

Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

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

Date: Wednesday 1 October 2025

Time: 10.30am Public excluded
1.00pm Public meeting

Venue: Hine Paaka Council Chamber
Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

Membership

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

Meeting Timetable

Time	Item
10.30am	Council meeting commences (Public Excluded)
1.00pm	Council meeting opens to the Public
2.15pm	Presentations to retiring elected members
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea

1 Apologies

2 Extraordinary Business

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and 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

18	Council – 17/09/25		PE 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashburton Community Water Trust Forestry land Land purchase Eastfield Investments Ltd CE Annual Review 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons 	
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4. Council Minutes –17 September 2025

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2025, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Helen Barnes (GM Business Support), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Femke van der Valk (Policy Advisor), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Michael Wong (Building Manager), Rick Catchpole (Regulatory Manager) Gordon Cruickshank (Financial Performance Manager), Gordon Tupper (Information Systems Manager), Tania Paddock (General Counsel), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Jacqui Watson (Legal Advisor) and Shelley Donnelly (Economic Development Manager).

Deputation:

Ashburton Aviation Museum – 1.04pm-1.10pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business:

- Ashburton District nutrient levels

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 16 – The Mayor declared an interest and gave notice that he will leave the meeting for this item. The Deputy Mayor will take the chair.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 3/09/25

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 September 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

5 Ashburton Aviation Museum Loan Request

Owen Moore and Warren Jannet outlined the process that has resulted in approximately \$2.5M being raised for the new building which is now at the stage of having the reception area constructed. A loan from Council will enable this work to be completed as the Aviation Museum is unable to reapply for further funding from other trusts until later in the year.

The presentation concluded at 1.10pm.

1. **That** Council offers the Ashburton Aviation Museum a loan of \$100,000 for the completion of the Hangar Extension project.
2. **That** Council officers enter into a Deed of Acknowledgement of Debt with the Ashburton Aviation Museum using the following terms before the loan funding is available:
 1. The principal sum can only be used for the agreed works
 2. Interest will accrue on the principal sum between the date of draw down and the loan expiry date – 7 years from the draw down date, or a shorter timeframe if agreed
 3. The annual interest applied to the principal sum is 2% above the current Reserve Bank of NZ official cash rate
 4. Interest and principal repayments will be monthly, on a table loan basis
 5. Council would need 15 working days' notice to draw down the loan
 6. The full amount of the principal sum would be drawn down at that time.

Lovett/McMillan

Amendment

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2. **That** Council officers enter into a Deed of Acknowledgement of Debt with the Ashburton Aviation Museum using the following terms before the loan funding is available:
 1. The principal sum can only be used for the agreed works
 2. Interest will accrue on the principal sum between the date of draw down and the loan expiry date – **10 years** from the draw down date, or a shorter timeframe if agreed
 3. The annual interest applied to the principal sum is 2% above the current Reserve Bank of NZ official cash rate
 4. Interest and principal repayments will be monthly, on a table loan basis
 5. Council would need 15 working days' notice to draw down the loan
 6. The full amount of the principal sum would be drawn down at that time.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

The amendment became the substantive motion

6 Carry-over of funding from 2024-25 to 2025-26

1. **That** Council approves the carry-over of funds of \$8,318,053 for CAPEX; and
2. **That** Council approves the carry-over of \$818,260 for OPEX from the 2024-2025 year into the 2025-2026 year.

Braam/Todd

Carried

7 Artificial Intelligence Policy 2025

That Council adopts the Artificial Intelligence Policy 2025.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

8 Adoption of Policy Review Statement of Proposal for the Draft Gambling Policy and the Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy

1. **That** Council receives the 2025 Class 4 Gambling Social Impact Assessment Report.
2. **That** Council approves the Policy Review Statement of Proposal for public consultation on the draft Gambling Venue policy and draft Dangerous & Insanitary Buildings policy.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

Extraordinary Business

- Nitrate level data

Cr Wilson referred to the decision made today by Environment Canterbury to declare a 'nitrate emergency'. He suggested that data on the Ashburton District's nitrate levels be made publicly available so that the community can be assured that all Council managed drinking water supplies remain compliant with the NZ Drinking Water Standards for nitrate levels and the water is safe to drink.

Officers confirmed that this information will be provided.

Business transacted with the public excluded 2.05pm.

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:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
9	Council 3/09/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycle trail feasibility [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract ROAD0400• Three Waters resourcing• Stormwater resourcing• ACL Director reappointments	Section 7(2)(b)	Protection of trade or commercial information
10	Cycle Trail Feasibility	Section 7(2)(b)	Protection of trade or commercial info
11	Tradewaste Agreement	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 2.58pm.

Welcome to Staff

People & Capability Manager Katie Perry introduced new staff – Meaghan Pearce (Marketing Advisor), Chanukya Serasinghe (IS Helpdesk Officer) and Esther Deans (AAGM Educator).

Council also acknowledged the long service of Lucy Brown (Democracy & Engagement Officer) – 5 years, and Toni Durham (Group Manager Democracy & Engagement) – 10 years.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.03pm to 3.23pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded 3.23pm

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:

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12	Ashburton Community Water Trust	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
13	Riskpool Trust Deed	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
14	Forestry land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	Land purchase	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Eastfield Investments Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Executive Committee – CE Annual Review 2025	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Mayor/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Tradewaste consent and funding agreement**

That Council approves:

1. the conditional tradewaste discharge consent for Ashburton Meat Processors Ltd;
2. the funding agreement between Ashburton District Council and Ashburton Meat Processors Ltd;
3. the Group Manager, Infrastructure and Open Spaces signing the discharge consent and funding agreement on behalf of Council;
4. the requirement for payment by AMP Ltd of \$5,500,000 plus GST as a condition of the discharge, with that amount being the total development contribution required at this time;
5. the requirement that 50% of this amount is to be paid upon invoice within 10 working days of signing the funding agreement by both parties; with the balance 50% paid upon invoice within 6 months of agreement signing; and
6. That Council notes that the tradewaste discharge consent will not be issued until the development contribution is paid in full.

Ellis/Lovett

Carried

- **Cycle Trail feasibility study**

That Council:

1. receives the Ashburton District Plains Trail Feasibility Study dated 1 August 2025 and does not proceed with this cycle trail project;
2. publicly releases the Feasibility Study on the following condition:

Each page holds a digital watermark with the text: *Refer to Ashburton District Council resolution dated 17 September 2025 regarding the Ashburton District Plains Trail project which confirmed that Council is not proceeding with the project outlined in this feasibility study.*

Ellis/Braam

Carried

- **Riskpool Trust Deed Changes**

1. **That** Council consents to the amendments to the Deed of Trust between Civic Financial Services Limited and Local Government Mutual Funds Trustee Company Limited as proposed in the Deed of Amendment and Restatement of Trust Deed attached as Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 (**'Trust Deed Amendments'**).
2. **That** Council authorises the Chief Executive to sign the 'Consent to Trust Deed Amendments' form to confirm Council's approval to the Trust Deed Amendments.

Ellis/Todd

Carried

Council concluded at 4.46pm.

Confirmed 1 October 2025

MAYOR

5. *Three Waters Committee – 10/09/25*

Minutes of the Three Waters Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 September 2025, commencing at 9.30am, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Russell Ellis (Chair), Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett and Liz McMillan
Also present: Crs Richard Wilson, Rob Mackle and Leen Braam.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager), Ulrich Glasner (Water Services Manager) and Heather Stoddart (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Crs Carolyn Cameron and Tony Todd

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 30/07/25

That the minutes of the Three Waters Committee meeting held on 30 July 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Hooper/Lovett

Carried

5 Three Waters Operations

5.1 General Operations and Maintenance

- 16 letters were sent out to houses regarding stormwater run-off. Four houses are requesting an extension to the stated September deadline to correct the issue.
- 60-metre length of pipe, 13 or 14 leaks where fat/grease has built up. Need to put a programme together on how they manage the Tinwald wastewater network. The strategy also includes forecasting for future needs/requirements.

5.2 Ocean Farm

- The activities at Ocean Farm have been divided down and ACL now manages several jobs that were previously overseen by the former Farm Manager.

6 Projects

6.1 Drinking Water

- Source Risk Management Plan – have commenced work on this since the agenda was created.
- NE Ashburton Watermain Extensions – this work has been handed over to the Operations team to get underway. 35 connections have identified, which was more than forecasted originally.
- Backflow Investigations and Implementation – hoping to be in Rakaia by mid-October.
- Advanced Water Metering Trial – still working on the “dark spots” in Rakaia and working with Spark to resolve the issue. This will close on 1 October, and a report will then be prepared. Approx 350 meters into Rakaia. Need a data analyst to actually analyse the readings that are produced from the meters across all the metered networks, so we can actually make decisions/plans with the data.

6.2 Wastewater

- Ocean Farm Connectivity Upgrade – allowed to create a private network which will allow us the freedom to put in cameras which will help monitor the site.
- Faecal Source Tracking (Ocean Farm Action Plan) – in response to ECans concerns, carrying this exercise. Waiting for the full monitoring to be completed. The water quality deteriorates through the wetland, which Ecan says is non-compliant. However, it’s hard for ADC to be held accountable for the avian populations in the wetlands. Perhaps, change the monitoring point so that the avian populations aren’t an issue for the consent.
- District Wastewater Strategy (Ocean Farm Action Plan) – a report will come back to the Committee with the findings and a contract won’t be awarded until it’s been to Council to be finalised. It will be a staged approach and will keep committee informed.
- Installation of Zone Flow Meters (Ocean Farm Action Plan) – received 5 replies. Hoping to get the response within the next 3 weeks. Trying to understand the quality of the flows into the plant. This all has an impact on the decision of what irrigation will be decided going forward. Council has made no commitment to the irrigation at this point. This strategy is trying to address the flow measurements to satisfy ECans request – to gain consents.

6.3 Stormwater

- Industrial Sites Stormwater Risk Prioritisation – this report will be made available to Council.

