide a clear scope and smooth production of this document. Next guide being developed now in time for the April school holidays.</p>
Stockwater Exit Transition Plan	2024	2027	Y	<p>[ONGOING]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community and stakeholders are regularly informed of the Stockwater Exit Transition Plan and its progress. Those interested generally understand the Stockwater Exit Transition Plan and its methodology. Feedback about intakes and races is received from landowners and stakeholders at appropriate stages.

Brief Project Description	Comms start date	Est. End date	On track	Objectives/comments
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's easy to find information on the Stockwater Exit Transition Plan. As at 03/03/25 there are 176 newsletter subscribers
Early-engagement for the draft Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy	Jan	Feb	Y	<p>[COMPLETED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the community is informed about what we're doing and why. The community and stakeholders can share their views at an early stage and have the opportunity to help shape the draft strategy. The community and stakeholders can share what they and others, are doing or planning to do, in the climate change and sustainability space. <p>Secondary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community understand the importance of, and are generally supportive of, having a plan for addressing climate change and sustainability challenges. Council's reputation is maintained and where possible, enhanced. Next step is community consultation, scheduled for May/June.
Community grants	Jan	Mar	Y	<p>[IN PROGRESS]</p> <p>Round 1 in February and Round 2 is in March.</p>
Live on the Lawn music event	Feb	Mar	Y	<p>[IN PROGRESS]</p> <p>Supporting the marketing effort for the event being held 29 March.</p>
Draft Methven Community Plan consultation	Mar	Apr	Y	<p>[IN PROGRESS]</p>

Brief Project Description	Comms start date	Est. End date	On track	Objectives/comments
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Methven are aware of the draft community plan and know that the MCB is asking for input. The community understands the plan's purpose, is engaged and feels a sense of ownership. People find it easy to provide input, both online and by other methods. We receive high quality feedback that helps shape the final version of the plan and assures the MCB that they have accurately captured the community's vision. <p>Secondary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community sentiment within Methven is positive towards the plan. Residents of the wider district understand the importance of Methven and are supportive of investing in its future.
Local Body Elections	Feb	Oct	Y	<p>[BEING PLANNED]</p> <p>Scoping of work.</p> <p>Reviewing LGNZ templates and keeping a watching brief on other councils.</p>
Local Water Done Well delivery options consultation	Feb	Apr	Y	<p>[BEING PLANNED]</p> <p>Scoping of work, drafting of comms plan.</p> <p>Reviewing other councils work and compiling information.</p>

5.2 Strategy & Policy

5.2.1 Current projects

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Stage	On Track	Comments
Planning and Reporting					
Draft Annual Plan 2025/26	Oct 2024	June 2025	In progress	Yes	Workshops continue with Council to consider and finalise the Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2025/26. At this stage it is not expected consultation will be required on the plan.
Annual Residents Survey 2024/25	Aug 2024	July 2025	In progress	Yes	Third wave currently out for collection. Results from all four waves of collection will be presented to Council by Key Research in August.
Pre-election Report 2025	April 2025	July 2025	Project Planning	Yes	Project planning has commenced on the Pre election report.
Bylaw or Policy Development/Review					
Water Races Bylaw	Jan 2025	June 2025	In progress	Yes	Currently finalising draft bylaw review and consultation approach/timing, which we expect to workshop with Council. Bylaw must be made if we wish to retain it as a tool while we still manage the race network. Otherwise, will expire by September 2026.
Procurement Policy	July 2024	March 2025	In progress	Slight delay	Following further input, work progressing on final policy drafting with policy adoption planned for April 2025.
Rates Remission Policy	April-May 2025	Aug-Sept 2025	Project planning	Yes	Workshop on Rating units in common ownership held 17 October. Council willing to consider changes. Mid-year 2025 timing preferred for consultation if change proceeds.
Development Contributions Policy Review	January 2025	TBC	Research	TBC	Recent announcements by government are being evaluated as to their impact and timing for the review process. Work progressing on policy review focusing on identified issues such

