

# Ashburton District Council

## AGENDA

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### **Notice of Meeting:**

A meeting of the Ashburton District Council will be held on:

**Date:**           **Wednesday 1 December 2021**

**Time:**           **1.00pm**

**Venue:**          **Council Chamber**

### **Membership**

Mayor	Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor	Liz McMillan
Members	Leen Braam
	Carolyn Cameron
	John Falloon
	Rodger Letham
	Lynette Lovett
	Angus McKay
	Diane Rawlinson
	Stuart Wilson

## Meeting Timetable

Time	Item
<b>1pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting commences</b>
<b>1.45pm</b>	Methven Community Board Chair, Dan McLaughlin

### 1 Apologies

### 2 Extraordinary Business

### 3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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### Business Transacted with the Public Excluded

<b>12</b>	Council – 17/11/21		<b>PE 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugee Resettlement Group 19/10/21</li> <li>Library &amp; Civic Centre PCG 9/11/21</li> <li>ACL Operations Report 3/11/21</li> </ul>	Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities	
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## **4. Council Minutes – 17 November 2021**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2021, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### **Present**

His Worship the Mayor Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

### **In attendance**

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Emily Reed (Corporate Planner), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager) and Ian Hyde (Planning Manager).

6 members of the public attended for part of the meeting.

### **Presentations**

(Public Forum) Ross Road – 2.19pm-2.35pm

Ashburton Police – 2.35pm-2.56pm

(Public Forum) Redcliffs Station bridge – 3.30pm-3.52pm

### **1 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Item 11 – The Mayor declared an interest and gave notice he will withdraw from the meeting for the duration of this item and the Deputy Mayor will take the chair.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 3/11/21**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 November 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

### **5 Biodiversity Advisory Group – 2/11/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 2 November 2021.

Letham/Lovett

Carried

### **6 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 2/11/21**

Council heard that an agreement is in place with Waka Kotahi to have contractors helicoptered in to assist with traffic management in the event that the Rakaia (SH1) bridge becomes unpassable.

It was noted that the traffic management plan has failed to be implemented on three recent occasions, most recently when Police had to man the bridge for around four hours after an accident.

Council supported the Mayor's suggestion to write to Waka Kotahi expressing Council's dissatisfaction and seeking assurance that future events will be dealt with in accordance with the agreement.

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 2 November 2021.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

**7 Audit & Risk Committee – 10/11/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

**8 Methven Cemetery clean-up funding**

1. **That** the Council receives the report.
2. **That** Council completes the site clean-up and future extension work at Methven Cemetery; and
3. **That** this work be funded from net log sales of \$20,000 along with the Methven Cemetery cost centre incurring up to \$70,000 in an operating deficit for the 2021/22 financial year.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

**9 Ashburton District Parking Strategy and Ashburton Town Centre Parking Management Plan**

- Minor changes agreed (removing “potential” from the second bridge reference and noting the Rakaia charging station for EVs is beside the “Salmon Site”).
- Council will be further updated on the proposal to include age-related parking when the Mobility Parking Policy is reviewed. It's not intended to fundamentally change parks but the time limit may be extended for over 80's.
- Parking issues raised during the CBD upgrade will be addressed in the final audit of that project.
- The Parking Strategy is at a high level and greater detail will be shown in the more frequently updated management plan.

1. **That** Council adopts the Ashburton District Parking Strategy.
2. **That** Council adopts the Ashburton Town Centre Parking Management Plan and the summary document.

Braam/Letham

Carried

**10 Regional Waste Minimisation Co-ordination in Canterbury**

1. **That** Council endorses Environment Canterbury being invited to become a member of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and being approached to host the position within their staff structure.
2. **That** Council approves the increase in Council's contribution to the regional waste minimisation fund from \$5,835.20 to \$10,552.73 for the creation of a new staff position, and that this amount is adjusted annually for inflation.

McMillan/Cameron

## AMENDMENT

1. **That** Council endorses Environment Canterbury being invited to become a member of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and being approached to host the position within their staff structure.
2. **That** Council approves the increase in Council's contribution to the regional waste minimisation fund from \$5,835.20 to \$10,552.73 for the creation of a new staff position for a period of two years only.

Falloon/Letham

Carried

The Amendment became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

Cr McKay recorded his vote against the motion.

## 11 Results of Stockwater Provision Trial 2 – Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd Scheme

The Mayor withdrew from table and the Deputy Mayor took the Chair for item 11.

**That** in accordance with the recommendation from the Water Race Network Advisory Group at their 1 October meeting, Council endorses Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited as the preferred supplier of stockwater within their scheme command area.

Wilson/Rawlinson

Carried

## 12 Financial Variance Reports

**That** Council receives the financial variance reports for August and September 2021.

Falloon/Cameron

Carried

## Public Forum - Ross Road

Jock Ross asked Council to consider renaming a section of Mill Road as "Ross Road" to reflect his family's connection to the Lagmhor district. An earlier application was declined due to the identically named "Ross Road" in the Mayfield / Ruapuna district. He was supported by Alison Barrett and Linton Ross, descendants of George Ross for whom Ross Road (Mayfield) is named. Their support includes a proposal to rename Ross Road as "George Ross Road".

Council heard that there are no other households on either the existing or proposed Ross Road and this would reduce the likelihood of confusion in the event that emergency services had to be called.

The presenters were thanked and advised that officers will be asked to prepare a report in 2022 to consider the request for the road name changes. The Ross families will be notified when the report is presented to Council.

## Ashburton Police

Senior Sergeant Leigh Jenkins was welcomed to meeting at 2.35pm and invited to update Council on policing activities in the Ashburton district.

- Staffing – approximately 45 sworn and 2 non-sworn currently plus a Sergeant position available (currently backfilled from Christchurch) and the possibility of an Intel Officer being relocated to Ashburton.
- The biggest challenge currently is retention of staff with older staff entering into retirement and new recruits coming in.
- One family harm officer (reporting through Timaru/Christchurch team) which operates out of Christchurch alongside with partner agencies.
- AOS from Christchurch and Timaru.
- Spike in crime recently (vehicle break-ins with offenders from Christchurch apprehended). BAU currently.

- Police want an indicator of where areas of concern are and where to deploy staff. Pushing message through radio / media for people to report crime. There's not the issue of Police being unable to investigate all reports in this district.
- While it's not possible to call the Ashburton Police directly, phones are answered as soon as practicable and the call taker redirects to the relevant area. (Dial 105 for non-emergencies).
- Neighbourhood Support and Safer Community agencies are very useful for the Police.
- CBD speed limit – Mayor noted the Business Association are seeing people not used to the 30km speed reduction – can the Police reinforce this?
- Confirmed – Police will use speed detectors and an education programme initially. Will put this onto targeting patrol.
- Police call on local security firms when they need to but regular meetings are not held currently.

