

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 17 February 2026

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Banded Dotterel, Te Whare Whatakere
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

ADC Membership

Cr Phill Hooper (Chair)

Cr Phill Everest

Cr Jeanette Maxwell

Mayor Liz McMillan (ex-officio)

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
 - Steph Poole (ACADS)

- 2 Notification of Extraordinary Business**

- 3 Confirmation of Minutes** **3**
 - 9 December 2025

- 4 Correspondence**
 - Nil.

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- 6 Next Meeting Date**
 - Tuesday 5 May 2026, 9.30am

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



Date: 9 December 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 Cr Phill Everest, Steph Poole (ACADS), Chris Chambers (Waka Kotahi/NZTA), Lesley Symington (Safer Communities Ashburton), Neil Simons (Principals Association) and James Long (Waka Kotahi/NZTA)

Burgerhout/Maxwell

Carried

Present:

Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor	Steve Oschner	FENZ
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor (Chair)	Steve Burgerhout	NZ Police
Jeanette Maxwell	ADC Councillor	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
John Skevington	Automobile Association	Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

In attendance:

Neil McCann	GM Infrastructure	Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician
Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Julie Moffett	ADC Councillor		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Correspondence

Nil.

4 Reports/Agency Updates

4.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- Driver reviver (Fairlie Fatigue Stop) to be undertaken on 20/21 December
- Another "Girls Can Do Maintenance", in conjunction with Toyota is to be scheduled to be held late February 2026.
- A new Community Officer for Schools has now been appointed on a part time basis. The Officer is based in Timaru so it is anticipated that the level of service to Ashburton schools will be reduced.

4.2 FENZ

- A report detailing road incident statistics was circulated
- Currently going through a restructure. It is expected that there will be approximately 140 job losses across the Country.

4.3 ACADS

- 2025 summer campaign to be officially launched in February 2026
- Have filmed 666 people to date with another filming day set for 11 December

4.4 Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting

- Submitted feedback on Waka Kotahi’s proposal to establish a no stopping on the roadside grass verge outside the Hakatere Marae. Supports proposal in principle, recommending restriction apply only when there is an event on at the Marae.
- A NZI Truckies rest zone event was held at the northbound CVST centre on 19 November.

4.5 NZ Police

- A verbal report detailing road statistics was worked through
- 4 fatalities in the Ashburton district for 2025, compared to zero in 2024
- An issue with respect to the use of a small number of micro cars being operated in and around Ashburton by residents with mobility issues has been identified. The devices do not comply with NZ legislation in that they do not meet the definition of a mobility device and are classified as motor vehicles, which in turn requires the device to have a WOF, registration and for the operator to have a drivers licence.

4.6 Safer Mid Canterbury

- Bike skills Park – A major funder come on board and it is expected that the build will commence early 2026 with completion within 3 months.
- Have received grants of \$115k from Lion Foundation and \$95k from the Mid/South Canterbury Community Trust.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.29am



ASHBURTON DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2026

Ashburton Road Safety Action Plan Reporting – February 2026

Promotion

Programme	Organisation	Timeframe	Progress
Staying Safe Course	Age Concern	2026	Confirmed dates for 2026: Friday 20 th February and Friday 5 th June.
RYDA	Road Safety Education	2026	Ashburton College/Ashburton Christian College: Tuesday 28 th April. Mt. Hutt College: Tuesday 24 th March.
Alcohol Campaign	ACADS	FY2025/2026	Supporting ACADS with their summer campaign ‘What would you say to someone about to get behind the wheel drunk’
Radio Promotions	ADC/TDC/WDC	FY2025/2026	Radio promotions have been renewed until the 30 th June 2026. Ashburton District Council has contributed funding towards this alongside Timaru and Waitaki District Councils.
Simulators	Gfactor	Ongoing	We have recently purchased a VR simulator headset for the Ashburton District to be taken to events/education centres that don’t have access to the stationary units (Library/College)
Burt Munro Fatigue Stop	ACC/SCRS/ADC/Police	February	The Burt Munro Fatigue Stop is happening on Wednesday 4 th February at the Drift Inn in Rangitata and Sunday 8 th February at Fairlie. This is a joint event between Police, ACC, South Canterbury Road Safety and Ashburton District Council. Motorcyclists are encouraged to stop and take a break on the way down and again on the way home.
Advertising	Markat Promotions	2025/2026	We have re-used the ‘stay safe around railway tracks’ image in the Homelink Road Safety Workbooks.
Planned events	Various	2025/2026	- Collaboration between Ashburton District Council and Fulton Hogan to run truck safety sessions for schools; teaching children to be safe around large machinery and vehicles within the roading corridor – the date/details for this event are yet to be confirmed. - Girls Can Do Maintenance event date to be confirmed.

Infrastructure and Management

Programme	Organisation	Timeframe	Progress
Safety Projects			
Delineation/Signage Improvements	Ashburton District Council	2025	Delineation sites have been completed by HEB for 2025. Future sites will be assigned to Fulton Hogan if budget allows.

CAS data for 2025 (as of Monday 2nd February)

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-Injury
Highway Yes	1	9	20	51
Highway No	3	8	41	61
Total	4	17	61	112

CAS data for 2026 (as of Monday 2nd February)

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-Injury
Highway Yes	0	1	4	1
Highway No	0	0	2	2
Total	0	1	6	3

Photos:

Fairlie XMAS Fatigue Stop



Filming for the ACADS campaign



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Mid-South Canterbury MVC Stats