6.4 Asset Management

- National Environmental Performance Reporting – error- should read “Network Environmental Performance Reporting”.
- Local Government (Water Services) Bill – property have an asset person working through the risk assessment of the household supplies (community halls etc) so figures are being gathered.
- Montalto scheme update – last Friday , ADC received the report, no changes to what we envisaged. We need to put UV, chlorine, and holding tank and provide back-flow to all of the supplies. Testing is underway of the water quality. Does the trial behave with the cartridge filtration. Will get these results out of the trial. Closer look at bacteria and toxins.

The Committee adjourned from 10.33am to 10.48am.

7 Drinking Water Compliance

- No further updates.

8 RMA Consents Compliance

- No further updates

9 Financials

- Only till the end of July.
- Figures don't show the ACL claim (timing of the claim processing).
- Capital, slow start but compared to previous years it is early and over the the coming months, will be fixed.
- There were cost overruns from drinking water and wastewater and can end up with financial pressures due to the way the contracts are managed. Watching the financials very carefully. Also mindful of the budget time and have sufficient budget to keep operating as it should.

10 Procurement

- Wetland Top Channel Improvements – proposal coming through from the contractor who currently manages this, expect this on Friday.

11 Photos

- Report back on the type of pipes that have come out of Tancred street and Philip street and the condition of them.

Mayor Brown requested to see the 3waters management asset plans – officers to share with the Councillors via Stellar.

Business transacted with the public excluded 11:03am

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12	Minutes 30/07/25	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Brown/McMillan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 11:09am.

6. *Audit & Risk Committee – 10/09/25*

Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 September 2025, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillors Leen Braam, Russell Ellis (Chair), Carolyn Cameron, Liz McMillan and Richard Wilson; Murray Harrington (via MS Teams).

Also present:

Councillor Phill Hooper

In attendance

Hamish Riach (CE), Helen Barnes (GM Business Support), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports:

Katie Perry (People & Capability Manager) and Rebecca Lees (Safety & Wellness Lead).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be introduced as extraordinary business as item 6:

- Performance audit of Te Whare Whakaterere

Mayor/Braam

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 July 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Mayor

Carried

5 Riskpool Update

Recommendation to Council

That Council receives the report and notes the call of \$20,399.24 due for payment by 20 September 2025.

Braam/Harrington

Carried

6 Extraordinary Business

- Performance Audit of Te Whare Whakare

Notification has been received from the Office of the Auditor General of their intention to undertake a performance audit of the way in which Te Whare Whakare included the disability community in its design and outcomes. The scope of the audit is currently being worked through.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.05pm

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7	Audit & Risk Committee minutes	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
8	Health and Safety Report	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

The meeting concluded at 1.43pm.

7. *Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 9/09/25*

Date: 9 September 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, John Skevington (Automobile Association), Neil Simons (Principal's Association), Lucy Mehrrens (Road Safety South Canterbury), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police), Shane Cochrane (NZ Police), Lesley Symington (Safer Communities Ashburton) and James Long (Waka Kotahi/NZTA)

Wilson/Hooper

Carried

Present:

Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Steve Oschner	FENZ
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Chris Chambers	Waka Kotahi/NZTA
Richard Wilson	ADC Councillor	Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ
Stephanie Poole	ACADS		

In attendance:

Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
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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 June 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/ Hooper

Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil.

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- Concerns were raised around the NZ Police restructure as Ashburton will be losing their School Community Officer. It has been advised that some cover will come from Timaru but this won't be consistent.
- Ashburton Christian School is now on the RYDA programme for 2026

5.2 FENZ

- A report detailing road incident statistics was circulated

5.3 ACADS

- Summer Drink driving campaign underway “What would you say?” (*to someone about to get behind the wheel drunk*)

5.4 Automobile Association

- Continue to have concerns regarding the poor standard of SHI road repairs between Timaru and Christchurch
- 2,300 sets of cycle lights have been ordered to enable the continuation of the “Be Safe Be Seen’ campaign.

5.5 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

- Waka Kotahi will be hosting a drop in session for the public regarding the 2nd Ashburton Bridge at Te Whare Whakare on Thursday 11 September from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

5.6 Ia Ara Aotearoa

- Currently working with officials in regard to road transport between farms.

5.7 NZ Police

- A report detailing road sats for the area was circulated

5.8 Safer Communities Ashburton

- The Ashburton Bike Skills part has received \$75k from the Mid South Canterbury Community Trust towards the construction of the facility.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.28am

8. Stockwater Transition Working Group –18/09/25

Minutes of a meeting of the Stockwater Transition Working Group held on Thursday 18 September 2025, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, commencing at 1.00pm.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Richard Wilson (Chair) and Carolyn Cameron, John Wright (Consultant), Darrell Hydes (Federated Farmers), Donna Field (ECan), Marcelo Wibmer (ECan)

Via MS Teams Sally Reihana and Treena Davidson (Aoraki Environmental Consultancy), Tracey Perkins (Environment Canterbury)

Also present:

Councillors Russell Ellis and Liz McMillan and three members of the public

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Crissie Drummond (Infrastructure Services Support Lead), and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 24 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Mayor

Carried

4 Methven Auxiliary Stockwater Intake Investigation Reports

That the Stockwater Transition Working Group receives the following reports pertaining to the Methven Transition Working stockwater network:

1. BECA – “Summary of Findings – Methven Transition Stockwater Race Network (Ecological Snapshot)” – dated 11 August 2025; and
2. AECL – “Manawhenua Assessment of the Methven Transition Intake Stockwater Race” – dated 10 September 2025.

Cameron/Wright

Carried

5 Intake work update

- Discussions continuing with BCI as an alternate supplier for both Pudding Hill and Methven Auxiliary. A draft Heads of Agreement for BCI and other service providers currently being prepared.
- As soon as that is completed and ready to bring to the group to be signed will then potentially start looking partial closures of Pudding Hill and Methven Auxiliary.

- Spaxton who have pipe network above RDR getting closer to accepting that they may deliver water to below the RDR

6 Limestone Creek Intake work update

- Five stockwater ratepayers were surveyed from mid June to late July 2025.
- Of the five properties two indicated they needed stockwater and 3 indicated they do not
- Melius Limited have now been provided the survey information to enable an assessment of the requirements to be undertaken.

7 Alford Forest Intake work update

- The Alford Forest stockwater intake runs through 14 properties.
- None of the 14 properties pay stockwater rates
- Five of the property owners responds to the public survey
- Melius Limited will be provided the survey information to carry out an assessment of the responses received to see if they rely on the rate.

8 Brothers Intake work update

- 149 properties were surveyed, waiting for approx. 30 to reply
- A public drop-in session was held at the Mayfield Hall on Tuesday 2 September which 40 people attended.

General

A question was asked as to whether it was possible to carry out EDNA on ground water that has nitrates in it to establish the source of the nitrates. Marcelo to undertake investigations.

It was advised that the new Council will decide on whether this working group will continue. Once Council has decided, contact will be made with members.

Chair thanked everybody for their input thus far.

9 Next meeting

To be confirmed in the new term of Council.

The meeting concluded at 1.50pm.

9. Methven Community Board - 22/09/25

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 22 September 2025, commencing at 9.00am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Megan Fitzgerald, Allan Lock, Richie Owen, Robin Jenkinson and Crs Rob Mackle Liz McMillan

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown (absence) and Cr Rob Mackle (lateness)

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Public Forum

Bike Methven

Stu Marr, Cam Bissett, Busty Coleman

- Wanting to ask the question 'does the Community wish to pursue the idea of building a more permanent pump track?'
- Current skills park is on Council land and Bike Methven has a Licence to Occupy
- The current skills park requires a lot of maintenance, more modern tracks require less upkeep
- It is not fit for purpose for getting young people to ride bikes (2 to 10 years of age)
- Project rationale - tourism enrichment, future-proofing mountain biking and enriching future generations
- The concept includes balance bike/scooter track, intermediate/advanced pump track, timber wall ride
- Bike Methven prepared to lead the fundraising towards the project including submitting grant applications
- Estimated establishment costs of \$150k
- Proposal is for Bike Methven to building the track and then gift it to Council

The Board expressed that they were currently in favour of the project concept and asked for investigations to be undertaken into possible alternation locations (taking into consideration visibility).

Rob Mackle joined the meeting at 9.27am

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 11 August, be taken as read and confirmed.

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

Addition:

Comment was made about community activity and involvement in the future of the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

Matters arising

- Noise complaints and contamination breaches
Investigations were undertaken as to whether these were coming from the same properties and whether the properties were Air BnB's. Officers advised that they do not believe it is repeat offenders. They also noted that it is difficult to identify Air BnB properties.
- A meeting to discuss the strategic direction of the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall is being held on 8 October, 7pm.
- Cushmor Drive
Contact is to be made with the Open Spaces Manager to see if the trees on Cushmor Drive can be thinned.

5 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Lock

Carried

5.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

• **Roading**

Further investigations are to be undertaken on suitable locations for potential pedestrian crossings.

It was agreed that the parking spaces in front of Methven Central be removed and painted with yellow lines which will improve visibility for people crossing the road.

Discussions were held regarding the possibility of increasing the width of the access area to the Garden of Harmony on SH77. It was agreed it would be possible, however no decision was made on who would be paying for the work to be undertaken.

• **Open Spaces**

The entrance into town on SH77 from the Opuke Pools is requiring tidying maintenance.

EA Network (as the contractors) are following up with the suppliers of the CBD lights as they are substandard.

• **Solid Waste Management and Collection**

There has been substantial incidents of gross contamination of bins reported over the past few months. Additional Comms is to be undertaken to educate people.

5.2 Democracy & Engagement

• **Methven Reserve Board - Helipad**

That the Methven Community Board writes a joint letter with the Methven Reserve Board to the Ministers of Transport and the South Island to see a review of the Civil Aviation Act, part 139: Subpart I – Operating requirements – non-certificated aerodromes.

Lock/McMillan

Carried

5.3 Compliance & Development

- **Ashburton District Cycle Trial Feasibility Study**

A copy of the Cycle Trial feasibility study is now available on the Council website. The Council received the feasibility study at their meeting held 17 September and decided not to proceed with the cycle trail.