### **Welcome to staff – 2.56pm**

Sarah Mosley, Manager People & Capability, acknowledged the long service of Letitia Smart (Horticulturalist Team Leader) - 5 years, Lynn McGregor (Learn to Swim Instructor) - 5 years, and Carla Verberne (Library Assistant) – 15 years.

New staff introduced – Danielle Campbell (Art Gallery & Museum Deputy Director) and Mark Chamberlain (Riding Manager).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.03pm until 3.30pm.

### **Public Forum - Redcliffs bridge**

Ross Bowmar, along with Paul and Willie Ensor spoke about the ongoing threat that the Redcliffs Bridge continues to pose. The creek channel cuts below the bridge and material continues to build up above, increasing the probability of the bridge being buried.

Council's assistance to keep the road open to date was acknowledged and is appreciated by the property owners who are now asking Council to help protect the asset for the long term by restoring the creek, below the bed, to the condition it was in in 1983, with 4-5 metres of clearance.

The community is working on an emergency management plan and would be interested to learn from Council how decisions are being made on the road and when they'll take place. The impact of the May and July floods remains a focus as the rebuild progresses. ECan have provided advice but more certainty is needed.

The road provides public access (estimated over 30 vehicle movements/day). Beyond the bridge there are other areas of concern (Whisky Creek and west of the bridge). The road is rougher and new creeks have appeared further restricting access and increasing travel time.

The Mayor thanked the presenters and advised that officers will be asked to liaise with ECan and report back to Council with options and costs of short and longer term solutions.

## **3 Mayor's Report**

### **• Covid-19 vaccinations**

The Mayor recorded that the Ashburton District Council elected members are now 100% vaccinated.

### **• Diary**

It was noted that Cr McKay deputised for the Mayor at the Industry training awards and the Deputy Mayor also attended.

### **• 3 Waters Reform**

The Mayor referred to a draft Memorandum of Understanding that has been forwarded to Councillors. The MoU proposes that a partnership of councils will campaign against the Government's proposed actions and seek an alternative solution. A report will be provided to Council on 1 December to further consider this proposal.

**That** the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

### **Business transacted with the public excluded – 4.03pm**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>Item No</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>	
<b>14</b>	Council 3/11/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elderly Persons Housing</li> <li>Service Delivery – Animal Control</li> <li>Service Delivery – Environmental Monitoring</li> <li>EA Networks report</li> </ul>	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities
<b>15</b>	Refugee Resettlement Steering Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
<b>16</b>	Library & Civic Centre PCG 9/11/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>17</b>	Audit & Risk Committee 10/11/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>18</b>	ACL Quarterly Report	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Letham

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

Confirmed 1 December 2021

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MAYOR

## **5. Youth Council Minutes – 10 November 2021**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Ashburton Youth Council** held on Wednesday 10 November 2021, commencing at 4.00pm Mayors Reception Room, Ashburton District Council, 5 Baring Square

**Present:**

Henry Goodes, Lara Sheirlaw, Maddie Page, Beatrice Bernarte, Sophia Aguila, John Magyaya, Dom Cotter, Easterlin Faamausili and Olivia Fox.

**In attendance:**

Verity Jackson – ADC Event Coordinator and Simon Worthington – ADC Economic Development Manager.

**Visitors:**

Navid Bashir and Reza Hussaini.

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Michael Baker, Ila Cabalse, Alex Cojocar, Anna Tu'amoheloa, Georgia Blundel and Janre Lim.
<b>2</b>	<b>Guest Speakers – Navid Bashir and Reza Hussaini</b>  Navid Bashir is on the refugee support team and is a cultural navigator. This role is to help and support refugees and helps with language barriers. We now have four Afghanistan families. Families sometimes go to bordering countries like Malaysia or Iran and then to other safe countries. Afghanis have a very rich culture. Discrimination began over 200 years ago and this began wars.  Afghanistan has big political wars and fear brought on by the Taliban. Hazara is an ethnic group and they are badly affected because they are slightly different to other Afghani people. Refugees don't often have a destination in mind.  Many people have called New Zealand paradise. New Zealand is part of the International Community organisation. We are a host country to refugees. Reza lived in Afghanistan until he was 12 and then lived in Malaysia for 4 years. Navid said Afghanistan is a very beautiful place and used to be tourist rich until about 30 years ago.  Both Reza and Navid would, if given the opportunity, love to return to Afghanistan, describing it similar to Aoraki/Mount Cook.
<b>3</b>	<b>General Business</b> <b>Youth Volunteer Awards</b> – we are sending through a formal proposal about YVC.  We have been invited to the Youth Employment Workshop, Wednesday 24 November, 10-12pm.  2022 planning – Bite Nite 2022 theme is blast from the past with lots of dancing and disco fun.  Recruiting for 2022 – Open until December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021



	<p>December meeting and end of year celebration – At the EA Networks Centre for inflatables then food supplied by Eat Café.</p> <p>Hoops interview November 15 – John Magyaya</p> <p>Minutes due 17 November</p> <p>Articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maddie, meeting wrap up</li> <li>- Olivia, what does AYC mean to me?</li> <li>- Dom, what's up for 2022?</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Wrap Up</b>
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 4:00pm to 6.00pm, EA Networks Centre</p> <p>Any apologies must be sent to Verity or AYC Secretary prior to the meeting commencing.</p>
The meeting closed at 5.26pm.	

## 6. *Surface Water Strategy – Progress Report*

Author	Andrew Guthrie; Assets Manager
Activity Manager	Andrew Guthrie; Asset Manager
GM Responsible	Neil McCann; Group Manager Infrastructure Services

### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to introduce the Surface Water Strategy – Progress Report to 30 June 2021
- Council adopted the Surface Water Strategy, 2018 – 2028 (SWS) on 13 December 2018.
- One of the actions within the SWS, refer 1.4(G), was to “Monitor and review implementation of Surface Water Strategy objectives and Action Plan”, every three years.
- The development of this progress report is intended to address this action.

### Recommendation

1. **That** Council receives the Surface Water Strategy – Progress Report to 30 June 2021.
2. **That** the progress report is provided to key stakeholders.