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Stage	On Track	Comments
					as what is required to enable development contributions to be collected at subdivision. This will be presented to Council in 2025 with timing to be confirmed.
Appointment and Remuneration of Directors of Council organisations	January 2025	March/April 2025	In progress	Yes	Policy review nearly complete and expected to come to Council in April 2025
Library Collection Policy	Feb 2025	April 2025	In progress	Yes	Policy review nearly complete and expected to come to Council in April 2025
Strategy or Plan Development/ Reviews					
Methven Community Strategic Plan	August 2024	June 2025	Draft Plan Consultation	Yes	<p>Following finalisation of the Draft Plan with the Board, the plan has been released for formal consultation, which is open until 6 April.</p> <p>Following this, feedback will be collated and presented to the Board and a hearing held if required. It is intended for the Board to finalise and adopt the plan by the end of June.</p>
Local Water Done Well/Water Services Delivery Plan	July 2024	September 2025	In progress	Yes	<p>Work has continued on the LWDW work programme, with a Business Case and financial modelling presented to Council on 19 March.</p> <p>From this meeting, Council approved two options for the Water services delivery models consultation, which commences district-wide on March 27. The in-house standalone business unit (SABU) model has been selected as Council's proposal, with a single Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) model the other option. Following further consideration, the single Council CCO with an existing local Board – governed entity model (with Electricity Ashburton) has been dropped.</p>

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Stage	On Track	Comments
					<p>The consultation includes the consultation document being delivered across the district, and two public meetings in Ashburton and Methven, with extension promotion and advertising.</p> <p>Based on the decision made, the Water Services Delivery Plan will be prepared for confirmation of lodging to the DIA in mid August.</p>
Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy	Nov 2024	August 2025	In progress	Yes	Early engagement closed 23 February, with 34 submissions received. 34 people attended the two workshops. Feedback is being collated and prepared for discussing with Council and the strategy framework is being drafted.
Forestry Strategy	August 2024	TBC	Research	N/A	Working with Property team to develop plan for work required approach, future work required and timeframes. Further information being collated to provide a base to determine next steps.
Other Projects/Work					
Section 17A Reviews	Ongoing			Ongoing	Work continues on S17A Review programme, with current reviews focusing on elderly housing and district planning.
Elderly Housing	January 2025	TBC	Research	Ongoing	Working with Property team on elderly housing review, including gathering information for next stage of the project.
Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan – Action 7	July 2024	July 2027	Scoping	Yes	Ashburton is the lead agency for Action 7. This relates to integrating climate change considerations into Council processes. Have surveyed Councils to information on setting priorities.

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Stage	On Track	Comments
Aoraki Environmental Consultancy (AEC)	Ongoing			Yes	Officers continue to meet regularly with AEC.

5.2.3 Upcoming projects

Brief Project Description	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	On track	Comments
Bylaw reviews	Sep 25 to Jan 26	Jun 2026	Yes	Several bylaw reviews are due over the next 12 months, including Dog Control, Open Spaces, Brothel Location and Keeping of Animals, Bees and Poultry
Policy reviews	Ongoing	Ongoing	Some overdue	Several policy reviews are due over the next 12 months, including Corporate Risk, Communications, Asset Disposal, Community Grants and Gambling
Strategy/Plan Reviews	Ongoing	Ongoing	Yes	Various strategies are due for review/development over the next 12 months, including Walking and Cycling, Open Spaces and Arts, Culture and Heritage.

5.2.4 External Submissions/Reports of interest

Submissions made:

Organisation	Submission Summary	Type	Due Date	Status
Environment Select Committee	Resource Management Act (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill Amends the Resource Management Act 1991 to progress Government priorities, including making it easier to consent new infrastructure, encouraging investment in renewable energy, and making medium-density residential standards optional for councils.	Council/ Technical	10 February	Lodged
Finance and Expenditure Select Committee	Local Government (Water Services) Bill Gives effect to the Government decisions about the powers and duties of new water services entities, and the framework for economic regulation. Makes changes to quality regulation and powers of Taumata Arowai.	Council	23 February	Lodged

Consultations underway or considering

Organisation	Submission Summary	Type	Due Date	Status
Justice Select Committee	Term of Parliament (enabling 4 Year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill This bill seeks to provide an option to extend, in specified circumstances, the maximum term of a Parliament to four years.	Council	17 April 2025	Submit
Environment Canterbury	Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 Consultation on ECan's Draft Annual Plan 2025/26	Council	3 April 2025	Submit
Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai	Help shape New Zealand's Wastewater Future The Water Services Authority—Taumata Arowai on behalf of the Minister of Local Government, is consulting on a set of proposed national wastewater environmental performance standards ('wastewater standards') under section 138 of the Water Services Act 2021.	Technical	24 April 2025	Submit
Environment Canterbury	Canterbury River Gravel Management Strategy Consultation on ECan's reviewed Canterbury River Management Strategy 2025	Council	7 April 2025	Submit