Valedictory

A message of thanks and appreciation from the Mayor was read to the meeting:

I am unable to make it to your final Board meeting today, as I have a meeting in Ashburton I need to attend. It would like to thank you all for the work you have done over the last 3 years. You have achieved many things in Methven and the township is looking magnificent and is a credit to all involved including the Board and the staff who work with. You have achieved plenty. Methven is certainly moving forward in leaps and bounds

I would also like to thank Kelvin as Chair and Allan as a Board member for your work and your retirement from the Board.

Congratulations to the other Board members on getting re-elected unopposed.

I will no doubt see you all at the 1 October Council meeting in Ashburton to formally farewell Kelvin and Alan and host you to afternoon after the meeting.

Deputy Chair Richie Owen also expressed thanks, on behalf of the Board, to the retiring Chair and Board member.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 10.30am

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:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
6	MCB Minutes – 11/08/25 Methven & Foothills Birdsong Initiative	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

There being no further resolutions the Board resumed in open meeting and the meeting concluded at 10.36am.

Jenkinson/Lock

Carried

Confirmed on 1 October 2025

Chairman

Chief Executive

10. Creative Communities Assessment Committee – 23/09/25

Minutes of a meeting of the Creative Communities Fund Assessment Committee, held in the Banded Dotterel Room, Te Whare Whakatare, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, on Tuesday 23 September 2025, commencing at 4.05pm.

Present

Kate Beaumont-Smith (Acting Chair), Femke van der Valk, Cr Leen Braam, Cr Tony Todd, Peter Muir and Martine Tait

In attendance

Ann Smith (Community Liaison Officer)

1 Apologies

That apologies for absence be accepted from Kay Begg (Chair), Tiipene Philip, Shirin Khosraviani (Art Gallery & Museum Director), Naneh Manoa (no attendance)

Kate/Femke

Carried

2 Conflicts of interest

Kate Beaumont-Smith – Hakatere Ceramics & Pottery Ashburton and Tracy Richardson
Peter Muir – Ashburton Operatic Society – Variety Theatre Ashburton
Cr Tony Todd – Zonta Club of Ashburton
Martine Tait – The Big Little Theatre Company

3 Extraordinary business

Methven Theatre Company generously offered two complimentary tickets to the CCS committee for their production of Murder She Floats. Peter attended the performance and thoroughly enjoyed it

4 General Business

That the below list of grant applications be approved

Femke/Martine

Carried

5 Creative Communities Scheme grant applications

A total of 14 applications were received for funding requesting a total of \$30,388. There was a total of \$17,923.80 available for distribution, plus \$73.80 of carry-over funds. 11 applications were approved.

The merits of each application were discussed, and the following funding decisions were made:

No.	Applicants	Amount requested	Amount granted
1	Arts Canterbury	\$1,000	\$0.00

2	Ashburton Community Garden Charitable Trust	\$2,420	\$2,420
3	Ashburton Festival of Pipe Band Music	\$712	\$712
4	Ashburton Operatic Society – Variety Theatre Ashburton	\$2,000	\$0.00
5	Chantelle Cobby	\$240	\$240
6	Hakaterere Ceramics & Pottery Ashburton	\$2,225	\$2,225
7	Mary Blain	\$1,000	\$0.00
8	Mid Canterbury Children's Trust – Light Up the Night	433	\$433
9	Mid Canterbury Children's Trust – Children's Day	\$4,109	\$685
10	Mount Hutt College – Mural project	\$1,350	\$1,350
11	The Big Little Theatre Company	\$8,000	\$5,000
12	The CanInspire Charitable Trust	\$3,000	\$678
13	Tracy Richardson	\$1,900	\$350
14	Zonta Club of Ashburton	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Total	\$30,388	\$16,093

Communication to Grant Recipients

Emails and/or letters will be sent to the groups to inform them of the outcome of their application. This will include a reminder of the requirement to acknowledge the CCS funding for the project in the activity promotions.

Recommendation to Council

That Council receives the minutes of the Creative Community Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on 23 September 2025.

The meeting concluded at 5.06pm.

11. *Rakaia Salmon Sculpture Refurbishment*

Author	<i>Ian Soper, Open Spaces Manager</i>
Activity Manager	<i>Ian Soper, Open Spaces Manager</i>
Executive Team Member	<i>Neil McCann, Group Manager Infrastructure & Open Spaces</i>

Summary

- The purpose of this report is seek Council's approval to expend \$297,000 plus GST on the refurbishment of the Rakaia Salmon sculpture. This work is unbudgeted.
- It is proposed to fund the refurbishment from the Reserve Contributions Reserve, which requires Council approval.
- The sculpture is in need of repair and repainting. A request for proposals to refurbish the sculpture was released on Tenderlink.
- Only one proposal was received, and this was from Phil Price Sculptures Ltd, the original creator of the sculpture. The submitted price is \$215,000 plus GST. It is based on taking down the sculpture and refurbishing it in a studio in Christchurch.
- The proposal price does not include craning, transportation, sandblasting, cutting and welding of the support pole. The balance of the funds (\$82,000 plus GST) is required to cover these costs.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council approves the expenditure of \$297,000 plus GST from the Reserves Contribution Reserve for the refurbishment of the Rakaia Salmon sculpture.
2. **That** Council award the contract to refurbish the Rakaia Salmon Structure to Phil Price Structures Ltd for \$215,000 plus GST

Attachment

Appendix 1 Tender Evaluation Report and Tender

Background

The park

1. The sculpture is located on the park commonly referred to as the Rakaia Salmon site on the western side of SH 1 in Rakaia. The park also contains playgrounds, public toilets, historical buildings, and traveller amenities such as rubbish bins and car-charging facilities.
2. The park received a makeover in 2020-21 aided by a \$739,945 grant from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund, and \$20,000 from the Rakaia Lions. Council contributed \$198,000. The bulk of the budget was spent on a new public toilet facility. The park is a popular and well used destination with the public toilets alone averaging 600-700 visitors per day.

The sculpture

3. The sculpture has been in the park and a feature of Rakaia since 1991. It was a Rakaia Lions initiative and constructed in Christchurch by [Phil Price Sculpture](#) from steel, wood and fibreglass. The total cost of the salmon was \$44,893. The cost was offset by cash donations (\$13,668.68) as well as sponsorships and discounts.¹
4. The project gained considerable publicity. En-route to Rakaia, it was detoured through Cathedral Square for a blessing by the Christchurch Wizard before continuing its journey to Rakaia where it was officially unveiled on Saturday 27 April 1991. The 12m high statue has become an iconic landmark.



Figure 1 - Photograph of sculpture

¹ Harrington (2021). This a Story to Tell -Lions Club of Rakaia.

5. The sculpture is one of Phil Prices' earliest works. He is now a New Zealand artist well known for large scale kinetic sculptures. He has worked on major international public and private projects, and his work is held in collections around the world.²
6. The sculpture is now over 34 years old. In 2006, the sculpture was removed and repainted in a warehouse in Rakaia. It is now showing evidence of ageing. A structural condition assessment by Lysaght and Associates confirmed the fibreglass body has deteriorated and requires repair. In addition to faded paint and algae growth, 'cracking and crazing' (refer Figure 2 below) are visible on various areas of the sculpture. In some areas, the underlying yellow polyurethane foam is also visible.
7. There is a risk that this is exposing the inner core of the sculpture to moisture intrusion which could ultimately necessitate more extensive repairs and affect its long term structural integrity.



Figure 2 – Close up view of cracking and crazing on top of the salmon tail

The Request for Proposals process

8. The Request for Proposals was advertised publicly on Tenderlink on 14 July 2025 with a submission closure date of 8 August 2025. Only one response was received and that was from Phil Price Sculptures. The proposal price is \$215,000 + GST and is based on taking the sculpture down and taking it to a studio in Christchurch. This price does not include

² ([2 March 2019, Radio New Zealand](#))

crane hire, transportation costs, the cost of sandblasting, or engineering works (removal and reinstatement).

9. Initial discussions with Phil Price Sculptures focussed on an onsite solution which would require scaffolding and shrink wrapping of the sculpture. This option was ultimately withdrawn by Phil Price Sculptures because of concerns about the quality of work able to be undertaken onsite. By taking it offsite into a controlled environment the tenderer is confident they can restore the sculpture to its original glory. This is probably the last time Phil Price will be able to assist so is motivated to complete the job to a high standard.
10. Work is anticipated to take at least 6 -12 weeks and will be undertaken over the 2025-26 summer period. This work is expected to extend the life of the sculpture for another 20 years before another refurbishment is required. Interim maintenance involves a washdown every 3-4 years.

Interested and affected parties

11. Stakeholders include the Rakaia Lions and the Rakaia community. The Lions will have an interest in this outcome given their involvement in the construction and installation of the sculpture. The sculpture has become a landmark feature of Rakaia so the wider community will also have an interest. Stakeholders also include the media given the refurbishment has featured in the media on several occasions.

What do others do?

12. Examples of other Councils grappling with issues regarding the ageing public sculptures are widespread:
 - [Trout in Aaminaby, Australia](#)
 - [Chalice in Cathedral Square, Christchurch](#)
 - [Surfer statue Colac Bay, Southland](#)
 - [Shell sculpture Riverton, Southland](#)

Previous Council direction

13. There has been no previous direction from Council.

Options analysis

Option one – do not refurbish (i.e. status quo)

14. This option is the status quo and effectively allows the sculpture to continue to deteriorate until some point in the future when it will either have to be repaired or removed.

Advantages: No cost to Council in the short term. Council is less committed to the long term retention and maintenance of the sculpture.	Disadvantages: Sculpture could deteriorate to a point where it is uneconomical to repair, or if it is repaired, the costs are significantly higher. The sculpture visually detracts from the rest of the site. Rakaia potentially loses its iconic landmark.
Risks: Risk to community safety if the sculpture is allowed to deteriorate to a point where it becomes unsafe. Risk of negative community reaction due to lack of care/unsightliness and/or eventual removal of the statue.	

Option two – undertake repairs and repaint onsite

15. This option would involve undertaking repairs and repaint of the sculpture in-situ to ensure its weather tightness and prolong the life of the sculpture. The cost for this option is approximately \$160,000³ given it would still require scaffolding, shrink wrapping, sandblasting, and ventilation/dust extraction.
16. It should be noted that this option assumes there is a supplier willing to undertake the work onsite. None have been identified to date.