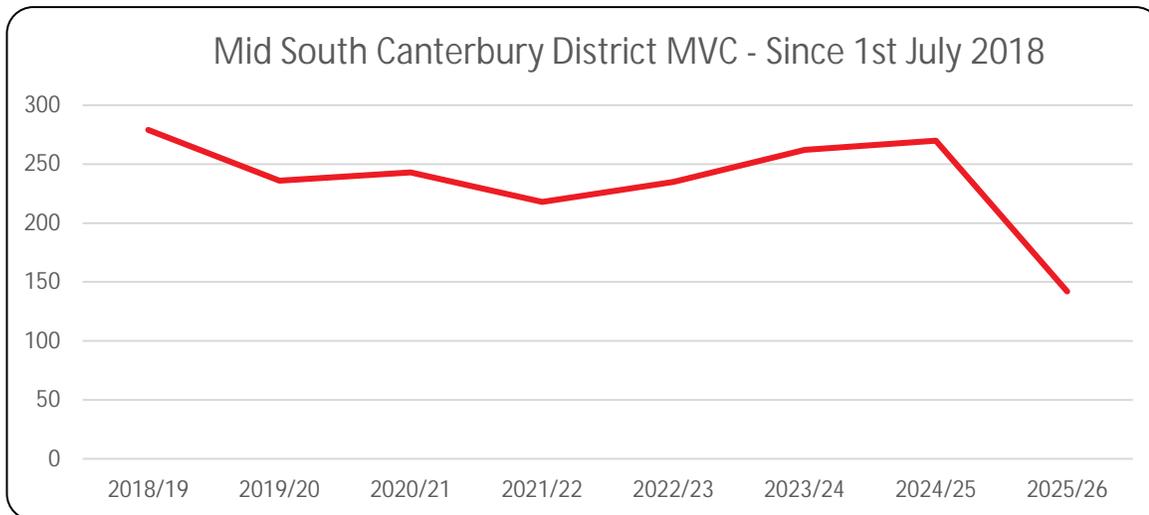
Ashburton, Mackenzie, Timaru and Waimate District

Presenter: Steve Ochsner – Advisor Community Readiness & Recovery

Motor Vehicle Crash Key Insights

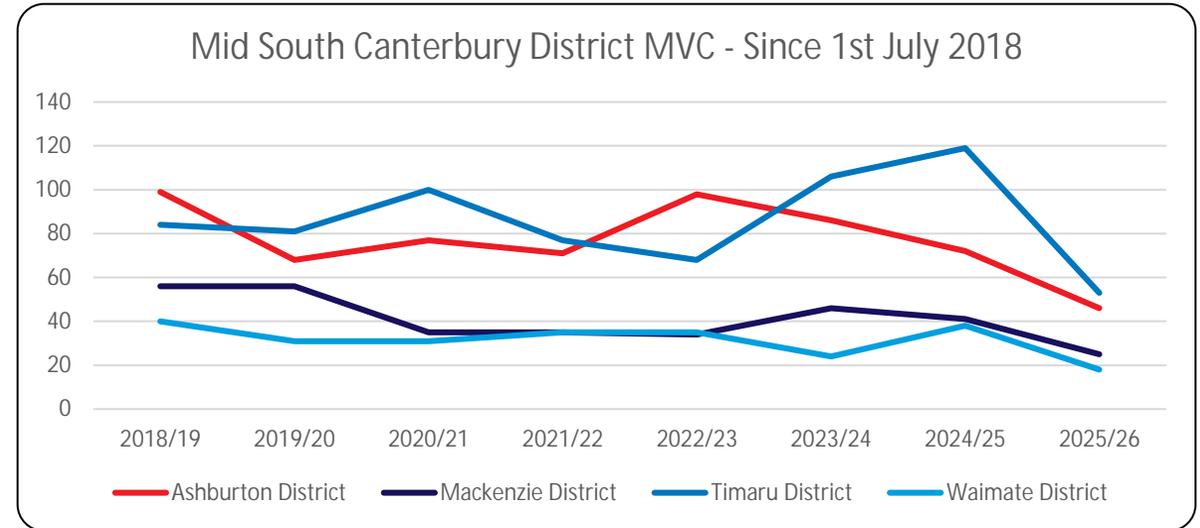
Overall Trend

- Peak and Dip: MVCs peaked in 2018/19 (279 incidents) and reached their lowest in 2021/22 (218 incidents).
- Recent Uptick: There's a noticeable rise again in 2024/25 (270 incidents).
- Partial Year Caveat: The 2025/26 data only includes incidents from 1 July 2025 to present, so the low number (142) is expected and not indicative of a trend. Projected full-year total (based on current pace): ≈270 incidents (similar to last year)
- Average: The average is 249 MVCs per year.



TLA Comparison

- Timaru stands out with the highest number of MVCs, contributing 37% of the total across all years.
- Ashburton holds the second highest count, contributing 33% of all MVCs
- Mackenzie and Waimate show moderate and relatively stable numbers.
- Waimate has the lowest overall count, but with some year-to-year variability.