Consultations not submitting on

Organisation	Name of initiative	Due Date
Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee	<p><u>Land Transport Management (Time of Use charging) Amendment Bill</u></p> <p>Establishes a framework for implementing time of use charging schemes in New Zealand. It enables local authorities to identify areas of problematic congestion, propose indicative scheme areas, and outline potential charging zones for approval by the Minister of Transport.</p>	27 April 2025
Information Disclosure Discussion Paper	<p><u>Economic Regulation of Water Services - Information Disclosure</u></p> <p>The Commerce Commission have recently published a Discussion Paper as a first step in engaging with water sector stakeholders to understand their views on how we could develop a new performance reporting regime (ID) for water service provider.</p>	26 March 2025
Economic Development, Science and Innovation	<p><u>Consumer Guarantees (Right to Repair) Amendment Bill</u></p> <p>The bill would amend the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993. It seeks to require manufacturers to make repair parts and information available to consumers in order to extend the lifetime of products. The bill would require manufacturers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reasonably ensure that facilities for repair of goods and supply of parts for the goods are reasonably available for a reasonable period after supply • provide the consumer with, upon request, information, spare parts, software, and other tools used for diagnosing, maintaining, or repairing goods. 	3 April 2025

Future Submission opportunities (once full details are known).

The information has been provided by Taituara and other sources.

Organisation	Name of initiative	Expected Timing ¹
TBC	Local Government Amendment Bill First bill to amend the Local Government Act 2002 (ad possibly other legislation) to give effect to proposed change of purpose of local government, rate-capping and performance comparisons. There may be several Bills of this nature over the next 12 months.	March – Mid 2025
TBC	Granny Flats Amendment Bill Amends the RMA and Building Act to allow for building of 60m2 secondary dwellings without consents.	March – Mid 2025
TBC	RMA Replacement Bill A new act to “manage environmental effects that arise from the use of natural resources”.	Mid 2025
TBC	Urban Development and Infrastructure Bill Bill to enable urban development and infrastructure. This act will also be aligned with the Government’s Going for Housing Growth plan and its 30-year National Infrastructure Plan.	Mid 2025
TBC	Building Act Amendment Bill More comprehensive changes to Building consenting making it easier for private BCAs, address barriers to voluntary consolidation, national consenting body, ensuring national consistency, strengthening roles and responsibilities, new consent pathway for commercial buildings, new assurance pathways more self-certification – further streamlining, risk and liability.	Mid 2025
TBC	Emergency Management Bill The Government will implement a programme of changes in five broad areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give effect to the whole-of-society approach to emergency management. • Support and enable local government to deliver a consistent minimum standard of emergency management across New Zealand. • Professionalise and build the capability and capacity of the emergency management workforce. • Enable the different parts of the system to work better together. 	Discussion document - First half 2025 Bill – Second half 2025

¹ Timing based on latest available information received via various sources and subject to change.

Organisation	Name of initiative	Expected Timing ¹
	Drive a strategic focus on implementation and investment to ensure delivery.	
TBC	Biosecurity Amendment Bill Bill to give effect to any policy decisions to modernise this legislation (currently the subject of consultation).	Mid-Late 2025
TBC	Land Transport Legislation Bill Bill to place government under an obligation to prepare the GPS Land Transport with a ten-year investment horizon (as signalled in the draft GPS). Will empower road tolling. Will be needed to empower transition away from fuel excise, and value capture.	Mid 2025
TBC	Climate Adaptation Bill Bill sets the legal framework for powers and responsibilities with respect to climate adaptation. If there is a climate adaptation fund it will be in this Bill.	TBC
TBC	Regulatory Standards Bill Bill to improve standards of government regulation and the policy-making process in general. (This would give effect to any policy decisions arising from the November 2024 consultation document).	Mid 2025
TBC	Local Electoral Review Review of the Local Electoral Act signalled as part of earlier government programme	TBC
MfE	Integrated National Direction Package Single process for integrated direction with one consultation document to capture all national direction changes. This includes 14 national directions amended, 7 new ones proposed to deliver on infrastructure and energy; housing; farming & primary sector; emergencies & natural hazards. Work-Programme-for-Reforming-the-Resource-Management-System.pdf (environment.govt.nz)	Early-mid 2025
DOC	Consultation on proposals for inclusion in the next implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy and Aotearoa New Zealand's response to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Consultation on proposals for inclusion in the next implementation plan.	TBC

Reports/releases of interest

The following are reports/releases recently released of interest.

