

# Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



**Date:** 4 March 2025  
**Venue:** Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton  
**Time:** 9:30am

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

**That** apologies for absence be received from Mayor Neil Brown, James Long (Waka Kotahi) and John Skevington (Automobile Association)

Phill Hooper/Richard Wilson

Carried

## Present:

Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Craig Chambers	FENZ
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Stephanie Poole	ACADS
Richard Wilson	ADC Councillor	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ	Neil Simons	Principal Association
Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury	Chris Chambers	Waka Kotahi
Lucy Mehrtens	Road Safety (Sth Canterbury)	Michelle Bunt	Road Safety (Sth Canterbury)
Steve Burgerhout	NZ Police		

## In attendance:

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

## 2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Neil Simons/Richard Wilson

Carried

## 4 Correspondence

Nil.

## 5 Reports/Agency Updates

### 5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- Variable speed limit signs have now been erected outside the district's schools.
- CoDriVR pilot finishes in June. Discussions are currently being undertaken on the future of this programme (funding/location etc).

## 5.2 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

### Rangitata and Hinds River Bridges

Both the Rangitata River bridge and the Hinds River bridge are to be closed overnight to allow AC surfacing to be completed.

The Rangitata River bridge is to be closed from 9-12 March, 8pm to 6am and the Hinds River bridge will be closed from 13-14 March, 8pm to 6am.

During their closures both bridges will open at midnight for 30 minutes to allow traffic that is required to stay on SH1 through. There will be a detour route for all other drivers throughout the night.

### Thomsons Track/SH77 Intersection

A couple of near misses have been reported at the Thomsons Track/SH77 intersection – signage at this intersection is with NZTA for review.

## 5.3 Ashburton Principals Association

- Chertsey Kyle road speeds past the Chertsey School remain a concern with traffic ignoring the 30km limit.
- Reinforce through Comms the 20km speed limits when passing school buses that are picking up or dropping off children. South Canterbury have the same issues and will work in conjunction with ADC to promote this.

## 5.4 FENZ

- A report detailing road incident statistics was tabled and worked through.

### NZ Police

- A statistics sheet was tabled
- With the current diversions on Seafeld Road it has highlighted that the Cochranes Road stop signage is inadequate.
- Staffing levels in Ashburton vastly under strength.
- The second safety centre north of Rakaia is scheduled to be completed prior to Christmas

### Safer Ashburton

- A detailed plan for the proposed Bike Skills park was presented.
- Project costs estimated at \$500,000k
- Funding options are currently being investigated.

### South Canterbury Road Safety Team

Will be working with Ashburton, Hurunui and Selwyn District Council's at the Kirwee Field days, 26/28 March, on a campaign focused around operating/driving agricultural vehicles on our roads and complying with the NZTA Agricultural Vehicles guides and VDAM rule.

## 6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 9.30am.

The meeting closed at 10.32am.