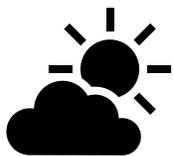
MVC Patterns by Time, Day and Season



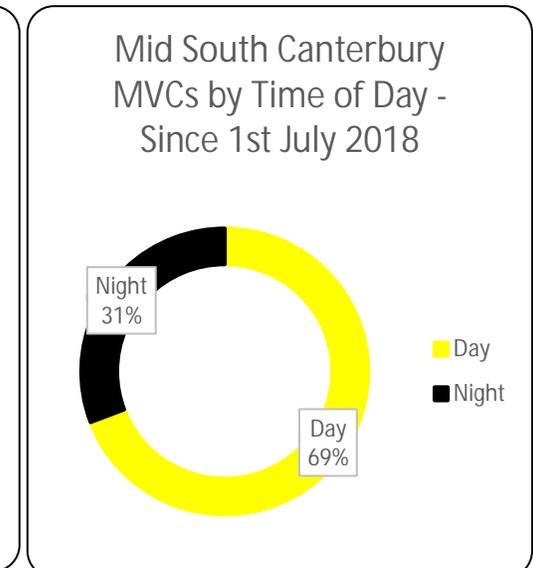
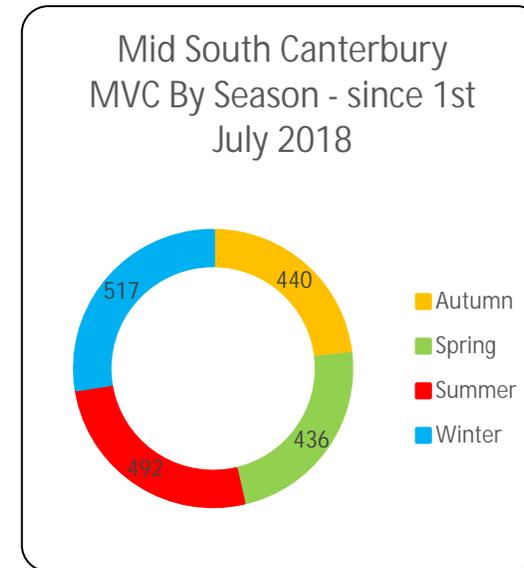
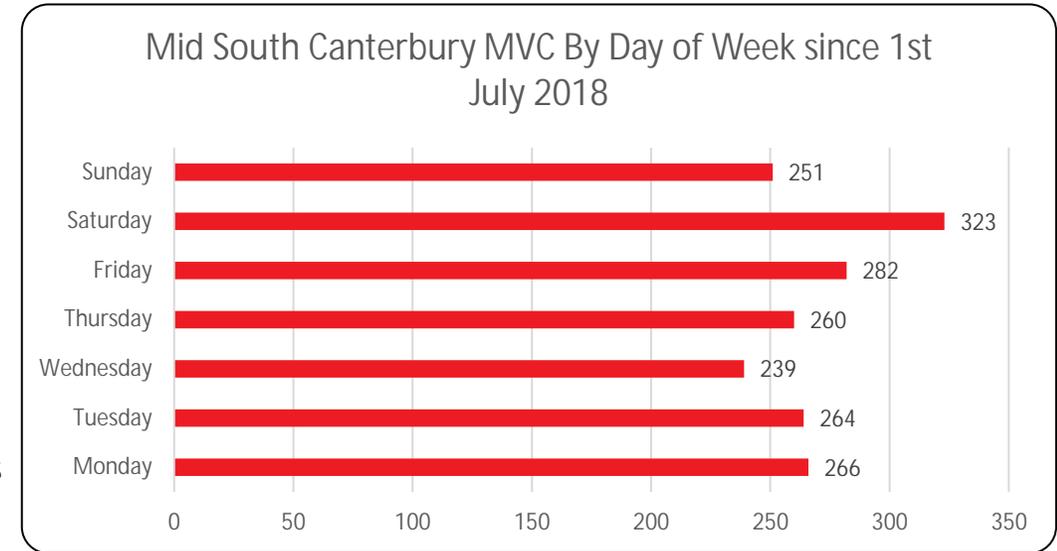
Daytime incidents: 1,305 (69%)
 Nighttime incidents: 580 (31%)
 Insight: Most MVCs occur during the day (0600 – 1759) possibly due to higher traffic volumes.



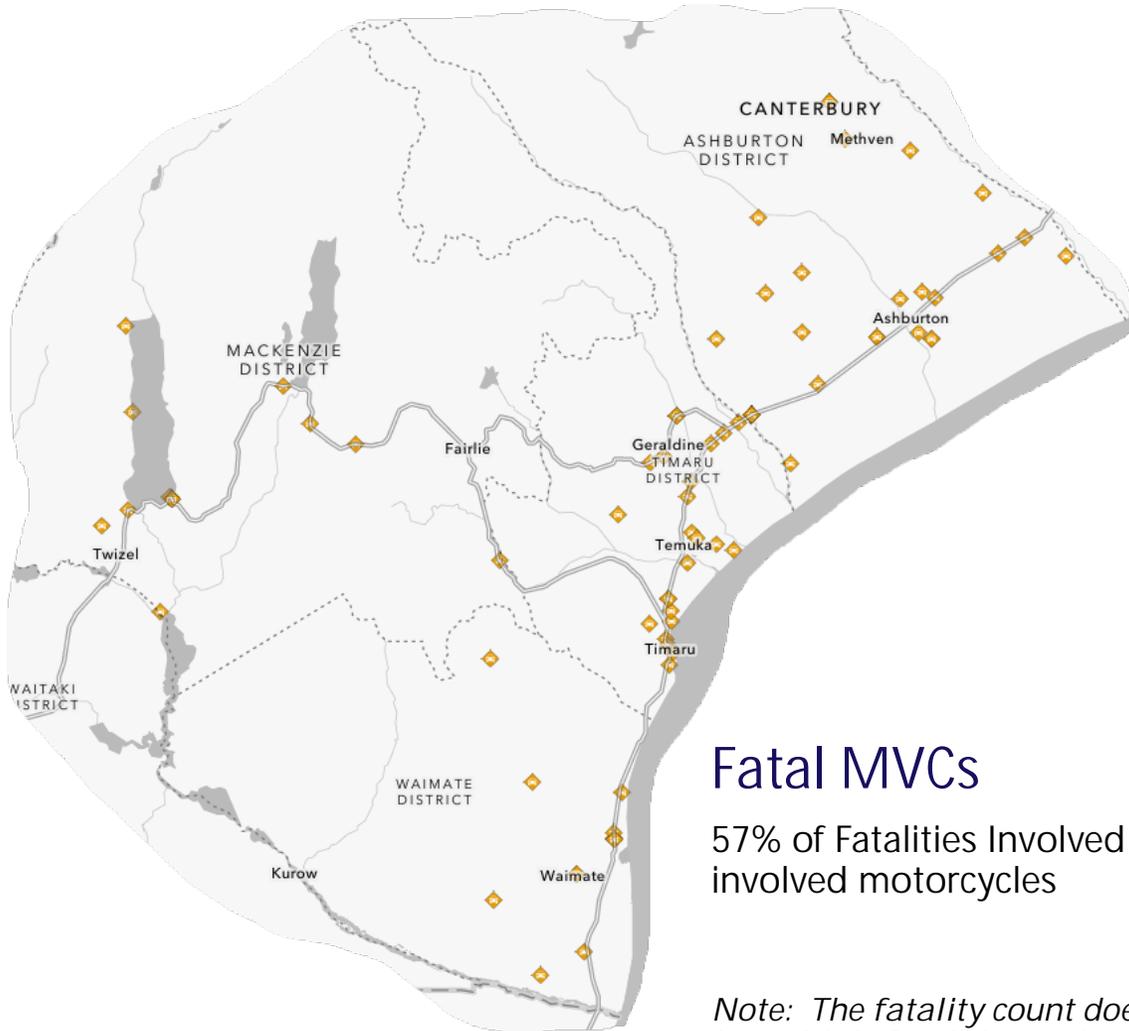
Weekdays (Mon–Fri): 1,311 (70%)
 Weekends (Sat–Sun): 574 (30%)
 Insight: While weekdays collectively account for more crashes, Saturday is the single highest day with 323 MVCs (17%).