### Attachment

**Appendix 1**     Surface Water Strategy 2018-28

## Background

### Strategy Development

1. The Surface Water Strategy, 2018-28 (SWS) was developed during 2018 with the help of a surface water strategy working group comprising selected elected representatives (established late 2017).
2. Various working group and stakeholder meetings culminated in the development of a draft SWS. The draft SWS was subsequently approved for public consultation by Council on 20 September 2018.
3. Submission hearings and deliberation took place on 20 November 2018. There were 20 submissions including 10 oral submissions.
4. Council subsequently adopted the Surface Water Strategy, 2018-2028 on 13 December 2018.
5. One of the actions within the SWS, refer 1.4(G), was to “Monitor and review implementation of Surface Water Strategy objectives and Action Plan”, every three years.
6. Council has also been seeking an update on progress on actions in the SWS.
7. The development of this progress report is intended to address the action and Council’s request.

## Options analysis

### Option one – Receive the report

8. Council formally receives the report.

#### *Advantages*

9. Endorses the progress made toward implementing the Surface Water Strategy, and means that the progress report can be shared with key stakeholders and wider community.

#### *Disadvantages*

10. None identified.

#### *Risks*

11. None identified.

### Option two – Do not receive the report

12. Council formally rejects the report.

### *Advantages*

13. None identified.

### *Disadvantages*

14. Inconsistent with the aims and goals set out in the Surface Water Strategy.
15. There will be no supporting information with which to update stakeholders and wider community on progress on the implementation of the Surface Water Strategy.

### *Risks*

16. May result in reputational damage to Council.

## **Legal/policy implications**

### **Climate Change**

17. The SWS has specific regard to climate change and contains actions relating to understanding the impact of climate change for the district.
18. The SWS therefore is considered consistent with Council's Climate Change Policy. In particular, the goal of "Ensuring the sustainability of Council assets and services for the present and future well-being of the Ashburton District".

### **Legislation**

19. Local Government Act 2002 is considered applicable to this matter. Refer [LGA 2002 Section 14 Principles relating to local authorities](#). In particular, most of 14 (1) is considered applicable.
20. The Surface Water Strategy is a non-statutory document. However, there are a number of relevant pieces of legislation (and documents made under that legislation) that have informed its original development. Key Acts and documents include:
  - Resource Management Act 1991
  - Ashburton District Plan
  - Local Government Act 2002
  - Ashburton Zone Implementation Plan
  - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2017
  - Ashburton District Water Races Bylaw
  - Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

## **Strategic alignment**

21. The recommendation relates to all of Council's community outcomes as the matter pertains to progress toward implementing the Surface Water Strategy, 2018-28.
22. The strategy's stated vision is "The social, economic, environmental and cultural values of Ashburton District's surface water resources are supported and managed sustainably".

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	There are a total of 65 actions contained in the Surface Water Strategy all contributing in various ways and degrees to the wellbeings.  Depending on progress, some wellbeings may have been given more effect to than others during this reporting cycle.
Environmental	✓	
Cultural	✓	
Social	✓	

## Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Nil.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Not applicable.
Where is the funding coming from?	Not applicable.
Are there any future budget implications?	No.
Finance review required?	No. The current and future budget implications arising from receiving the report are \$Nil.

## Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No.
Level of significance	Low.
Rationale for selecting level of significance	Not applicable.
Level of engagement selected	Inform – one-way communication.
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The recommendations relate only to receiving the progress report on the Surface Water Strategy. Once the report is formally received it will be forwarded to key stakeholders, and made available to the wider community.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

# Surface Water Strategy, 2018 – 2028









## Progress Report to 30 June 2021



### Our Vision

*“The social, economic, environmental and cultural values of Ashburton District’s surface water resources are supported and managed sustainably.”*

Goal 1. Council will use a collaborative approach to support surface water management.				
Objective 1.1 Recognise and support Ngāi Tahu’s values associated with surface water resources.				
Actions	Owner	Timeframe	Status	Progress
A. Work with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga to enable them to exercise kaitiakitanga of Ashburton District’s surface water resources including the water race network.	Assets	Ongoing	●	Council hosts a 6 weekly Hui with Arowhenua via their representative Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited (AECL). These Hui provide opportunities to update and canvas Rūnanga on matters of common interest.
B. Work with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga to identify cultural values of the district’s surface water resources including those of the water race network.	Assets / Strategy & Policy	March 2019 onwards	●	<p>Council is committed to working with Rūnanga to identify and better understand the cultural values of our surface water resources.</p> <p>In relation to the water race network, our race closure process include a requirement to seek Arowhenua’s views during the process.</p> <p>There is the potential to streamline consideration of cultural values during closure processes by completing a district-wide inventory of cultural values. This has been discussed in a preliminary way and while Arowhenua is interested, this work requires a level of resourcing that they cannot meet in the short-term.</p>
C. Work with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga to recognise sites of cultural significance in the district’s surface water resources including those within the water race network.	Assets	March 2019 onwards	●	Council has computerised the water race application processes in its core Tech1 applications module. This has brought a degree of rigour to what used to be a less than ideal paper-based process. It has also provided a functional method to seek comments and guidance from AECL and other stakeholders regarding individual race closures or alterations. It appears to be working well.

D. Identify options with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga to prioritise and / or protect the values of sites of cultural significance.	Assets / Planning	March 2022 onwards		
<b>Objective 1.2 Work with different agencies, interest groups and community to achieve the best outcomes for surface water management.</b>				
A. Identify values of the district's surface water resources including those of the water race network.	Assets / Strategy & Policy	March 2019 onwards		Officers propose to carry out another district-wide survey to identify values of surface water. The last survey of the water race system was undertaken in 2013, and it is believed that people views on the network may be changing. It is important that we are recognising these shift in trends.
B. Identify key interest groups already involved in and / or interested in surface water management.	Assets / Strategy & Policy	By June 2019		Officers are in the process of developing a schedule of key interest groups. This list shall be updated as new parties are identified / established.
C. Develop a Surface Water Strategy communication plan to guide information provision to different agencies, interest groups and community.	Assets / Communications	June- Aug 2019		
D. Work with these groups to identify strategic sites of importance in the district's surface water resources.	Assets	Jan 2020 onwards		
E. Investigate the establishment of a Water Race Network Advisory Group to look at one or more trials for delivery of stockwater through irrigation company infrastructure to improve efficiency of water use, improve water quality and better understand impacts on overall values.	Strategy & Policy	Report with terms of reference to Council before 31 March 2019		This task is completed. The composition and membership of the Water Race Network Advisory Group (WRNAG) was resolved on 28/03/2019. It has overseen the operation of one trial with Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited.
<b>Objective 1.3 Enable and support the efforts of relevant agencies and interest groups.</b>				
A. Share information with key interest groups where possible.	Assets / Communications	Ongoing		
B. Continue to make available Council's Community Grants and Funding.	Strategy & Policy	Ongoing		Council continues to operate various community grants and funding schemes. Of those schemes, the Biodiversity Grant is most relevant to stock water races and surface water.





