

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



Date: 3 June 2025
Venue: Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton
Time: 9:30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Neil Brown, Cr Richard Wilson, Stephanie Poole (ACADS), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police), Lesley Symington (Safer Mid Canterbury), Neil Simons (Principal Association), Chris Chambers (NZTA), Lucy Mehrstens (Road Safety Sth Canterbury)

Hooper/Crouchley Carried

Present:

Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	John Skevington	Automobile Association
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	James Long	NZTA
Craig Chambers	FENZ	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
Dan Farr	FENZ	Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

In attendance:

Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4 March 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/ Hooper Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil.

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- The Girls Can Do Maintenance event was well attended. It is planned to host another event later in the year.
- CoDriVR programme will be reviewed at the end of June, reports show that usage levels are low.

5.2 Safer Ashburton

- Construction of the Bike Skills park is scheduled to start at the end of the year subject to funding being secured.

5.3 Ashburton Principals Association

- The Roothing team are arranging to meet with the Principal of Netherby school to discuss the possibility of islands being installed at their main pedestrian crossings.

- The Methven Community Board are to submit a proposal in support of the Methven School's request regarding the installation of an additional pedestrian crossing on the Methven Chertsey Road (near the new Elderly Residential facility).
- The Roothing team are having surface repair work (eg: water cutting to remove surplus binder) costed to be undertaken on Longbeach Road adjacent to the school in the next financial year.

5.4 ACADS

- Currently investigating collaborating with organisations with a view to reduce drink driving in our region.

5.5 FENZ

- A report detailing road incident statistics was tabled and worked through.
 - 229 crashes recorded for Mid/South Canterbury compared to 225 last year.
 - Ashburton accounts for approximately 30% of data of the report.

NZ Police

- A query was made as to what the expected response times from the Roothing Contractors when responding to incident and emergency events on the roading network. This will be looked into and a response will be circulated to members.
- It was noted that one of the 30km electronic speed enforcement signs outside Longbeach School was not operating. This was due to a battery fault and has now been rectified.

Waka Kotahi/NZTA

- Stop signs have been installed on both sides of the Thomsons Track intersection. Some widening and curbing is also to be undertaken.
- Speed limits over the Rakaia bridge and overhead bridge have returned to 100.
- The Rakaia township speed limit has reverted to 70 and consultation is currently being undertaken on whether it should return to 50. An outcome is expected within a few weeks.
- NZTA have taken over speed camera operations

Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

- Some processing plants are no longer allowing stock trucks to empty their effluent tanks when delivering stock. This is causing issues for the trucks as they are then driving with full effluent tanks which can cause spillage on the roading network.
- Currently undertaking negotiations with processing plants/sale yards etc to allow trucks to unload.

Automobile Association

- An additional 2,500 cycle lights have been ordered.
- Approximately 4k light sets have been distributed thought the South Island.
- The Road Safety Committee for the AA national council that was established to advise and make recommendations to the Government has its final meeting this week.
- It was reported that there are currently no wait times for drivers licence tests.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 9.30am.
John Skevington (Automobile Association) registered his apology

Meeting closed at 10.38am