Winter: 517 (28%) – highest
 Summer: 492 (26%)
 Autumn: 440 (23%)
 Spring: 436 (23%)
 Insight: Winter has the highest crash count, likely due to weather/road conditions and reduced visibility; Summer is also relatively high, reflecting increased travel.



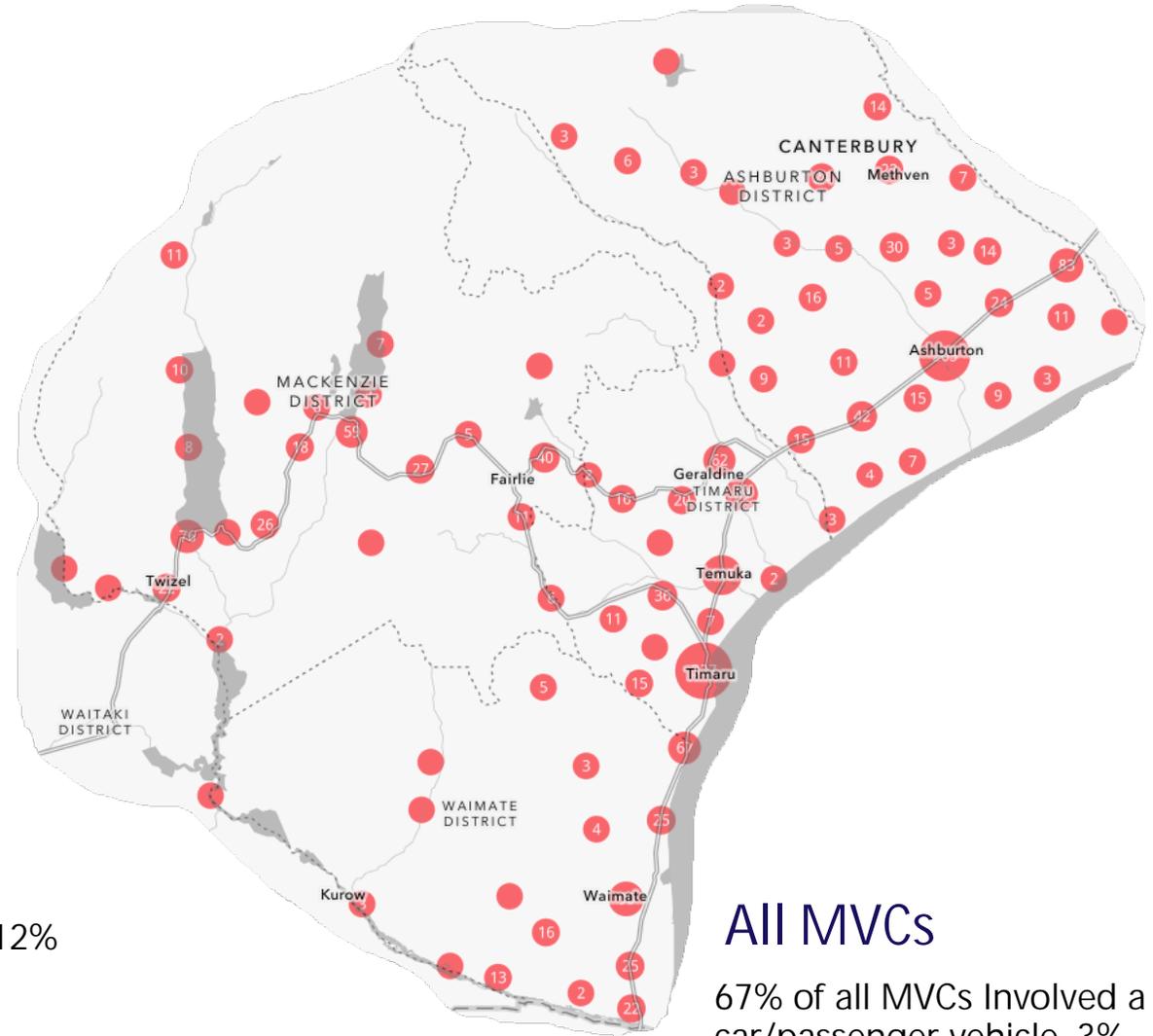
Geographic Spread of MVC's



Fatal MVCs

57% of Fatalities Involved a car, 12% involved motorcycles

Note: The fatality count does not factor in multiple fatalities at the same incident just that a fatality occurred



All MVCs

67% of all MVCs Involved a car/passenger vehicle, 3% Motor homes, 7% Trucks (all sizes), 4% motorcycles