C. Provide and / or share in-kind support where relevant.	Assets	Ongoing	●	<p>Council has been working alongside ECan with the ongoing investigations relating to Carters Creek.</p> <p>Officers are also participating in a working group established by the Ashburton Zone Committee investigation the Wakanui Hapu.</p> <p>As landowner, Council has taken the lead in responding to the potential impacts the Lake Clearwater Huts settlement has on Lake Clearwater. This has included investigating options for improved wastewater management within the huts settlement. Improvement works are ongoing.</p> <p>Officers are also participating in a regional climate change working group looking at a detailed climate change risk assessment, which will identify risks to surface water and related habitats.</p>
D. Investigate resourcing requirements to support this work.	Assets	Nov- Dec 2019	○	
<b>Objective 1.4 Improve understanding of Council resources and how to best use them.</b>				
A. Assess cost and Council resources required to maintain the water race network and respond to service requests.	Assets	By Feb 2019	○	
B. Review all related surface water information and projects currently in progress.	Assets	By June 2019	◐	This work has commenced but remains in the early stages. There is a wealth of information currently available and being added to all the time e.g. Council's own projects; water quality monitoring and analysis by irrigation schemes etc.
C. Conduct a stock take of information / resources needed for / available on surface water resources.	Assets	By Sept 2019	◐	No formal "stocktake" has been done, but we identified the need for LIDAR information as a key input to progress other actions in the strategy. Full district coverage of LIDAR has only recently become available.
D. Identify and / or review work undertaken to improve stormwater / overland flow management.	Assets	Ongoing	○	
E. Investigate need for additional resources to improve management practices.	Assets	By Sept 2019	○	
F. Commission an investigation into the effects of climate change on the district's surface water resources.	Assets	By July 2020	○	







G. Monitor and review implementation of Surface Water Strategy objectives and Action Plan.	Strategy & Policy / Assets	Every 3 years		This report.
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## Goal 2. The different values of the water race network are recognised and managed.


### Objective 2.1 Identify the values of the network






Actions	Owner	Timeframe	Status	Progress
A. Complete development of Water Race Closures Assessment Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).	Assets	By March 2019		The Water Race Closure SOP was adopted by the Leadership Team in October 2019. The SOP was reviewed and further updated in May 2021.
B. Assess the water races using the SOP.	Assets	April 2019 - April 2021		The water race closure SOP has been used since its adoption.
C. Review the Stock Water Management Plan (Opus 2016) in light of the Surface Water Strategy and the review of the Water Races Bylaw.	Assets / Strategy & Policy	By April 2020		This is scheduled for review during the current year.
D. Identify high value races.	Assets	By April 2021		

### Objective 2.2 Understand the needs of network users.




A. Confirm the number of water race rate payers.	Finance	By March 2019		For 2020/2021 rating year, there were 1263 properties paying stockwater rates.
B. Develop a water race management guidelines booklet.	Assets / Communications	By March 2019		A start has been made to develop this document, however, development has been suspended pending completion of a number of other actions.
C. Conduct a needs assessment of water race users.	Assets	April 2020-April 2021		
D. Confirm number of properties with access to the water race network.	Assets / Finance	By April 2021		

### Objective 2.3 Improve management of the network.

A. Complete the review of the Water Races Bylaw.	Strategy & Policy / Assets	By March 2019		Water Races Bylaw was reviewed and adopted by Council 26 September 2019.
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B. Investigate use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and other options to gather updated information on the water race network.	Information Systems / Assets	By June 2019		A section of the South Ashburton main has been flown using this technology as a trial demonstration. The output from this trial flight was visually very impressive, however it is expected to be cost prohibitive to use routinely on the wider network.
C. Confirm and update the location of races and drains in the district.	Assets / Open Spaces	April 2020 – April 2021		Updating of the race locations is ongoing works as part of race alterations and closures. Further progress on this task is scheduled for the 2021/22 summer using student resources.
D. Identify options around decommissioning schemes and / or transfer of water race services.	Assets / Strategy & Policy / Open Spaces	April 2021- April 2022		Most progress in this action is through the provision of stockwater trial being undertaken with Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd.  There is also work underway on a potential transfer of the Acton Scheme to the Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-op. Acton Farmers irrigation Co-operative has engaged successfully with affected parties and has evidence of strong community support. Work is continuing on the transfer proposal.
E. Identify other water supply schemes.	Assets	By Dec 2022 or 2023		
F. Confirm viability of other water supply schemes.	Assets	By Feb 2023 or 2024		

#### Objective 2.4 Respond to changes in land use.

A. Identify infrastructure requirements of different developments.	Assets / Planning / Property Developers	Ongoing		This work is ongoing and a normal part of our development review process. Officers are applying an increased focus on the opportunities around surface water within developments.  In most cases, developers are looking to enhance existing surface water features where present.
B. Work with Planning team to provide input into zone changes.	Assets / Planning	Ongoing		This is a key focus for the teams to ensure the underlying infrastructure is available (or at least scalable) for any proposed zone changes.  The teams have collaborated most recently with the Racecourse Rd Structure Plan.
C. Work with Roading and Planning teams, and Environment Canterbury to identify impacts of changes in land use on the surface water network.	Assets / Roading / Planning / Environment Canterbury	By Jan 2021		

**Objective 2.5 Fund the management of the network equitably.**

A. Review minimum charge rates for water race network.	Assets / Finance	By March 2019	●	The water races minimum charge was the subject of specific consideration during the development of the revenue and financing policy.
B. Update water race rating database.	Finance	By June 2019	●	Following the changes, adopted by Council, the rating database was updated to reflect the new minimum charge structure including the removal of stockwater services rate.
C. Identify options for a rating system that consider the multiple values of the water race network.	Assets / Finance / Strategy & Policy	By June 2023	🔄	Rating for the funding of stockwater race operations was reviewed in 2019/20. Changes were made to the funding for water races after public consultation.
D. Implement rating changes.	Finance / Strategy & Policy	By June 2024	🔄	Rating changes were introduced with the implementation of the new rating policy through year 1 of the 2021-31 long-term plan.