Advantages: Reduced cost in the short term.	Disadvantages: Will not receive the same high quality paintwork. Repair work is a temporary fix.
Risks: May not be able to find a supplier willing to undertake this work.	

³ This estimate is informed by quotes and pricing estimates received when the option of undertaking the work onsite was originally explored with Phil Price Sculptures.

Risk that the quality of work may be of a lower standard given it will be undertaken onsite in a confined space with little protection from changing climatic conditions e.g. temperature fluctuations, strong winds.

Reputational risk to Council if the paint work is not done properly e.g. [Trout in Adaminaby, Australia](#)

Option three – undertake full refurbishment offsite (recommended)

17. This option involves removing the sculpture off site and undertaking a full repair and repaint as proposed by Phil Price Sculptures. The estimated cost for this work is \$215,000 plus GST. An additional \$82,000 plus GST is required for craneage, removal and reinstatement, transport, sandblasting, and contingencies.
18. The total cost may be less if some of the contractors are willing to reduce their costs for this project. For instance, at the time of writing this report, local contracting firm Tarbotton Land and Civil have confirmed they are willing to transport the sculpture to and from Christchurch at no charge, thereby offering potential savings of approximately \$20,000.
19. This option provides a higher standard of paintwork than undertaken in the 2006 refurbishment. By transporting it to a workshop in Christchurch, the paintwork can be restored to its original state when it contained individual scales and a high standard of colour work with pearls and metallics.

Advantages:

Sculpture continues to remain in place as an iconic landmark for at least another 20 years.

High quality standard of work with the best paintwork outcome.

The appearance of the sculpture is consistent with the standard of rest of the site.

Disadvantages:

Cost to refurbish is high and represents a significant investment in the sculpture.

Risks:

Reputational risk – it may be perceived by the community as wasteful expenditure on a non-core Council service.

Risk that the community will expect Council to continue to maintain the sculpture in perpetuity.

Legal/policy implications

20. The proposed use of funds from the Reserve Contribution Reserve to undertake these works requires consideration against the criteria in the Resource Management Act 1991, the District Plan, and Development & Financial Contributions Policy.

Resource Management Act 1991

21. Section 108(2)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) enables Council to require a financial contribution is made as a condition of any resource consent. Section 111 provides for the use of any such cash contribution, in that Council must deal with that money in reasonable accordance with the purposes for which the money was received.

District Plan

22. The District Plan outlines how Council carries out its functions under the RMA and is required by statute under section 73 of the Act. The District Plan is the appropriate mechanism for setting the framework for financial contributions associated with subdivision.
23. Through the District Plan ([Policy 9.3A](#)), Council requires financial contributions toward public recreation areas and open space from residential subdivision developers. These financial contributions must be paid by the developer before Council will issue its final sign-off for the development under section 224(c) of the RMA.
24. The basis for financial contributions for reserves is the additional (actual or potential) demand anticipated for recreational land and open spaces as a consequence of subdivision and development. Contributions are collected at the time of subdivision so that the costs of this additional provision of open spaces (or their upgrading) necessitated by development, is met by the developer.
25. Council's ability to use these financial contributions is governed by Policy 9.3C of the District Plan. Cash contributions received from subdivisions toward the provision of public open space may be used for the following purposes:

“to purchase land for neighbourhood parks in areas where there are existing or potential deficiencies in the provision of local parks;

to plan, design and develop neighbourhood and District parks to a level at which they are usable and enjoyable for children's play, recreation and for visual amenity with trees, shrubs and garden plantings;

to obtain and develop neighbourhood walking and cycling linkages”

26. And in the subsequent Explanations and Reasons of the District Plan:

“....The use of contributions by way of cash at the time of subdivision will assist the Council in acquiring further reserves to improve the availability of these or to improve and maintain the quality and facilities of existing recreation and open space areas. These new or improved recreation areas and facilities will serve the people who will be housed in the new subdivisions or developments....”

Development & Financial Contributions Policy 2024

27. Section 2.15 of Council's [Developments & Financial Contributions Policy 2024](#) also describes how Council can use financial contributions that are provided through the subdivision process under the District Plan. Section 2.15 is generally consistent with Policy 9.3C of the District Plan, in that it provides for Council to use these cash contributions for the provision of open space and recreation areas, for example where there are existing or potential deficiencies, or for walking and cycling linkages.

28. Section 2.15 of the Policy states:

Council's District Plan provides for developments to be assessed for financial contributions at the resource consent application stage. In particular, Council can require developers to provide cash or land for the provision of open space and recreation areas for the following purposes:

- provision of new neighbourhood parks in areas where there are existing or potential deficiencies in the provision of local parks,*
- development of neighbourhood and District parks to a level at which they are usable and enjoyable for children's play, general recreation and visual amenity, and*
- provision and development of neighbourhood walking and cycling linkages.*

Use of Reserve Contribution Reserve

29. Internal legal advice is that the proposed funding of the work from Council's Reserve Contribution Reserve falls within the general intention of how reserve contributions can be used. The sculpture is located on recreation reserve land and within a park. Further, it is proposed the Reserve Contribution Reserve is used to maintain and improve the quality of infrastructure on an existing recreation area, which enables it to remain usable and enjoyable by the public. Ultimately, it is Council's decision and Council has to be comfortable that the intended use is consistent with the Policy and District Plan requirements.

Health and safety implications

30. The sculpture is on Council owned land and therefore Council has responsibilities as the Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking. It needs to ensure contractors undertaking work on the site comply with relevant standards and guidelines. e.g working at heights.

Procurement Policy

31. Procurement has been undertaken in accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy 2025. A request for proposal was released through Tenderlink on 14 July 2025. When the period closed on 8 August 2025, only one proposal was received and this tender is considered to be conforming by Council officers.

Climate change

32. There are no climate change implications.

Review of legal / policy implications	
Reviewed by In-house Counsel	Tania Paddock; General Counsel

Strategic alignment

33. The recommendation relates to Council’s community outcome of a district of great spaces and places because the recommendation will maintain recreation assets for our residents.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	Well maintained recreational assets and spaces enhance the wellbeing of our people by providing a place to meet play, connect, and be active.
Environmental	✓	
Cultural	✓	
Social	✓	

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	\$297,000 + GST
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	No. This work is unplanned and therefore unbudgeted.
Where is the funding coming from?	Reserve Contribution Reserve
Are there any future budget implications?	<p>Yes, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing maintenance of the sculpture approximately \$5,000 every 3-4 years (washdown). another refurbishment in 20 years, approximately \$300,000. <p>Both items will be included in the Open Spaces Activity Management Plan and future LTP budgets.</p>
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	There will be a high level of community interest given the sculpture's prominence, however overall the level of significance is considered low when taking into account the other significance criteria.
Level of engagement selected	Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	There will be a high level of community interest so it will be necessary to keep the community informed. Wider engagement is not necessary unless Council chose not to fund the project, at which point other options would need to be explored.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

Tender Evaluation Report – Rakaia Salmon Structure Repair Tender Award

25/08/2025

1. Description of the Project

Ashburton District Council engaged Lysaght & Associates to undertake a physical and structural condition inspection of the Salmon Sculpture on the recreational reserve north of State Highway 1 at Rakaia. The report states the fiberglass body of the salmon has been exposed to weather, has deteriorated and requires repair. Other than algal growth and faded paints, crazing and cracking are visible in various areas of the sculpture.

An RFP was sent out to hear from suppliers who can carry out the necessary repairs to the sculpture as recommended in the report of Lysaght & Associates. The RFP was released through TenderLink on 14 July 2025. When the tender closed on 8 August, one reply was received.

2. Tenders

Tenders were advertised on Tenderlink from 14 July to 8 August 2025. During the period, there was no Notice to Tenderers (NTT) issued.

One tender was received by the tender close date of 8 August 2025. The contract delivery model for this project is the Measure and Value Lowest Price Conforming. This model is considered to be the most appropriate based on market assessment and the relative surety and simplicity of work extent and assets involved.

3. Tenders Received

The one tender received is from Phil Price Sculpture Limited.

4. Tags/Tender Clarification

The tender has the following tags:

- Tender price is based on taking down the sculpture and bringing it to a studio in Christchurch where the job would be done.
- Still awaiting pricing on craning and trucking so the price is without any site costs or transportation logistics cost.
- There is need for an engineer on site to the cutting and welding of the support pole onsite when the structures comes down and when reinstalled. The cost is not included in the price.

After deliberation, the above tags are considered acceptable.

5. Budget

There is no budget for this project. The RFP was issued with a statement saying that the successful tender will be presented to Council to secure approval of the budget and award of the contract.

It is expected that the tender award recommendation and required budget will be presented to Council for approval. Actual work is therefore expected to commence only upon approval of the budget by Council.


6. Discussion

The submission from Phil Price Sculpture Ltd, as the sole tender, is considered to be the lowest price tender and is conforming with all pre-conditions set in the RFP. Their submission was tagged. They have offered a practical solution to complete and achieve the desired quality of work. The tag is considered acceptable and offers no risks to Council.

It is recommended to accept the tender submission from Phil Price as their tender is considered conforming.


7. Recommendation

It is recommended to award the repair of the Rakaia Salmon Structure to Phil Price Sculpture Limited for the total sum of **TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000) plus GST**, subject to Council's approval of the budget for this work.



Bert Hofmans


Open Spaces Planner



Ian Soper

Open Space Manager

The recommendation is approved



Neil McCann

Group Manager Service Delivery

Contract Rakaia Salmon Repair 2025

Phil Price Sculpture Limited
106 Kingsley street
Christchurch 8023

Rakaia Salmon Refurbish
July 2025

Here is an outline of costing for the work required on the fish to give it another lease of life.

This is based on taking it down and bringing it to me studio in chch where the job would be done in my yard

I prefer this option as it will mean we can focus best on the artistry of the paint work. The current paint work was never that good and I feel we could make a rather stunning job in a controlled environment, it would be the last time I could help probably so I'm motivated.

The original job had individual scales and quite a lot of clever colour work with pearls and metallics.

I'm awaiting pricing on craning and trucking so all of this is without any site costs or transportation logistics.