Actions Taken / Outcome



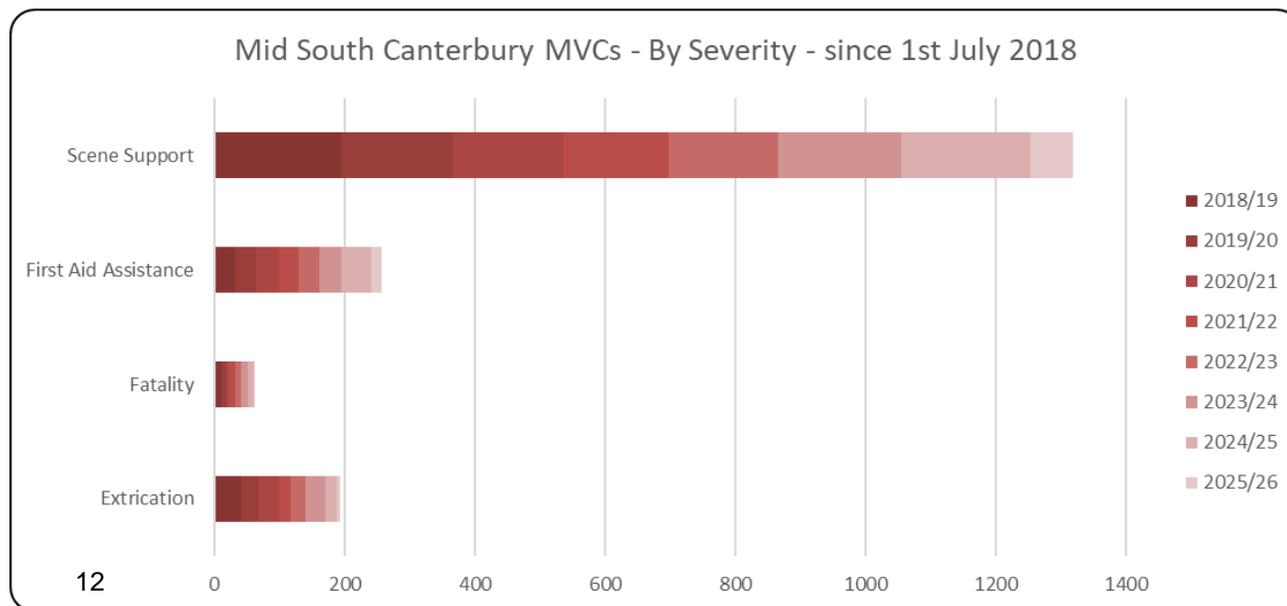
Scene Support is by far the most common action, making up about 72% of all MVCs. Numbers vary slightly year-to-year, with 2025/26 still in progress.



First Aid Assistance has gradually increased over time, reaching its highest point in 2024/25.



Extrication is uncommon and has generally declined over the years. Fatalities are rare and the small numbers mean year-to-year changes should be interpreted cautiously.



Opportunities – What can FENZ do?



Understand drivers behind the 2021/22 low point - 2021/22 remains the lowest year for MVCs. Reviewing contributing factors (road changes, traffic patterns, weather, or external influences) could help identify what kept numbers down.



Target Seasonal Peaks - Winter has the highest crash numbers, followed closely by Summer. Tailored seasonal safety campaigns could help reduce risk during these periods.



Focus on high-risk times of day - Most crashes occur during daytime hours, particularly when traffic volumes are higher. Education and prevention efforts could focus on these busier commuting windows.



Reduce serious-harm outcomes - Extrication and fatalities are relatively rare but represent the most severe events. Continued public awareness for vulnerable road users and high-risk behaviours can help reduce serious injuries and deaths.



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5.3 ACADS

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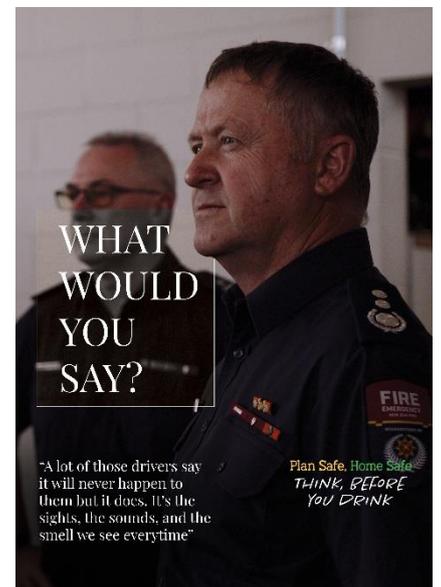
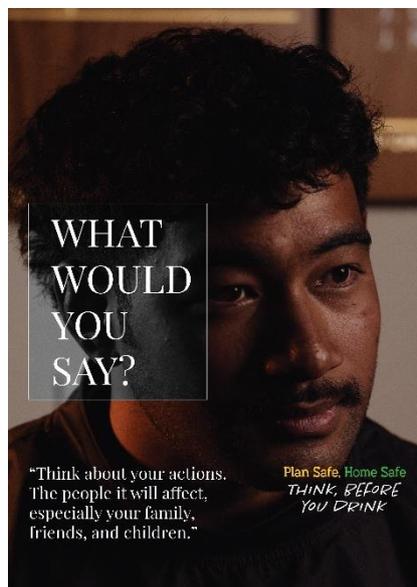
ACADS is pleased to share that to date, our Community Alcohol Action Project (CAAP) 2025/2026 campaign has been viewed more than 100,000 times!

This is a testament to every person who has taken part in our campaign – thank you again to everyone who has given up their time to be part of this important kaupapa.

We are excited to be hosting a ‘Launch Night’ on the **26th February, 6:30pm – 8pm in the Event Space of the Library**. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event using the registration below.

<https://events.humanitix.com/caaplaunchnight>

Guest speakers at the event include representatives from NZ Police, FENZ, Hato Hone/St John and our videographer James Bradley.



Noho ora mai,
Steph Poole
(she/her/ia)

Kai Whakatairanga Hauora – Health Promoter

Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug + Youth Mental Health Service.

Wednesday – Friday.