Organisation	Name of initiative	Status
MFE	Waste and Resource Efficiency Strategy 2025 The Government has adopted a strategy that sets out the outcomes it wants to achieve for waste and resource efficiency, and the tools it will use for achieving the outcomes	Available
Minister Chris Bishop, Simon Watts	Going For Housing Growth Ministerial announcement on new and improved infrastructure funding and financing tools will help get more houses built and address New Zealand's housing crisis. Going for Housing Growth is split into three pillars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillar 1: Freeing up land for development and removing unnecessary planning barriers, • Pillar 2: Improving infrastructure funding and financing to support growth, and • Pillar 3: Providing incentives for communities and councils to support growth. Included is the replacement of Development Contributions with a Development Levy system.	Available
Minister Chris Penk	Public Works Act overhaul Ministerial announcement on significant reform to the Public Works Act, with the first tranche of work covering Delegating land acquisition responsibility, Enabling collaboration between agencies, Enabling relocation of infrastructure, Refining the role of the Environment Court, Requiring mediation for compensation disputes and Allowing Transpower to bypass standard processes	Available

5.3 Memorial Halls & Reserve Boards

5.3.1 Activities – items of importance

Memorial Hall and Reserve Board Meetings

Mt Somers Reserve Board

- The Mt Somers domain campground have had a busy season.

Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board

- Shaun Pont from Logic Group presented the Condition assessment and maintenance programme report along with Renee ADC Property Manager. The Hall Board were very happy with the report and future maintenance program.

Hinds Reserve Board

- Board planning for redeveloping part of the surrounds near the playground and frontage of the Domain, and re-fencing the Hinds Swimming Pool.

Tinwald Memorial Hall

- The Hall committee were thrilled and grateful for the Council's decision to fund the refurbishment of the hall's timber floors through the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Methven Reserve Board

- A new carrier pipe and water line have been installed under the sealed car park. This project has secured future maintenance for this infrastructure feeding the Bowling, Croquet, Tennis and Netball Clubs as well as the public toilets.

Tinwald Reserve Board

- Rent reviews are underway with key user groups.
- Plains Museum Trust have leased the West Paddock from the Reserve Board.
- Plains Museum Trust have finalized plans for new entranceway signage and fencing to the Plains Heritage Park.

5.4 Grants & Funding

Creative Communities Scheme and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund opened for applications 1 March, closing end of March

The first round of Council's 2025/26 community [grants and funding](#) closed at the end of February.

5.5 Welcoming Communities

- Working with Comms to run a trial campaign to promote the Welcoming Guide and the programme on Social Media and through Google ads.
- Mahjong Session was a full house with 28 people learning to play and 7 experienced teachers supporting them. Looking into running it again.
- On Tuesday, February 18th, we had the first Cultural Awareness Talk of 2025. In this session, we showcased Tonga, and about 20 people were present.
- Farsi School: The school is growing, and I am supporting the community in applying for funding to cover operational costs.
- The Te Reo Māori playgroup (Waiata Mai), in collaboration with Plunket, had approximately eight families in attendance.
- Visits to the first two farms were well-received, employees (migrants and New Zealanders) learnt how to use an extinguisher, fire hazards to check for on rural properties and received information about community organisations able to support them and their family, also received emergency posters in their language.
- Kainga Ora event for Dobson St. residents was postponed, waiting to hear when it will happen.
- On the 6th of March MoE will present to the Mid Canterbury Principals Association information regarding the Learning Community Sessions. If they consider that it is a need, then we will proceed to apply for funding to organise and run these sessions.
- 12th March Launch of Te Koru o Whakatere. The new video is now playing at the AAGM.
- 29th of March ANZCO's Fun and Wellness Day for employees, Welcoming Communities will be present, connecting with employees and supporting the employer with the event.
- Planning World Refugee Week with AshColl and the Refugee Resettlement Service. Welcoming Communities will collaborate with the Library that week, to exhibit photos taken by former refugee youth.
- Organising a session about Muslim Funeral to support the Open Spaces staff, hospital staff and emergency services with training. This will be facilitated by the Working Together Group on the 9th of May. There will be a session also for the Muslim community in Ashburton on the 10th of May.