Also we would need an engineer on site (Plucks of Rakaia did the pole and cutting and welding onsite when it came down and up last time so we could likely use them, but that not included here)

The process would be

Cherry picker on site to measure for a lifting pole attached at the top
Make that lifting piece
Remove sculpture with cranes and truck to chch, cut the vertical pole.
Enroute to sydenham studio blasted in hornby to remove paint
Make steel frame to mount the fish horizontally.
All remedial work
Undercoat, sand
Top coat and detail
Clear coat
Reverse trucking and craning procedure, weld back in place.

Included in my price:

Steel frames and lifting jigs
Travel and onsite assistance
Fibreglass repairs
Top workmanship and attention to detail
Paint all top quality two pack European brand approx 80 liters undercoat, 60 litres colour, 60 litres clear UV resistant coating.
3 painters 6 weeks start to finish,
Consumables
Overheads

215,000+ gst

Original Artist and Maker of the Sculpture
Phil Price



12. Community Infrastructure Grant Application – Hinds Domain

Author *Ann Smith, Community Liaison Officer*
Executive Team Member *Toni Durham, GM Democracy & Engagement*

Summary

- The purpose of report is to seek Council's consideration of two infrastructure funding applications from the Hinds Reserve Board.
- One is a request for the removal and upgrade of an internal streetlight pole, and the other for the removal and reinstatement of the War Memorial plaques at the Hinds War Memorial Swimming Pool.

Recommendation

- 1. That** Council allocates \$4,631.27 from the Community Infrastructure Grant Fund to the Hinds Reserve Board to replace the streetlight pole inside the Hinds Domain.
- 2. That** Council allocates \$956.52 from the Community Infrastructure Grant Fund to the Hinds Reserve Board for the removal and reinstatement of the two War Memorial plaques from the concrete wall at the Hinds War Memorial Swimming Pool.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Photos of the deteriorating power pole and War Memorial plaques

Background

The current situation

Replacement power pole

1. Council's streetlight contractor has inspected all streetlight poles across the district. During this inspection, a pole located inside the Hinds Domain was identified as being in poor condition and will need to be replaced with a new steel pole.
2. EA Networks will cover the cost of cabling, as this should have been addressed during the Hinds underground conversion. The cost to remove the existing pole, replace it with a sectional steel column, and reuse the existing lantern is \$4,631.27 + GST.
3. The Hinds Reserve Board considered the option of removing the pole entirely but agreed to retain it, as the streetlight illuminates a secluded area of the Domain and contributes to overall security.

Removal and reinstatement of War Memorial Plaques

4. The Hinds Reserve Board is upgrading the front boundary fence at the Hinds War Memorial Swimming Pool due to its deteriorated condition and need for improved safety and appearance. The concrete section of the existing fence features two War Memorial plaques embedded on either side of the main gate into the pool.
5. Council officers have received an estimated cost of \$956.52 + GST for a monumental mason to travel to Hinds to remove the plaques and reset them onto concrete bases.
6. This work will be completed in two stages:
 - The first stage involves removing the plaques.
 - Once the new front boundary pool fence has been installed, the two plaques will be re-set on concrete bases within the Hinds War Memorial Swimming Pool and the Hinds Domain.

Options analysis

Option one – Approve funding for both projects proposed by the Hinds Reserve Board

7. This is the recommended option.

<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Replacement streetlight pole - retaining and upgrading the power pole would preserve existing infrastructure and avoid the additional costs and delays associated with full removal and replacement. This approach offers a more cost-effective solution in the long term, especially given the Reserve Board's limited cash reserves</p> <p>Removal and reinstatement of War Memorial Plaques - funding this work would allow the Memorial Pool project to move forward without delay, while easing pressure on the Reserve Board's limited cash reserves.</p>	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Reduced funding available for other community groups.</p>
<p>Risks:</p> <p>Reputational risk: Delaying the plaques' removal/reinstatement could upset community members, especially given their memorial significance.</p> <p>Project Delay: This work is a prerequisite for installing the new pool fencing, so delays here will stall the broader Memorial Pool project.</p>	

Option two – only fund the streetlight pole replacement project

8. This is not the recommended option.

<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Upgrading the power pole ensures continued safety and functionality of essential infrastructure, which may be more difficult and costly to address later. Prioritising this project helps avoid future disruptions and aligns with the Reserve Board's limited financial capacity by focusing on the more urgent and impactful investment.</p>	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>By funding only the power pole upgrade, the Memorial Pool project may face delays, particularly with the installation of new fencing, which depends on the removal and reinstatement of plaques. This could disrupt project timelines and community expectations and potentially lead to increased costs if the plaque work needs to be expedited later without grant support.</p>
<p>Risks:</p> <p>Reputational risk to Council - choosing to fund only the power pole upgrade while deferring the plaque removal and reinstatement may be viewed by the community as a lack of support for the broader War Memorial Pool project, which holds historical and emotional significance.</p>	

Option three – only fund the removal and reinstatement of War Memorial Plaques

9. This is not the recommended option.

<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Funding this work would allow the Memorial Pool project to move forward without delay, while easing pressure on the Reserve Board's limited cash reserves.</p>	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>By funding only the power pole upgrade, the Streetlight pole project will face delays</p>
<p>Risks:</p>	

Health & safety risk – the Board have identified that the lighting of the area is important for the safety of the Domain

Option four – fund neither of the Hinds Reserve Board’s projects

10. This is not the recommended option.

Advantages:

Retention of grant funds for future applicants

Disadvantages:

Missed opportunity to support the Hinds Reserve Board

Risks:

Reputational risk to Council on its commitment to community wellbeing and infrastructure investment. Over time, such perceptions could erode trust and confidence in Council’s decision-making and its support for smaller reserves and rural communities like Hinds.

Legal/policy implications

Revenue & Financing Policy

11. The Revenue and Financing Policy provides that the Infrastructure Grant (along with the other community grants) is funded by the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) each year. This funding therefore should be spent in the year in which it is rated for the best outcome for the community.

Climate change

12. There are no direct implications for climate change associated with this report.

Review of legal / policy implications

Reviewed by In-house Counsel

Tania Paddock; General Counsel

Strategic alignment

13. The recommendation relates to Council’s community outcome of Grants and Funding for 2025/26 because of the below wellbeing outcomes.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	Giving funding to our Reserve Boards reduces the downstream economic costs to communities and Council.
Environmental		
Cultural	✓	Grant funding for this applicant will enhance the social and cultural wellbeing of the local community.
Social	✓	

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	\$5,587.79
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes - \$11,098 remains available in the 2025/26 budget
Where is the funding coming from?	Cost centre 207 Community Development, which is 100% UAGC funded.
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

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	1. Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	No wider engagement is required. The community will be informed of the Council decision through the usual media channels.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

Appendix 1

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Poor - Cross sectional loss below ground line. Streetlight is on power pole.





13. Rotary Club of Ashburton - Discretionary Grant request

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Activity Manager	<i>Neil McCann: GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces</i>
Executive Team Member	<i>Hamish Riach: Chief Executive</i>

Summary

- The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request for financial assistance from the Ashburton Rotary Club for the disposal costs of unsold books from the annual Bookarama event.
- The recommendation is based on Council taking a partnership approach with the Rotary Club of Ashburton with regard to disposal costs.

Recommendation

- 1. That** Council agrees to grant \$3,500 towards the Rotary Club of Ashburton's disposal costs for unwanted goods from Bookarama 2025 from the Discretionary Fund.

Background

The current situation

1. The Rotary Club of Ashburton (Club) major annual project is the Bookarama. This is a second-hand book sale, which also includes jigsaws, games, CD's and DVD's.
2. The annual event is in its 47th year and over that time has gifted over \$1million back to the local community and internationally.
3. The growing popularity of the event has meant that the volume of donated material has grown year on year. This leaves the Club with a surplus of unwanted material that they need to dispose of each year.
4. Following the 2024 Bookarama event, the Club was faced with a \$7,000 cost to dispose of the unwanted material to the Kate Valley landfill due to the low demand for paper in this mixed form.
5. In the past, when the demand for recycled paper has been high, there have only been minor costs associated with the disposal of unwanted material.
6. The Club have requested financial support from Council to assist them with covering the costs of this year's disposal of unwanted material and are open to this being a partnership approach.
7. Officers have proposed that Council could consider funding part of this year's costs through the discretionary grant, and that the Club should request through the Annual Plan 2026/27 budget process that funding is put aside for this on an ongoing basis.
8. The 2025/26 discretionary grant has a current funding balance of \$16,393.
9. Officers are currently working with the Club to find an improved solution by sending the unwanted material to the Coleridge recycling centre. There will still be costs associated with transporting this, however, early indications are that this could be in the order of \$5,000.
10. Currently the Club accept material throughout the year from a range of sources. Officers suggest that in the future, the organisers may need to consider being very specific about the items they are willing to accept to keep the unwanted material volumes manageable.

Options analysis

Option one – Agree to fund \$3,500 towards the Rotary Club of Ashburton’s disposal costs for unwanted goods from Bookarama 2025 (recommended option)

11. This option would see Council support the disposal costs up to a set amount. This is to encourage the view of the disposal costs being a partnership between the Club and Council.

Advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supports the well-established and highly-regarded community event- Encourages the responsible disposal of unwanted material	Disadvantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council would be using ratepayer funds to cover costs which could be argued should be met by the Club from the funds raised from Bookarama- Potentially sets a precedent with other community organisations, who may consider that their unwanted goods disposal costs should also be met by Council.- Disposal goes against the principle of sustainable and responsible waste management and reduction of waste to landfill.- Still reduces the net financial benefit of the event to the community as the community, via Council are still funding this expense
Risks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reputational risk to Council if the Club perceives that Council should be covering the full disposal costs.	

Option two – Do not fund the Rotary Club of Ashburton’s disposal costs for unwanted goods from Bookarama 2025

12. This option would leave the Club with the costs of disposal of unwanted goods from Bookarama, which they contend will reduce their available funds for distribution into the local community.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retention of grant funds for future applicants - Does not set a precedent with other community organisations that want Council to dispose of their unwanted goods - Encourage the Club to re-consider their approach to the acceptance of goods which is unsustainable in its current form 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missed opportunity to support an established local community event and a community group
<p>Risks:</p> <p>Reputational risk to Council by not supporting the Club, who in turn support the local community</p>	

Legal/policy implications

Revenue & Financing Policy

13. The Revenue and Financing Policy provides that the discretionary grant (along with the other community grants) is funded by the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) each year. This funding therefore should be spent in the year in which it is rated for the best outcome for the community.

Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy and Waste Management Minimisation Plan

14. Both the Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy and the Waste Management Minimisation Plan recognise that waste reduction and minimisation can improve sustainability, climate adaptation and emissions reduction outcomes. The Club's acceptance of significant quantities of unwanted goods is unsustainable in the medium – long term.

Review of legal / policy implications	
Reviewed by In-house Counsel	<i>Tania Paddock; General Counsel</i>

Strategic alignment

15. The recommendation relates to Council's community outcome of a balanced and sustainable environment.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic		
Environmental		
Cultural	✓	Grant funding for this applicant will enhance the social and cultural wellbeing of the local community.
Social	✓	

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	\$5,000
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes - \$16,393 available in the 2025/26 Annual Plan
Where is the funding coming from?	Cost centre 207 Community Development, which is 100% UAGC funded.
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

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	1. Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	No wider engagement is required. The community will be informed of the Council decision through the usual media channels.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

14. Delegation to Chief Executive in the interregnum period

Author *Phillipa Clark; Governance Team Leader*
GM responsible *Toni Durham; GM Democracy & Engagement*

Summary

- Council is asked to consider the decision-making arrangements for the period between the triennial election and the date that the Mayor and Councillors take oath of office for the 2025-2028 term.

Recommendation

- 1. That** having considered all matters raised in the report, and from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration, until the new Council is sworn in, subject to the limitations set out in clause 32(1) of the Seventh Schedule to the Local Government Act 2002, Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make decisions in respect of urgent matters, in consultation with the Mayor elect. All decisions made under this delegation will be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

Background

1. This report recommends short-term delegation of authority to the Chief Executive to cover the period between the 2022-2025 and the 2025-2028 Councils. The authority relates to matters of an urgent nature.
2. Following the triennial election on Saturday 11 October 2025, and once all votes have been counted, the Electoral Officer will declare the result by public notice. The public notice¹ is a declaration placed on the Council's website. Council officers expect the declaration to be made, and notice made on the website, by Thursday 16 October 2025.
3. Elected members from the 2022-2025 term remain in office until the day the official result is declared². Successful candidates come into office on the day after the declaration is made. In 2025 this is expected to be Friday 17 October 2025, however dates may be subject to change.
4. Until the incoming elected members have taken their oath of office (at the inaugural meeting), the incoming Mayor and Councillors are unable to act in any formal capacity.
5. The period of time between the election and the inaugural meeting is referred to as the interregnum period – which means an interval or pause between two periods of office. Council officers expect the interregnum period to be less than three weeks in duration.
6. The delegation is subject to a requirement that the Chief Executive may only act after consultation with the Mayor elect, and may only attend to those matters that cannot reasonably await the first meeting of the new Council. The Chief Executive is required to report any decisions to the first meeting of the new Council.
7. Council's committees, subcommittees and other subordinate decision-making bodies are deemed to be discharged at the end of the term, unless Council resolves otherwise.

Options analysis

Option One – Grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive during the interim election period (recommended)

Advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any critical issues can be dealt with quickly• Decisions can be addressed through current funding under the LTP and annual plan	Disadvantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council may not agree with decisions made and overturn at a later date
Risks: <p>There is no apparent risk. Only matters of urgency would be decided in consultation with the Mayor elect.</p>	

¹ S86 Local Electoral Act 2001

² S116 Local Electoral Act 2001

Option two – Do not grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive during the interim election period

Advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE isn't put in the position of making a decision that could be challenged 	Disadvantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be serious consequences if a decision on a critical issue cannot be addressed in sufficient time Day to day matters requiring decision may be held up
Risks: A low risk of Council not being able to undertake its business during the interim period.	

Legal/policy implications

- [Clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002](#) provides that a person newly elected to Council may not act until they have made the necessary declaration at the inaugural Council meeting. This provision combines with [section 86](#) (official declaration of result), and [sections 115](#) and [116 of the Local Electoral Act 2001](#), to the effect that during the election period neither the outgoing nor the incoming elected members can act in their capacity as members of the Council.
- [Clause 30\(7\) of Schedule 7 of the LGA](#) sets out the process for subordinate decision-making structures to be appointed and discharged.
- Council has the option of delegating to the Chief Executive all of its responsibilities, duties and powers for the period in question except those set out in paragraphs (a) to (h) of clause [32\(1\) Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002](#).

Strategic alignment

- The recommendation relates to Council's community outcomes of 'residents are included and have a voice' because it allows for Council to conduct its business in an open and transparent manner.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	×	
Environmental	×	
Cultural	×	
Social	✓	The delegation, and its reporting requirements, will give effect to this well-being, showing Council is conducting its business in an open and transparent manner.

Financial implications

12. There are no financial or budget implications in respect to the proposed short-term delegation. Any decisions made must still be taken within normal budgetary constraints and within the terms of the delegations.

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	There is no cost associated with this decision.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	No funding is required
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

Significance and engagement assessment

13. The recommended option has been assessed against Council's Community Engagement Policy and is considered to be administrative.

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No.
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	The delegation, which is for a limited period and subject to conditions, will have little impact on the community or Council's levels of service.
Level of engagement selected	1. Inform.
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The community will be informed of the interim delegation through this report.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

15. *Financial Report*

Author *Erin Register, Finance Manager*
GM responsible *Helen Barnes; GM Business Support*

Attachments

Financial variance report – August 2025

Recommendation

That Council receives the 31 August 2025 financial variance report.
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***Ashburton District Council
Financial Variance Report
For the period ending
31 August 2025***

Variances greater than \$100,000 are highlighted in **red bold**. If the variance is permanent an explanation is provided.

F (favourable variance) means that either actual revenue is greater than budget or actual expenditure is less than budget.

U (unfavourable variance) is **when** actual revenue is less than budget or actual expenditure is greater than budget.

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Income and Expenditure – Overview

For period ending 31 August 2025

\$14.90 M Actual YTD Operating Income	\$95.31 M Budget Full Year Operating Income	(\$80.42) M Variance Operating Income	16% % of Budget Operating Income
\$15.43 M Actual YTD Operating Expenditure	\$88.96 M Budget Full Year Operating Expenditure	(\$73.53) M Variance Operating Expenditure	17% % of Budget Operating Expenditure
\$0.02 M Actual YTD Capital Income	\$18.36 M Budget Full Year Capital Income	(\$18.34) M Variance Capital Income	0% % of Budget Capital Income
\$5.20 M Actual YTD Capital Expenditure	\$39.69 M Budget Full Year Capital Expenditure	(\$34.49) M Variance Capital Expenditure	13% % of Budget Capital Expenditure
\$10.00 M Actual YTD Loans Repaid	\$8.27 M Budget Full Year Loans Repaid	\$1.73 M Variance Loans Repaid	121% % of Budget Loans Repaid

This report is for the first 2 months or 17% of the year.

Income and Expenditure – Summary

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Full Year Budget	Variance	Percentage of Budget
Revenue				
Rates	9,511,124	56,303,285	(46,792,161)	17%
Fees and Charges	2,483,757	12,484,608	(10,000,851)	20%
Subsidies and Grants	1,349,785	9,117,410	(7,767,625)	15%
Finance Income	85,001	410,000	(325,000)	21%
Other Revenue	1,140,421	6,225,096	(5,084,675)	18%
Other Sales	102,614	1,564,509	(1,461,896)	7%
Development / Financial Contributions	222,637	922,500	(699,863)	24%
Gain on Sale of Assets	0	4,975,000	(4,975,000)	0%
Vested Assets	0	3,310,750	(3,310,750)	0%
Total Revenue	14,895,339	95,313,159	(80,417,821)	16%
Operating Expenditure				
Payments to Staff and Suppliers	10,866,033	61,867,579	(51,001,545)	18%
Finance Costs	956,897	5,928,020	(4,971,123)	16%
Other Expenses	106,938	169,996	(63,058)	63%
Depreciation	3,499,421	20,996,524	(17,497,104)	17%
Total Expenditure	15,429,289	88,962,119	(73,532,830)	17%
Net operating surplus (deficit)	(533,950)	6,351,041	(6,884,991)	(8%)
Capital Income				
Loans Raised	0	18,259,772	(18,259,772)	0%
Other Asset Sales & Disposals	17,500	102,500	(85,000)	17%
Total Capital Income	17,500	18,362,272	(18,344,772)	0%
Capital Expenditure				
Infrastructural Assets	2,027,394	10,786,683	(8,759,290)	19%
Cyclic Renewals	2,780,255	20,772,805	(17,992,551)	13%
Plant	239,016	719,603	(480,587)	33%
Additions/Alterations	23,687	1,959,153	(1,935,466)	1%
Other Assets	134,643	5,454,102	(5,319,459)	2%
Total capital expenditure	5,204,995	39,692,348	(34,487,353)	13%
Loan Repayments	10,000,000	8,267,446	1,732,554	121%
Total capital to be funded	15,187,495	29,597,522	(14,410,027)	51%