**Goal 3. Stormwater and overland flow management is improved.****Objective 3.1 Improve Council's understanding of the district's drainage network.**

Actions	Owner	Timeframe	Status	Progress
A. Commission an investigation of overland flow paths in the district, including effects of the MAR and associated projects on overland flow paths.	Assets	By Dec 2020	🔄	DHI Consultants have been engaged to prepare a Flood Hazard Assessment Model for the district. This model will allow for the identification of overland flow paths. The model is expected to be completed Feb/Mar 2022.
B. Identify which schemes are receiving overland flows.	Assets	By March 2021	○	This work will follow action 3.1.A.

**Objective 3.2 Work with Environment Canterbury to identify key infrastructure.**

A. Confirm location and responsibility of drainage structures and associated infrastructure.	Assets / Environment Canterbury	By March 2021	🔄	Initial discussions have been held with ECan representatives. Further work on this action will be advanced using external resourcing (in-house students 2021/22 summer).
B. Work with Environment Canterbury to share information and update relevant databases.	Assets / Information Systems / Environment Canterbury	Ongoing	🔄	Council infrastructure layers have been made available externally through Council's online public mapping solution. Work is continuing on making this information available also through Canterbury Maps.

C. Work with Environment Canterbury to develop a coordinated flood response and readiness plan.	Assets / Civil Defence / Environment Canterbury	By June 2023	○	
D. Where necessary, identify options for future management of drainage structures taking into consideration the value provided.	Assets / Environment Canterbury	By June 2023	○	

### Objective 3.3 Identify methods to reduce flood risk to rural land.

A. Work with Planning, Roding and Environment Canterbury teams to identify options to manage flood risk to rural land.	Assets / Planning / Roding / Environment Canterbury	By June 2023	○	
B. Review rating options for areas affected by flood risk.	Assets / Finance / Strategy & Policy	By June 2027	○	This action is contingent on action 3.3.A. This would occur through a review of revenue and financing policy.











### Objective 3.4 Implement Council's network wide stormwater consent.

A. Develop and implement stormwater bylaw.	Assets / Strategy & Policy	By June 2021 (propose reset to November 2022)	🕒	This is programmed for 2021/22. Since the Strategy was adopted, Council has received a global consent for storm water that contains a requirement to adopt a storm water bylaw within two years of activating the consent. This will fall due in November 2022.
B. Progress network capital improvements including discharge quality improvement projects.	Assets	By June 2021	🕒	Small scale capital works have been completed so far including: sump modifications for discharges to Carters Creek in Tinwald; and the trash net installed on open drain from River Terrace in Ashburton.

## Goal 4. Continue to support the implementation of the CWMS.

### Objective 4.1 Continue to meet Council's obligations for the Hakatere / Ashburton River.

Actions	Owner	Timeframe	Status	Progress
A. Develop an implementation plan to close sections of the water race network.	Assets	By March 2022	○	

B. Identify water race sections that can be closed following assessment.	Assets	By April 2022		
<b>Objective 4.2 Continue to make unrequired stock water available for CWMS related projects such as Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR).</b>				
A. Support continuation of MAR and associated projects.	Assets	Ongoing		Council has continued to support MAR initiatives. Officers are currently working with MAR representatives to progress proposals to utilise stockwater races for conveyance of water to MAR sites.
B. Investigate effects of such projects on the surface water network including the water race network.	Assets	By March 2023		
C. Identify and assess MAR and associated project sites as part of green corridors in support of Council's Open Spaces Strategy.	Assets / Open Spaces	By April 2026		Open Spaces officers are always on the lookout for linkage opportunities as they go about their general duties.
<b>Objective 4.3 Support the work of the Ashburton Zone Committee and implement the ZIP.</b>				
A. Officers responsible to attend meetings regularly.	Assets	Ongoing		An officer is in attendance for most meetings.
B. Identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement of high value sections of the water race network.	Assets	By April 2022		
C. Investigate techniques to reduce impact of drain and water race cleaning on environmental and cultural values of these channels.	Assets	By April 2022		
D. Identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement of the surface water network.	Assets	By April 2026		
<b>Objective 4.4 Integrate with and support projects that help Council achieve the objectives of its Open Spaces Strategy.</b>				
A. Establish a Working Party of relevant stakeholders to improve the connection between open spaces and surface waterways.	Open Spaces	By August 2019		Officers are cognisant of linkage opportunities through the land development process. The establishment of a working party will be progressed during the next reporting cycle.
B. Identify options to enhance water race overflow basins / pits as part of green corridors.	Open Spaces / Assets	By April 2024		

C. Identify sites within the surface water network, including the water race network, which can be used to establish native plantings to support open spaces in promoting indigenous biodiversity.	Assets / Open Spaces	By April 2026	○	New water race bylaw allows for planting alongside stockwater races.
D. Identify opportunities to make open spaces that showcase surface water resources accessible to the community.	Open Spaces	By April 2026	○	Where the opportunity presents we are proactive in implementing them, e.g. Thyme Stream Walkway in Methven.
E. Update the Open Spaces database of reserves to include these identified sites.	Open Spaces	By April 2028	○	Ongoing.

## 7. *Three Waters Reform – next steps*

Author *Hamish Riach; Chief Executive*

### Summary

- This report seeks Council's approval for the next steps in responding to the Government's Three Waters Reform proposals.

#### Recommendation

1. **That** Council approves joining the multi Council campaign to convince the Government to alter its intention to proceed with legislation that will compel councils to transfer their 3 Waters assets into the ownership and/or operational control of another legal entity without the agreement of an affected council to that transfer.
2. **That** Council notes that the cost to Ashburton District Council to participate in the campaign fund is \$15,000; this fund to be held in trust and administered by Timaru District Council.

### Attachments

**Appendix 1** Draft Memorandum of Understanding between partner councils (MoU)

## Background

### The current situation

1. On Wednesday 27 October 2021 the Minister for Local Government announced that the three waters reform process would become mandatory for all councils and their public water, wastewater and stormwater assets. The Government intends to introduce legislation into the House before Christmas which would require councils to hand over control and effective ownership of their water assets to one of the new water entities.
2. Government had previously promised that, as part of a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), councils would have an option to opt out of the reform. Many councils have objected strongly to the Government's decision to remove the ability of councils to opt out – noting that any opt out decision would have required community consultation before any decision could be made.
3. The effect of the Government's decision to mandate the reforms has essentially prevented our community from providing formal feedback to Council and influencing any decision to opt out or not. It has been variously described as a loss of local democracy.
4. The Ashburton District Council, as part of its feedback on the reform proposals to the Government on 28 September, raised a number of questions and matters of concern with the proposed model, and questioned the reliability of underlying financial assumptions and data. To date, there has been no specific response from that feedback.