Mobile: 021 224 4766

5.4 Safer Mid Canterbury – Bike Skills Park

The Trust/Working Group, which has been developing the design and seeking funding for the Bike Skills Park to be located on the Ashburton Domain, has signed an MOU with Tarbotton Land and Civil.

Tarbotton have come on board as major sponsor/partner and to construct the facility, which is expected to commence in March, 2026 and take three months. The name of the facility will be the “Tarbotton RideSmart Park”.

Fundraising has been going well, with grants from the Mid and South Canterbury Community Trust and the Braided Rivers Trust/Lion Foundation secured, plus a significant donation from the combined Lions Clubs of Ashburton and a number of smaller donations. Local businesses are showing keen interest in assisting the project by providing materials, labour, machinery etc either gratis or at a reduced rate.

5.5 Automobile Association - Canterbury West Coast

My Councillors will once again be distributing our cycle lights for our “Be Safe – Be Seen” project. This year we have approximately 750 sets of lights to distribute within our AA district. We intend to work once again with the Police and various groups in lower socio economic areas where purchasing cycle lights for children falls well down the budget when trying to balance the weekly food and accounts bill. We are now well established throughout the South Island. This year will have seen over 4,000 children’s lives made safer by making them more visible on the road with a set of our lights.

We have had several concerns raised about side road access at the new traffic signals in Tinwald which we will follow up. There is a considerable delay while traffic moves from Lagmhor Road due to the requirement for cars to park well behind the railway lines instead of being able to cross over the lines and park closer to SH1. Several movements can be lost each cycle because of this delay on vehicles turning left to SH1. It is understandable for trucks to wait behind the railway line but maybe cars waiting forward of the railway line could be considered?

It is pleasing to see the second bridge due to begin shortly. This will alleviate the considerable traffic movement problem through Tinwald and Ashburton during busy periods.

We are working to have some sections of Bailey bridges permanently relocated to the West Coast so that an immediate response can be put in place should there be an emergency bridge replacement required in that area. At present NZTA have a policy that storage is conducted in Canterbury which we believe is not in the West Coasts best interests. We are working with MPs and trucking organisations to gain traction here as we believe that in a serious event essential traffic movement up and down the coast would be severely compromised until bridge sections arrive from Canterbury. This may mean coastal shipping should both passes not be open after an event takes place.

We keep making requests for better repairs on SH1 between Ashburton and Christchurch. Latterly repairs have been improved but there is still some way to go for a satisfactory outcome for road users. We also had a joint meeting late last year with South Canterbury AA District Council here in Ashburton where Associate Transport Minister, the Hon. James Meager was our speaker. This was a very valuable meeting where James kindly gave us well over an hour to discuss transport/roading issues in both areas. We all came away feeling much was achieved by our joint sharing of information.

We are making requests to CCC for better timing of traffic signals in Christchurch this year, and more installations of right turning green traffic signals.

I was pleased to be involved in an AA working group last year to evaluate and make recommendations on penalties and licence changes. The last review on penalties in NZ was undertaken in 1999 so we believe a huge review is needed. It is pleasing to see one of

our recommendations on moving to a full licence without a test has been announced by Government today.

We are also very involved with Community Boards and Road Safety Councils throughout our District and are making several submissions monthly on speed reviews, roading changes relating to all forms of mobility

John Skevington
Chair for Canterbury/West Coast Automobile Association District Council

Road safety liaison meeting – February 2026

Current Projects

- There are currently no capital projects being constructed in the Ashburton District.

Safety and Low Cost Low Risk

- The 24-27 NLTP lists are confirmed. Funding and delivery is ongoing and this year is delivering the majority of the programme
- No works are planned for State Highways within the ADC region
- School speed zones across Canterbury due to be implemented between 12/4 – 22/5
- Below is a graph showing DSI crashes within the Ashburton district since the year 2000 including total DSI crashes, and split into local roads and State Highways – will update for next meeting when all outstanding crashes if any will be logged in CAS

Safety Cameras

- As of 1 July 2025, NZTA became responsible for all safety cameras in Aotearoa.
- Safety cameras are a tool we use to reduce harm, not to generate revenue. Money from safety camera fines goes into the Government Consolidated Fund (Government's purse)
- The NZTA website has further information about the Safety Cameras programme.
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/safety-cameras/>
- Expect to see mobile camera units any place anytime!

Maintenance Works

- No specific update
- NZTA is transitioning to the *Integrated Delivery Model* from the current *NOC* model
- Preferred suppliers for each region have been identified. Isaac construction are preferred supplier for South Canterbury
- Chris Chambers (South Canterbury Maintenance Contract Manger) has left NZTA. The role is been covered by Tracy Bell / Scott Mckenzie until the IDM is up and running

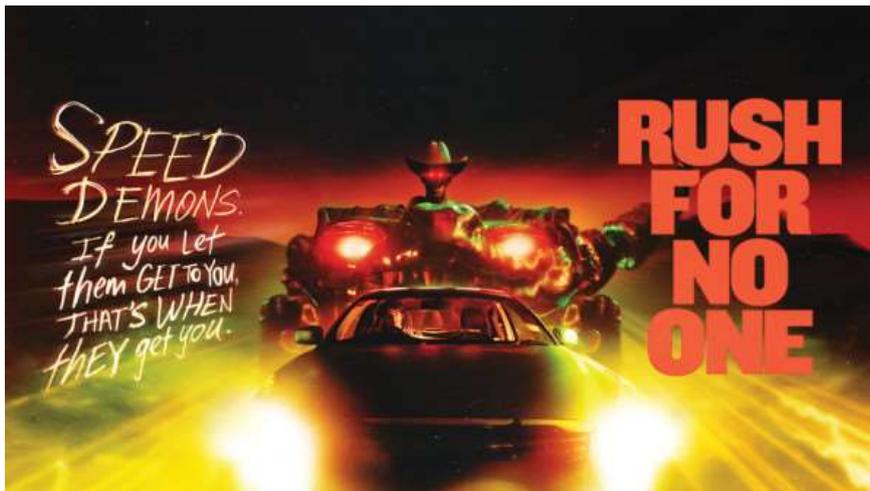
Advertising / Education

Speed campaign: Tame your speed demons

Speeding is one of the leading contributors to deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand roads. This campaign aims to change the way young people think about speeding. Encouraging them to re-think their actions in the moment, resist the pressure to speed, and drive their own drive.