Transportation – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Footpaths	137,528	1,021,555	(884,026)	13%	No
Roading	3,400,912	18,898,187	(15,497,275)	18%	No
	3,538,441	19,919,742	(16,381,301)	18%	
Operating Expenditure					
Footpaths	238,472	1,291,393	(1,052,921)	18%	No
Roading	2,882,413	16,190,446	(13,308,033)	18%	No
	3,120,885	17,481,839	(14,360,953)	18%	
Capital Income					
Roading	0	4,900,000	(4,900,000)	0%	No
	0	4,900,000	(4,900,000)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Footpaths	1,140	215,978	(214,838)	1%	No
Roading	1,094,004	14,123,259	(13,029,255)	8%	No
	1,095,144	14,339,237	(13,244,093)	8%	
Loan Repayments					
Footpaths	32,380	27,155	5,226	119%	
Roading	959,876	804,971	154,905	119%	No
	992,257	832,126	160,131	119%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	1,558,000	(1,558,000)	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Drinking Water – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Group Water Supplies	1,460,558	9,123,865	(7,663,307)	16%	No
Montalto Water Supply	66,912	403,161	(336,249)	17%	No
Lyndhurst Water Supply	2,856	17,633	(14,777)	16%	
Barhill Water Supply	511	3,745	(3,234)	14%	
	1,530,837	9,548,404	(8,017,567)	16%	
Operating Expenditure					
Group Water Supplies	1,628,653	8,789,644	(7,160,992)	19%	No
Montalto Water Supply	67,963	414,516	(346,553)	16%	No
Lyndhurst Water Supply	608	4,586	(3,978)	13%	
Barhill Water Supply	199	1,366	(1,167)	15%	
	1,697,422	9,210,111	(7,512,690)	18%	
Capital Income					
Group Water Supplies	0	6,952,259	(6,952,259)	0%	No
	0	6,952,259	(6,952,259)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Group Water Supplies	3,180,719	8,544,724	(5,364,005)	37%	No
Montalto Water Supply	60	0	60	0%	
	3,180,779	8,544,724	(5,363,945)	37%	
Loan Repayments					
Group Water Supplies	2,423,520	2,014,220	409,300	120%	No
Montalto Water Supply	0	18,192	(18,192)	0%	
Lyndhurst Water Supply	15,559	13,048	2,511	119%	
Barhill Water Supply	2,837	2,379	458	119%	
	2,441,916	2,047,839	394,077	119%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	60,539	429,052	(368,513)	14%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	471,500	(471,500)	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Wastewater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Wastewater	1,033,289	6,081,072	(5,047,783)	17%	No
Methven Wastewater	132,718	551,674	(418,956)	24%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	58,538	527,476	(468,938)	11%	No
	1,224,544	7,160,221	(5,935,677)	17%	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Wastewater	1,274,411	6,136,964	(4,862,554)	21%	No
Methven Wastewater	98,966	598,190	(499,225)	17%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	102,442	655,596	(553,154)	16%	No
	1,475,818	7,390,750	(5,914,932)	20%	
Capital Income					
Ashburton Wastewater	0	1,856,178	(1,856,178)	0%	No
Methven Wastewater	0	1,847,632	(1,847,632)	0%	No
	0	3,703,810	(3,703,810)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Wastewater	161,558	3,321,784	(3,160,226)	5%	No
Methven Wastewater	344,644	2,073,762	(1,729,117)	17%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	17,412	0	17,412	0%	
	523,615	5,395,546	(4,871,931)	10%	
Loan Repayments					
Ashburton Wastewater	1,702,711	1,427,927	274,784	119%	No
Methven Wastewater	19,409	16,277	3,132	119%	
Rakaia Wastewater	16,349	13,711	2,638	119%	
	1,738,470	1,457,915	280,555	119%	

The above financials include the following:

Capital Services Contribution	52,709	354,053	(301,344)	15%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	645,750	(645,750)	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Stormwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Stormwater	111,493	1,063,513	(952,020)	10%	No
Methven Stormwater	9,327	88,895	(79,568)	10%	
Rakaia Stormwater	2,120	20,206	(18,086)	10%	
Hinds Stormwater	1,210	7,107	(5,897)	17%	
Rural Stormwater	5,637	53,724	(48,087)	10%	
	129,787	1,233,445	(1,103,658)	11%	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Stormwater	271,604	1,420,185	(1,148,580)	19%	No
Methven Stormwater	16,067	108,309	(92,241)	15%	
Rakaia Stormwater	4,617	27,740	(23,123)	17%	
Hinds Stormwater	1,179	7,092	(5,914)	17%	
Rural Stormwater	131	53,726	(53,596)	0%	
	293,598	1,617,052	(1,323,454)	18%	
Capital Income					
Ashburton Stormwater	0	650,670	(650,670)	0%	No
	0	650,670	(650,670)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Stormwater	0	650,670	(650,670)	0%	No
	0	650,670	(650,670)	0%	
Loan Repayments					
Ashburton Stormwater	207,471	173,989	33,482	119%	
Methven Stormwater	8,990	7,539	1,451	119%	
	216,460	181,528	34,932	119%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	635,500	(635,500)	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Stockwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Stockwater	255,176	1,505,588	(1,250,412)	17%	No
	255,176	1,505,588	(1,250,412)	17%	
Operating Expenditure					
Stockwater	115,710	1,504,771	(1,389,061)	8%	No
	115,710	1,504,771	(1,389,061)	8%	
Loan Repayments					
Stockwater	27,855	23,360	4,495	119%	
	27,855	23,360	4,495	119%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Waste Reduction & Recycling – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Refuse Collection	549,099	3,093,655	(2,544,557)	18%	No
Refuse Management	923,633	6,323,342	(5,399,710)	15%	No
	<u>1,472,731</u>	<u>9,416,998</u>	<u>(7,944,267)</u>	<u>16%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Refuse Collection	368,787	3,089,193	(2,720,406)	12%	Yes
Refuse Management	656,963	5,884,108	(5,227,145)	11%	Yes
	<u>1,025,750</u>	<u>8,973,302</u>	<u>(7,947,552)</u>	<u>11%</u>	
Capital Income					
Refuse Management	0	91,933	(91,933)	0%	
	<u>0</u>	<u>91,933</u>	<u>(91,933)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Refuse Management	6,570	896,875	(890,305)	1%	No
	<u>6,570</u>	<u>896,875</u>	<u>(890,305)</u>	<u>1%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Refuse Collection	5,321	4,462	859	119%	
Refuse Management	75,517	63,330	12,187	119%	
	<u>80,838</u>	<u>67,792</u>	<u>13,046</u>	<u>119%</u>	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Waste Reduction & Recycling – Operating Expenditure

Refuse Collection

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$2,720,406 Favourable	\$100,000 Unfavourable

*Reason for **permanent unfavourable** variance*

The Refuse Collection budget has been impacted by cost inflation in recent years. We are actively monitoring cost fluctuations, which were at 2% as of the March 2025 indices. While this remains within the 2025/26 budget assumptions (2.5%), higher-than-expected costs were incurred in FY 2024/25, suggesting a potential overspend in FY 2025/26. As quarterly wash-ups are received from EnviroWaste and Transwaste, a full year updated picture will be provided.

Refuse Management

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$5,227,145 Favourable	\$100,000 Unfavourable

*Reason for **permanent unfavourable** variance*

The Refuse Collection budget has been impacted by cost inflation in recent years. We are actively monitoring cost fluctuations, which were at 2% as of the March 2025 indices. While this remains within the 2025/26 budget assumptions (2.5%), higher-than-expected costs were incurred in FY 2024/25, suggesting a potential overspend in FY 2025/26. As quarterly wash-ups are received from EnviroWaste and Transwaste, a full year updated picture will be provided.

Recreation Facilities – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	497,507	2,888,744	(2,391,237)	17%	No
Library	450,177	2,662,568	(2,212,390)	17%	No
Recreation Facilities and Services	1,167,969	6,640,415	(5,472,447)	18%	No
	<u>2,115,653</u>	<u>12,191,727</u>	<u>(10,076,074)</u>	<u>17%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	444,524	2,888,744	(2,444,221)	15%	No
Library	469,100	2,639,942	(2,170,842)	18%	No
Recreation Facilities and Services	1,195,564	6,810,116	(5,614,552)	18%	No
	<u>2,109,188</u>	<u>12,338,803</u>	<u>(10,229,615)</u>	<u>17%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	0	77,080	(77,080)	0%	
Library	39,583	176,402	(136,820)	22%	No
Recreation Facilities and Services	1,795	193,315	(191,520)	1%	No
	<u>41,378</u>	<u>446,797</u>	<u>(405,420)</u>	<u>9%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Recreation Facilities and Services	20,657	17,323	3,334	119%	
	<u>20,657</u>	<u>17,323</u>	<u>3,334</u>	<u>119%</u>	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Recreation & Community Services – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Public Conveniences	103,887	670,928	(567,040)	15%	No
Elderly Persons Housing	169,609	2,032,072	(1,862,463)	8%	No
Memorial Halls	87,946	510,420	(422,474)	17%	No
Reserves and Camping Grounds	181,224	1,046,005	(864,781)	17%	No
Reserve Boards	150,619	738,514	(587,895)	20%	No
Community Safety	16,596	98,414	(81,818)	17%	
	709,881	5,096,352	(4,386,471)	14%	
Operating Expenditure					
Public Conveniences	86,913	653,817	(566,904)	13%	No
Elderly Persons Housing	253,842	1,031,031	(777,189)	25%	No
Memorial Halls	193,262	808,054	(614,792)	24%	No
Reserves and Camping Grounds	126,445	1,045,825	(919,379)	12%	No
Reserve Boards	102,825	770,796	(667,970)	13%	No
Community Safety	32,183	98,414	(66,231)	33%	
	795,471	4,407,936	(3,612,466)	18%	
Capital Income					
Public Conveniences	0	399,329	(399,329)	0%	No
	0	399,329	(399,329)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Public Conveniences	659	461,250	(460,591)	0%	No
Elderly Persons Housing	6,969	2,118,532	(2,111,563)	0%	No
Reserves and Camping Grounds	100	0	100	0%	
Reserve Boards	1,088	0	1,088	0%	
	8,817	2,579,782	(2,570,966)	0%	
Loan Repayments					
Public Conveniences	29,568	24,796	4,772	119%	Yes
Elderly Persons Housing	115,109	12,671	102,438	908%	
Reserve Boards	44,372	37,211	7,161	119%	
	189,049	74,678	114,371	253%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Recreation and Community Services – Operating Income

Elderly Persons Housing

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$1,862,463 Unfavourable	\$1,052,360 Unfavourable

Reason for **permanent unfavourable** variance

Friendship Lane was undertaken in a single stage and was completed in 2024/25. All grant income was received in the previous financial year.

Recreation and Community Services – Operating Expenditure

Memorial Halls

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$614,792 Unfavourable	\$100,000 Favourable

Reason for **permanent favourable** variance

Insurance premiums have come in lower than budgeted due to more favourable insurance prices driven by the market competition.