### Proposed campaign to get Government to reconsider its decision

5. The Minister's announcement last month has left many Mayors and Councils up and down New Zealand extremely disappointed, and many members of the community have also expressed their dissatisfaction. I understand Mayors of a number of Councils met informally on Friday 29 October to canvas ideas about what they could do to resist the proposal. Ideas such as approaching the Prime Minister directly, and legal and protest actions were discussed. Waimakariri DC Mayor Dan Gordon took the lead on behalf of the Mayors to draft a letter to the Prime Minister.
6. It might be expected that this sort of process would be run by LGNZ. However LGNZ, through a signed MoU with the Government, has said they will not actively oppose a mandatory approach. A number of Councils believe that LGNZ did not have a mandate from its membership to sign this MoU and that LGNZ has not acted in the interests of its members in this situation.
7. Following the meeting on 29 October, more than 20 Mayors decided to commence a campaign designed to get Government to change its mind on compelling councils to adopt their proposed model. The councils are engaging Malcolm Alexander (former Chief Executive of LGNZ) to oversee and co-ordinate the campaign.



8. A key component of the campaign is to target the public to generate the political pressure on Government necessary for it to consider altering its decision. There is precedent for a reversal of the current Government's position on several matters (aspects of the COVID response, and the cycle bridge that was proposed in Auckland, are obvious examples).
9. An alternative will be offered to the Government's "there is no alternative" line. This is likely to be the regulatory framework approach which is designed to incentivise change led by asset owners in response to the need to achieve regulatory outcomes. This is the usual approach in the utilities sector. The second alternative will be to promote the same approach as we have for roading which represents a genuine local Government/central Government partnership.
10. Those 20 plus councils have developed the draft MoU to set up governance and financial arrangements, and have invited other councils to join the group.

### **Possible application to High Court for a Declaratory Judgement**

11. I understand that together with Timaru and Whangarei District Councils, Waimakariri DC had some initial discussions with Mr Jack Hodder (one of New Zealand's senior Queens Counsels) about whether litigation has a place in the strategy. They ruled out the traditional option of a judicial review as the Courts are unlikely to interfere with a decision to introduce legislation.
12. However, there is considerable potential in obtaining a High Court declaration which sets out the ownership of water infrastructure assets and what rights and privileges go with that ownership.
13. To avoid paying ratepayers for the value of the assets, the Government is claiming that councils will still own them, even though they will be transferred to the entities and councils will have none of the usual rights and privileges of ownership. If successful, the declaration would force the Government to abandon that pretext and force them to admit that they are expropriating ratepayers' assets for another body. An admission of this sort could pave the way to restart discussions with Councils on alternative solutions.
14. A declaration is at the discretion of the Court so even if the arguments are made to the Court's satisfaction, they may still decline to make the declaration. Mr Hodder considers that there is a "good prospect" (i.e. >50%) of obtaining the declarations". He is assuming that "the Crown might move to strike out or stay the proceeding, invoking the "non-interference principle (i.e. of the courts interfering with proposed legislation)", but believes that the draft claims do not contravene that principle". He also assumes that the Crown will be reluctant to simply admit the elements of the claims, and to consent to or not oppose the declarations.
15. Clearly, the publicity around the declarations would add to the momentum of the campaign.

## Options analysis

16. There are three options for the Council from this point.

### **Option 1: Engage in the campaign to achieve meaningful negotiations**

#### *Advantages*

- Council is taking meaningful action against a reform proposal that it has serious reservations about.
- Given the widespread concern in the community, Council is taking action to give some effect to those concerns.
- The best time to take any action is now - once the reform is legislated for, it will be very hard to turn back.
- Collective action with a number of councils has a greater chance of success than many individual and disparate campaigns.

#### *Disadvantages*

- There is a risk the Government could target the participating councils and deem that they have spread misinformation, meaning the Government may be reluctant to assist these councils in other areas.
- The campaign may not be successful, and the \$15,000 joining fee may be seen as wasted.
- The Government may perceive that the local government sector is difficult to deal with, and take a reduced partnership approach for other reform (particularly the current Resource Management Act reforms and the Review into the Future for Local Government).

### **Option 2: Oppose the reforms as a separate Council**

#### *Advantages*

- Essentially the same as per Option 1,  
plus
- The Council can take its own course and not be beholden to the directions and imperatives of the collective.

#### *Disadvantages*

- Essentially the same as per Option 1,  
plus
- The chances of success are likely less as a single voice amongst the noise.
- A budget of \$15,000 is unlikely to provide capacity to take very much meaningful action.

### **Option 3: Support the Government and assist it with the reform programme**

#### *Advantages*

- Creates a greater sense of certainty for the community and Council staff.
- The focus turns to making the most of the opportunity to influence the transition.
- Given the very high workload contained in our current LTP, we are less distracted and more focussed on getting that work done.
- There is no additional cost.

#### *Disadvantages*

- Council would not be taking meaningful action against a reform proposal that it has serious reservations about.
- Council would not be taking action to give some effect to the widespread concern in the community.
  - Council would not be seizing on the immediate opportunity to take pre-emptive action now before it is almost certainly too late.

23. The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the subject matter of this report.
24. Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua are likely to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Informal conversations have been held with rūnanga throughout the three waters reform journey, but they have not been consulted specifically on this report. Council will continue to discuss implications of the reform with them once the Government has provided further direction.

### **Legal/policy implications**

25. Council won't be participating in the legal action being taken.

### **Financial implications**

26. There are financial implications for the decisions sought by this report. Currently there are 20 plus councils which are likely to be part of the multi-council campaign. Other councils will be allowed to join if they sign up to the objectives and contribute financially. If Ashburton District Council wishes to engage in the multi-council campaign we would be expected to contribute \$15,000 as a provincial council. There is a possibility that further funds would be required at a later date.

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	\$15,000
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	TBA
Are there any future budget implications?	TBA
Finance review required?	Finance review will be completed on 29/11/21

## Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered <i>significant</i> ?	No
Level of significance	Medium
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	1. Inform – one way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The report reflects Council's intention to pursue the best solution for the community in the 3Waters reforms. While participating in the campaign doesn't in itself require wider community consultation, the community has a high degree of interest in three waters as shown by the considerable feedback received during the recent information engagement. Council should expect a high level of community interest in any decision.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
*between*  
**Partner Councils**  
**In relation to their 3 Waters Campaign**

**Dated                      November 2021**

### **1. Introduction**

The Government of New Zealand has announced that it will be introducing a Bill into Parliament before Christmas 2021 for passage into law in 2022. That Bill will compel territorial and unitary authorities (“councils”) in New Zealand to transfer their rights and interests in: drinking water assets; wastewater assets; and stormwater assets (together known as “3 Waters assets”), to four new entities who will henceforth own and operate those assets. This transfer is likely to occur without fair compensation being paid to councils for the compelled transfer of those assets.