The campaign started on Sunday 25 January.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-new-zealand-transport-agency-waka-kotahi-is-doing/current-marketing-campaigns/speed-campaign-tame-your-speed-demons>

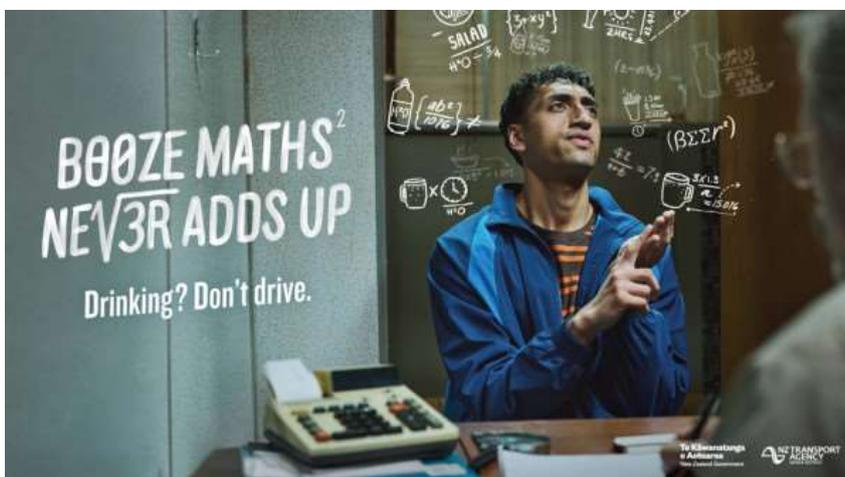


Drink driving campaign: Booze maths never adds up

Drink driving is one of the leading contributors to deaths and serious injuries on our roads. This campaign targets males 18-39-years old and shines a light on the unreliable 'booze maths' they might do to justify driving after drinking.

The campaign started on Sunday 30 November 2025

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-new-zealand-transport-agency-waka-kotahi-is-doing/current-marketing-campaigns/drink-driving-campaign-booze-maths-never-adds-up>



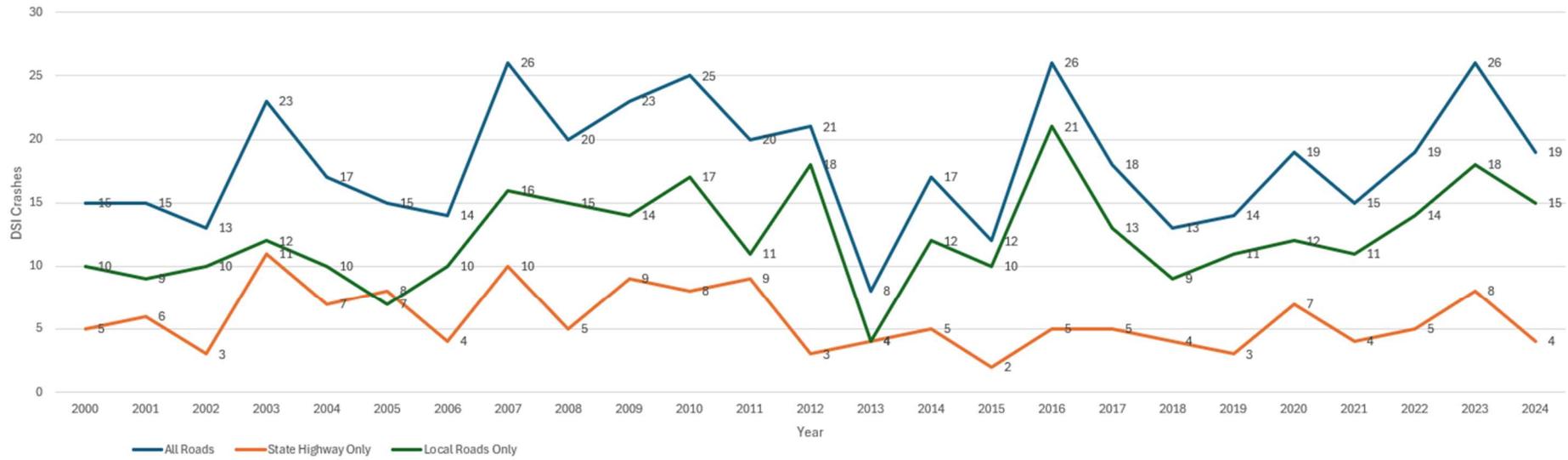
Impairment toolkits

NZTA has provided 3 impairment toolkits for use in Canterbury. Christchurch City, Selywn District and Timaru District each hold one and will share these with road safety partners. The toolkit is designed as an education resource to support good conversations around the risks of impaired driving, whether from alcohol or drugs. We've seen how the goggles have been used at events to help kick-start conversations about impairment and safe driving, and we know they'll be well used as one of many tools available to help you engage your communities in meaningful conversation.

Each kit contains:

- 2 x alcohol goggles
- 2 x cannabis goggles
- A range of activity props
- Guidelines for running each activity and planning your activation

Ashburton District - DSI Crashes



5.7



Report for Ashburton Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

17/02/2026

S. Burgerhout - Canterbury Highway Patrol

Road Toll 2025:

National: 273 (previous four years were 320, 371, 342 and 292)

Canterbury: 32 deaths (previous four years were 48, 35, 46 and 39).

Both are currently trending down.

Aoraki data:

Ashburton 2025: 4 2024:0

Timaru 2025: 6 2024:6

Mackenzie 2025: 0 2024:5

Waimate: 2025: 1 2024:1

Selwyn: 2025: 7 2024:9

As of 03/02/2026.