The signatory councils (“Partner Councils”) to this Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) oppose the Government’s intention and have agreed to work cooperatively together to campaign to convince the Government to reconsider its position in favour of other options that better deliver a set of reform proposals that meet the needs of communities, councils and Government (“the Campaign”).

### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU is to:

1. Set the objective of the Campaign;
2. Specify the governance arrangements in respect of the Campaign’s management and operation;
3. Specify the basis on which Partner Councils agree to participate, and continue to participate, in the Campaign;
4. Specify the cost-sharing arrangements; and
5. Set the process by which councils other than the initial Partner Councils may sign-up to join these arrangements.

### **3. Campaign Objective**

The purpose of the Campaign is to convince the Government to alter its intention to proceed with legislation that will compel councils to transfer their 3 Waters assets into the ownership and/or operational control of another legal entity without the agreement of an affected council to that transfer. Campaign Partners will engage with their communities and the Government to reach an agreement on a reform package that can appropriately meet all parties objectives.

In pursuit of that objective, the Campaign will develop an overall strategy which will include actions to be undertaken both nationally and locally.

In developing and executing the Campaign strategy, Campaign Partners agree that:

1. Message and policy discipline is important and that any proposed departure by an individual Partner Council from agreed messaging and/or agreed policy positions, should be discussed first amongst Partner Councils;
2. Appropriate reform of the 3 Waters sector is required to meet health and environmental regulatory standards, and that there needs to be an ongoing obligation on 3 Waters asset owners to develop proposals in their respective areas that can credibly meet those standards over time;
3. They support the creation of Taumata Arowai to incentivise improved performance by 3 Waters asset owners;
4. Structural reform of 3 Waters assets should respect community property rights in those assets; and
5. They will not disparage or defame any natural person.

#### **4. Governance Arrangements**

All Partner Councils are members of the governing Plenary. Each Partner Council has one vote.

Day to day governance of the campaign will be overseen by an Oversight Group made up of up to seven representatives of Partner Councils. The Oversight Group shall regularly report to the Plenary to ensure all Partner Councils are fully informed about the status of the Campaign.

The Oversight Group may appoint a Small Group of Partner Council chief executives and consultants to assist it, and Partner Councils, in strategy development and tactical execution of the Campaign strategy.

#### **5. Basis of Participation**

Partner Councils agree to adhere to, and execute, the agreed Campaign strategy.

If a Partner Council chooses not to adhere to the Campaign strategy it will first advise the Plenary of its intentions before proceeding with any action that is at odds with the Campaign strategy. On such advice, the Plenary shall meet to discuss the matter and the Plenary shall use its best endeavours to resolve any dispute.

In the event the Plenary is unable to resolve the dispute, it may by majority vote suspend the Partner Council from further participation in the Campaign. Cost obligations for a suspended Partner Council will cease from the date of the suspension but previously incurred cost obligations must be met by the Partner Council.

Any Partner Council may, at any time, cease its participation in the Campaign with the provision of one week's notice in writing to the Plenary. Cost obligations for a retiring Partner Council will cease from the date that the one week's notice in writing takes effect but previously incurred cost obligations must be met by the Partner Council.

## **6. Cost-sharing Arrangements**

Each initial Partner Council agrees to pay into the Campaign fund the following amount:

1. If it is a Metropolitan Sector council - \$20,000;
2. If it is a Provincial Sector council – \$15,000;
3. If it is a Rural Sector council – \$10,000.

The Campaign fund will be held in trust and administered by Timaru District Council under the oversight and direction of the Plenary.

## **7. Additional Partner Councils**

Councils that wish to become a Partner Council after the date that this MoU has been agreed may do so by application in writing to the Plenary.

Applications must include:

1. Evidence of a clear mandate to become a Partner Council; and
2. An acknowledgment that the applying council agrees to abide by the objectives and principles of the Campaign, including the governance and cost-sharing arrangements;

If the Plenary approves an application, then the additional council must pay into the Campaign fund an amount relevant to its Sector status, as specified in Clause 6, in order to activate its Partner Council status.

## **8. MoU Not Legally Binding**

Partner Councils agree that it is not the intention for any of the provisions of this MoU to be legally binding.

Signed by the following mandated representatives of each Partner Council:

Signature:

Position:

Council:

Date:

Signature

Position:

Council:

Date:

## 8. *Community Events Grant – Christmas Market*

Author *Clare Harden; Community Administration Officer*  
General Manager *Steve Fabish Group Manager; GM- Community Services*

### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to allocate community event grant funding to an applicant who missed out on the second round of the 2021/2022 funding.
- All officer recommendations on the allocation of the grants are made based on the application's eligibility and the funds available in each grant budget.

#### Recommendation

1. **That** Council allocates \$1,643.75 in event funding for the Ashburton Santa Parade as per the following category:
  - 1.1. Community Development – Events - \$1,643.75.
2. **That** the funding be made subject to the event being operated under the relevant COVID 19 regulations.

### Attachment

**Appendix 1** Analysis of grant application



## Background

### Grant applications

1. A grant application has been received from the organiser of the Christmas Market seeking funding of \$1,643.75. The event is planned to occur on the 4th December at the Tinwald Recreation Centre.
2. The organisers are asking for funding as the cancellation of the Santa Parade this year has resulted in the event changing to a market.
3. The following table outlines the grant amount the applicant has requested, and how much is available in the budget. When recommending the grant amount, officers have ensured that the total allocated is within the 2021/22 budget.
4. For a full summary of this application, please see the appendix.

Area	# applications	Amount requested	2021/22 budget	Total recommended
Community Development				
Events	1	\$1,900	\$1,643.75	\$1,643.75

## Options analysis

### Option one – Allocate funding

5. Allocate the community grant and funding for 2020/21 as per the recommendation made above.
  - This is the preferred option with the addition of the condition that funding will be made subject to the event being operated under the relevant COVID 19 regulations.

#### *Advantage*

- An event to bring the community together before Christmas.

#### *Disadvantages*

- There is a risk this event like others may be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- There is a risk the event does not meet the governments Covid-19 requirements, meaning Council's funding of the event could bring our reputation into disrepute.

### Option two – Do not allocate funding

6. Council may choose to not allocate the funds for this event

#### *Advantage*

- Funding is available if another event.

- Council's reputation is untarnished should the event not be run in line with Covid requirements.

#### *Disadvantage*

- There is a risk that the event may not be able to run.
- There are no more funding rounds and very few events planned for the next 6 months at this stage. Funding will not be carried over to the 2022/2023 budget

## Legal/policy implications

7. Officers have assessed the grants against the Community Grants and Funding Policy and relevant criteria for each grant category. Commentary on the eligibility of each applicant is noted in the appended document.

## Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	See costs previously noted for each grant category.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes, all grants are allocated within the budget available in the 2020/21 Annual Plan.
Where is the funding coming from?	UAGC and general rates
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Not required.

## Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of engagement selected	Inform – one way communication.
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	No changes are being made to the available budgets, and therefore, only communication with the applicants is required. The community will be notified through a press release of the successful applicants, once the applicants have been advised of Council's decision.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

## Appendix 1

Organisation details		Eligibility									About the project						
Organisation	Previous funding requests + reporting	Located in Ash district?	Legal entity	Non profit org	Indiv, school	Central Gov funding	Smokefree	Sunsmart	Working towards zero-waste	New / existing event	Event details	How building capacity from last year?	Target population	Number of people who benefit	How will the event be advertised ?	What is the main outcome?	How will success be measured?
Ashburton Santa Parade ( Carol Johns)	To Come, Funding will not be given with out reporting complete	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	New	Christmas Market at the Tinwald Recreation centre	New Event	All Ages	This will be a chance for all of Mid Canterbury to have a Christmas experience so hoping to get the same as the Parade would attract .	Local Papers, Radio, Social Media.	To involve the community on a smaller scale than the parade but still provide the Christmas and Community spirit as we have had so much cancelled this year	Crowd attendance and participants

Org bank account?	\$ requested	Funding use	Eligible \$ requested	Event total	50% of event funding secured?	Financials			Discrete / ongoing	Reputational risk	Officer recommendation			Council recommendation
						Other funders	Voluntary / donations	Effect of not funding			Value for money	Points to consider	Officer recommendation	
Y	\$1,900	Promotion , Signage & Wast managem ent	\$1,900	TBA	Y	Rural Transport	All voluntary . Hoping Hyundai Mid Canterbury may still sponsor for a lesser amount and I've had \$100 from Rural Transport	limitid advertising, hope to get local busness to fund.	Ongoing	Low	\$10 per persone @ 150 people.	This will be in place of the Santa Parade.	\$1,643.75	

## ***10. Mayor's Report***

### **10.1 Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

CE Hamish Riach and I attended the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on Friday 19 November. Topics discussed were:

- **Climate Change Risk Assessment**

This report is informative in regard to the changes modelled for Canterbury. A copy of the report is circulated with the agenda.

- **Biodiversity Champions – Shared Regional Approach**

The Canterbury Biodiversity Champions is a group of Councillors (one from each Canterbury Council) with a stated purpose 'to get colleagues amped about biodiversity and to advocate for council and community roles in weaving biodiversity through our living and working landscapes'.

The group is currently focussed on advocacy and finding opportunities for a shared regional approach to biodiversity across Canterbury local government.

The group has identified a need for greater clarity amongst councils on roles and responsibilities for biodiversity and where there are opportunities to address the current gaps in biodiversity management through shared regional approaches.

A stocktake is being undertaken to see where each council is at with biodiversity in their district.

- **Regional Economic Development Update**

The Ministry is to undertake visits to individual councils in the New Year to promote the Kanoa Fund.

- **3Waters**

A letter is to be sent to the Minister opposing the mandating and loss of democracy, emphasising disappointment in the mandating when council were told they would have the option of opting in or out.

- **Canterbury Water Management Strategy**

The need for closer alignment with Zone Committees has been identified, particularly around the National Policy Statement (NPS) freshwater regional rewrite.

- **Future of Local Government**

Jim Palmer provided a verbal update advising that there were more workshops to come and that they will be visiting Ashburton early next year.

- **Resource Management Act Reform**

This is a big piece of work that will have significant consequences on Local Government and we need to engage early in the process. The Minister of Environment gave a presentation and it appears that the consultation is currently being delivered from the top down. The Minister was advised that this needs to be the other way around with consultation being delivered from the ground roots up.

## 10.2 Civil Defence Emergency Management

A paper was presented around progressing the second urban bridge and reverting the status of the connector roads back to Waka Kotahi/NZTA management, e.g. Thompsons Track/Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road. It was unanimously agreed to send letters to the Prime Minister, Minister of Transport and the CEO of Waka Kotahi/NZTA to get these projects into the 2021/22 NLTP under urgency and with appropriate funding.

## 10.3 Regional Transport Committee

The Brougham Street, Christchurch project is moving forward with planning now complete.

I raised the concern of traffic management on the detour routes when the Rakaia bridge is closed; despite previous assurances from Waka Kotahi/NZTA that staff would be helicoptered in to manage the detour bridge, this is not happening.

## 10.4 Meetings

### • Mayoral calendar

#### November 2021

- 16 November: Rebecca Whillans (GM – ALIL) and Mel Brooks (CE, MHV Water) – with CE Hamish Riach
- 16 November: TVNZ Ryan Boswell interview
- 16 November: Emergency Management Assistance team training with CE Hamish Riach
- 16 November: Ashburton Trust/Lion Foundation
- 17 November: ACL Director shortlisting
- 17 November: Council meeting
- 17 November: Mid Canterbury Rugby Union 2021 Awards Evening
- 18 November: Ministry for the Environment on RM Reforms
- 18 November: Regional Transport Committee
- 19 November: Hokonui radio interview
- 19 November: Canterbury Mayoral Forum
- 19 November: Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee meeting
- 19 November: Advance Ashburton Christmas function
- 22 November: Economic Advisory Group (via Zoom)
- 23 November: Ashburton Water Zone Committee field trip
- 24 November: CBD completion video recording
- 24 November: Youth Employment workshop
- 24 November: Opuke Hot Pools opening ceremony
- 24 November: Heritage Buildings and Protected Trees workshop
- 25 November: Australian Roadshow ‘Future of Water’ (via Zoom)
- 25 November: Newshub interview
- 25 November: Rural and Provincial sector meeting with Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and CE Hamish Riach (via Zoom)
- 26 November: Australian Roadshow ‘Future of Water’ (via Zoom)

### Recommendation

<b>That</b> Council receives the Mayor’s report.
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Neil Brown

**Mayor**