Nationally 29 fatalities compared to 32 at the same time last year.

Canterbury has had 2 fatalities compared to 7 at the same time last year.

Response to Ashburton Road Safety Action Plan:

2025:

Data in red relates to Aoraki HWP staff specifically.

The other information relates to the Canterbury District agreed metrics between NZ Police and NZTA taken from the National Road Policing Centre Road Policing Dashboard.

Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving:

24 impaired drivers apprehended.

BST count @ week 30: +10%

BST high risk time: +18%

Fail to give way or stop at intersections:

Over 300 notices issued for failed to comply with duties or obligation offences

Safe Speeds – too fast for conditions: (Week 30)

Over 5000 notices.

80% of notices on the open road (80km/h +)

23% being in the 1-10km/h speed band.

(After week 30)

Officer issues speed offences: +49%

Open road offences (80km/h +): +13%

Offences under 11km excess: +27%

Young drivers - Learner and restricted drivers:

Reduction in the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured:

RIDS/Fatigue:

Restraint notices – 210

Distraction notices - 240

(After week 30)

Restraint offences: -18%

Distraction offences: +112%

Staffing:

The Canterbury Police District is 20 over recommended staff numbers however Aoraki HWP is understaffed at present.

Ashburton:

2 x staff members.

One other on 12 months paternity leave until October. Currently awaiting an assessment of PST numbers in Ashburton to establish whether there is any value in advertising a secondment to cover the member on paternity leave. No point advertising if staff numbers do not allow an applicant to be released.

Timaru:

4 x staff members.

One applicant for one of the vacant positions – interviewed 03/02/2026 and will be offered position in Timaru assuming reference checks go as expected. One of the current members is about to go on restricted duties prior to paternity leave – due date late May.

Fairlie:

No staff.

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose and Scope

The Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee (ADRSCC) is a community committee, administered by the Ashburton District Council. It is recognised by all participants that to effectively address road safety issues in Ashburton District it will require an integrated combination of engineering, education, and enforcement approaches and initiatives. The committee has, since its inception in 1995, worked collaboratively to promote this.

In undertaking its functions the ADRSCC is to consider road safety matters as they relate to all roads in the Ashburton District, including State Highways, and to all users of these roads.

The ADRSCC should also consider road safety matters as they relate to neighbouring territorial authority areas, the Canterbury region and New Zealand as a whole when more integrated approaches are considered beneficial to the promotion of road safety.

Vision: *Ashburton District has safe roads, roadsides and road users which contribute to an ongoing reduction in injuries and fatalities on our roads.*

Membership

Membership of the ADRSCC consists of representatives from the following agencies / organisations. Each of the agencies / organisations will endeavour to have at least one representative on the ADRSCC at any one time.

- Ashburton District Council
 - 3 Councillors plus the Mayor (ex officio)
 - Council Roothing Officers (including the Graduate Engineer - Roothing)
- Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency
- New Zealand Police
- Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ
- ACC
- ACADS
- NZ Automobile Association
- Mid Canterbury Principals' Association
- FENZ
- South Canterbury Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

The quorum will be representatives of not less than half the member agencies, with at least one Ashburton District Council elected member present.

- Committee membership is not limited to the above agencies and may include membership from other agencies, organisations or skilled individuals if it is considered by the Committee that they will contribute to achieving the purpose of the District's Road Safety Strategy. Additional members need to be approved by majority vote by the Committee.
- Committee membership will continue until such time as any member wishes to resign, and in that case that member can nominate another person from their agency in their place.
- All members must agree to support the terms of reference.

Key Actions and Functions of the ADRSCC

The ADRSCC will undertake the following core functions to contribute to achieving the Committee's vision: Support and encourage education programmes that promote 'Road to Zero' within Ashburton District.

- Support and encourage visible policing campaigns that have a road safety focus.
- Work collaboratively to prepare an annual Road Safety Action Plan.
- Ensure the efficient and effective delivery of projects and initiatives included in the Road Safety Action Plan.
- Raise the profile of road safety initiatives within member organisations and the wider community.
- Provide networking and information sharing opportunities with regular reporting by member organisations on their projects and priorities.
- Advocate for improved road safety both in the district and nationally.

District Road Safety Action Plan

The Ashburton District Road Safety Action Plan is prepared annually by the ADRSCC and identifies the local road safety goals and actions the Committee will focus on for the year.

The Action Plan details links with the goals and priorities of the 'Road to Zero' strategy and local priorities identified by the ADRSCC. Additional priorities in the Road Safety Action Plan may be added by the Committee. Goals and priorities will be reviewed at least every two years.

The goals of the current Ashburton District Road Safety Plan are:

- 1) A reduction in the number of casualties from crashes involving 16-25 year old drivers and passengers
- 2) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from crashes involving alcohol or drug impaired drivers
- 3) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from speed related crashes
- 4) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from crashes at intersections
- 5) A reduction in the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured.
- 6) A reduction in death and serious casualties from lack of restraint, impairment, distraction, speed and fatigue.

Meetings

- The Committee will meet four times a year at the Ashburton District Council. Meetings will generally be open to the public. *(A section may be included on an agenda for items that would be reasonably expected to be considered with the public excluded.)*
- The Committee will be chaired by one of the Council elected members
- In the absence of a Council elected member, the Committee will be chaired by the Roading Manager.
- All Committee members have full voting rights.
- Council's Standing Orders will not apply to this Committee.
- Recommendations for agenda items are invited from Committee members no later than 7 days before the date of the meeting.
- Committee decisions and activities are reported through Council.
- Technical officer and administration support will be provided by Council's Infrastructure Services Group and Governance Team including notice of meeting to members, agenda preparation and minutes. . Agendas will be circulated not less than 5 days before the meeting.

Date Adopted: 22 November 2018

Terms of reference reviewed and updated on 1 August 2023