Recreation and Community Services – Capital Expenditure

Elderly Persons Housing

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$2,111,563 Favourable	\$1,881,548 Favourable

Reason for **permanent favourable** variance

Friendship Lane was undertaken in a single stage and was completed in 2024/25. All capital works were undertaken in the previous financial year.

Recreation and Community Services – Loan Repayments

Elderly Persons Housing

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$102,438 Favourable	\$102,438 Favourable

Reason for **permanent favourable** variance

There will be a permanent favourable difference this financial year due to a larger than budgeted loan being raised in the previous financial year after the Friendship Lane redevelopment was brought forward. The loan repayment has been proportioned out across this activity's large loan balance.

Economic Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Commercial Property	856,924	8,812,058	(7,955,134)	10%	No
Business & Economic Development	291,460	972,757	(681,297)	30%	No
District Promotion	38,276	287,858	(249,582)	13%	No
Forestry	0	484,000	(484,000)	0%	No
	<u>1,186,660</u>	<u>10,556,673</u>	<u>(9,370,013)</u>	<u>11%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Commercial Property	1,545,197	7,471,550	(5,926,353)	21%	No
Business & Economic Development	162,717	1,192,756	(1,030,040)	14%	No
District Promotion	4,105	178,858	(174,753)	2%	No
Forestry	34,620	482,305	(447,685)	7%	No
	<u>1,746,638</u>	<u>9,325,469</u>	<u>(7,578,831)</u>	<u>19%</u>	
Capital Income					
Commercial Property	0	856,263	(856,263)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>856,263</u>	<u>(856,263)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Commercial Property	14,520	876,264	(861,744)	2%	No
	<u>14,520</u>	<u>876,264</u>	<u>(861,744)</u>	<u>2%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Commercial Property	3,510,433	2,943,919	566,514	119%	No
	<u>3,510,433</u>	<u>2,943,919</u>	<u>566,514</u>	<u>119%</u>	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Economic Development – Operating Income

Commercial Property

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$7,955,134 Unfavourable	\$4,975,000 Unfavourable

Reason for **permanent unfavourable** variance

The number of potential sale of sections at Ashburton Business Estate are currently under review. It is expected that a significant number of these will not be realised in the current financial year.

Economic Development – Operating Income

Forestry

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$484,000 Unfavourable	\$484,000 Unfavourable

Reason for **permanent unfavourable** variance

Council has decided against harvesting Pudding Hill, which means this will be a permanent unfavourable variance.

Economic Development – Operating Expenditure

Commercial Property

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$5,926,353 Favourable	\$180,000 Favourable

Reason for **permanent favourable** variance

Insurance premiums have come in lower than budgeted due to more favourable insurance prices driven by the market competition.

Parks & Open Spaces – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Cemeteries	113,198	722,089	(608,891)	16%	No
Parks and Recreation	957,744	6,254,157	(5,296,412)	15%	No
	<u>1,070,943</u>	<u>6,976,246</u>	<u>(5,905,303)</u>	<u>15%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Cemeteries	127,176	685,984	(558,808)	19%	No
Parks and Recreation	917,944	6,042,765	(5,124,821)	15%	No
	<u>1,045,120</u>	<u>6,728,749</u>	<u>(5,683,629)</u>	<u>16%</u>	
Capital Income					
Parks and Recreation	0	705,508	(705,508)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>705,508</u>	<u>(705,508)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Cemeteries	0	36,018	(36,018)	0%	
Parks and Recreation	79,113	1,254,908	(1,175,795)	6%	No
	<u>79,113</u>	<u>1,290,926</u>	<u>(1,211,813)</u>	<u>6%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Cemeteries	86,332	72,400	13,932	119%	
Parks and Recreation	337,297	282,864	54,433	119%	
	<u>423,630</u>	<u>355,264</u>	<u>68,365</u>	<u>119%</u>	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Community Governance & Decision Making – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Council	744,352	4,502,015	(3,757,663)	17%	No
Methven Community Board	21,954	129,512	(107,558)	17%	No
Community Grants Funding	439,450	2,231,000	(1,791,550)	20%	No
District Water Management	35,216	229,619	(194,403)	15%	No
	<u>1,240,972</u>	<u>7,092,146</u>	<u>(5,851,174)</u>	<u>17%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Council	692,185	4,502,323	(3,810,138)	15%	No
Methven Community Board	15,983	129,836	(113,852)	12%	No
Community Grants Funding	615,993	1,358,140	(742,146)	45%	No
District Water Management	15,510	211,618	(196,108)	7%	No
	<u>1,339,672</u>	<u>6,201,917</u>	<u>(4,862,245)</u>	<u>22%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Community Grants Funding	118,051	99,000	19,051	119%	
District Water Management	21,464	18,000	3,464	119%	
	<u>139,515</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>22,515</u>	<u>119%</u>	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	193,429	773,859	(580,429)	25%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Compliance and Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Environmental Health	40,499	286,979	(246,480)	14%	No
Building Regulation	460,598	2,910,026	(2,449,428)	16%	No
Emergency Management	45,777	269,316	(223,539)	17%	No
Liquor Licensing	42,254	229,054	(186,800)	18%	No
Land Information Memorandum	57,589	224,841	(167,253)	26%	No
Parking	87,342	328,393	(241,051)	27%	Yes
Animal Control**	438,043	577,367	(139,324)	76%	No
Resource Consents	130,909	751,936	(621,026)	17%	No
Monitoring and Enforcement	45,278	272,810	(227,532)	17%	No
Planning	98,971	589,540	(490,569)	17%	No
	1,447,262	6,440,263	(4,993,001)	22%	
Operating Expenditure					
Environmental Health	65,076	286,980	(221,903)	23%	No
Building Regulation	440,396	2,910,026	(2,469,631)	15%	No
Emergency Management	16,281	119,813	(103,532)	14%	No
Liquor Licensing	36,960	229,054	(192,094)	16%	No
Land Information Memorandum	18,121	110,147	(92,026)	16%	
Parking	32,208	242,337	(210,129)	13%	No
Animal Control	95,097	602,992	(507,895)	16%	No
Resource Consents	152,824	751,937	(599,112)	20%	No
Monitoring and Enforcement	64,100	387,505	(323,404)	17%	No
Planning	42,015	445,238	(403,222)	9%	No
	963,079	6,086,028	(5,122,949)	16%	
Capital Expenditure					
Emergency Management	0	40,523	(40,523)	0%	
	0	40,523	(40,523)	0%	
Loan Repayments					
Animal Control	5,247	4,400	847	119%	
Planning	172,071	144,302	27,769	119%	
	177,318	148,702	28,616	119%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

**The majority of dog registration income is invoiced in July

Compliance & Development – Operating Income

Parking

Actual YTD to Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast
\$241,051 Unfavourable	\$130,000 Favourable

Reason for **permanent favourable** variance

This is due to higher ticket revenue as a result of infringement fee increases by the government in October 2024 and trends in behaviour.

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 August 2025

	Actual YTD	Revised Budget Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Revised Budget	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Dividends and Interest	85,001	1,455,000	(1,370,000)	6%	No
Te Whare Whakare	112,005	1,231,631	(1,119,625)	9%	No
Executive Team	359,764	2,046,292	(1,686,528)	18%	No
People & Capability	161,873	1,103,740	(941,867)	15%	No
Information Systems	704,480	4,608,023	(3,903,543)	15%	No
Customer Services	147,309	862,107	(714,797)	17%	No
Treasury	274,018	2,000,051	(1,726,032)	14%	No
Rates	200,358	938,961	(738,604)	21%	No
Community Relations	200,645	1,173,269	(972,625)	17%	No
Communications	173,738	1,143,575	(969,837)	15%	No
Property Administration	245,302	1,622,347	(1,377,045)	15%	No
Service Delivery	870,382	4,792,729	(3,922,347)	18%	No
Parks Administration	750,656	4,401,762	(3,651,106)	17%	No
Plant Operations	183,293	1,012,169	(828,876)	18%	No
	4,468,824	28,391,656	(23,922,832)	16%	
Operating Expenditure					
Dividends and Interest	149	53,331	(53,182)	0%	
Te Whare Whakare	112,005	1,231,631	(1,119,625)	9%	No
Executive Team	359,764	2,046,292	(1,686,528)	18%	No
People & Capability	166,137	1,103,740	(937,603)	15%	No
Information Systems	704,480	4,608,024	(3,903,543)	15%	No
Customer Services	147,309	862,107	(714,798)	17%	No
Treasury	274,018	2,000,051	(1,726,033)	14%	No
Rates	203,970	938,961	(734,992)	22%	No
Community Relations	200,645	1,173,269	(972,624)	17%	No
Communications	173,738	1,143,575	(969,837)	15%	No
Property Administration	245,303	1,622,347	(1,377,045)	15%	No
Service Delivery	868,674	4,903,316	(4,034,642)	18%	No
Parks Administration	750,656	4,401,762	(3,651,106)	17%	No
Plant Operations	205,143	1,078,427	(873,284)	19%	No
	4,411,991	27,166,832	(22,754,842)	16%	
Capital Income					
Plant Operations	17,500	102,500	(85,000)	17%	
	17,500	102,500	(85,000)	17%	
Capital Expenditure					
Information Systems	16,044	580,150	(564,106)	3%	No
Plant Operations	239,016	719,603	(480,587)	33%	No
	255,060	1,299,753	(1,044,693)	20%	
Loan Repayments					
Te Whare Whakare	41,604	0	(41,604)	0%	
	41,604	0	(41,604)	0%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities.

Statement of Financial Position - DRAFT

As at 31 August 2025

	YTD Actual	30-Jun-25
Public Equity		
Ratepayers Equity	549,352,502	541,714,996
Revaluation Reserves	486,908,395	486,908,395
Funds and Reserves	59,637,994	59,637,994
	1,095,898,891	1,088,261,385
Non-Current Liabilities		
External Loans	133,600,000	143,600,000
Other Term Liabilities	1,181,885	1,181,885
	134,781,885	144,781,885
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	3,925,063	5,068,750
Deposits & Bonds	1,416,360	1,389,989
Other Current Liabilities	3,374,084	665,176
Accrued Liabilities	6,991,476	8,245,390
	15,706,983	15,369,305
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,246,387,759	1,248,412,575
Fixed Assets	210,593,270	210,593,270
Infrastructural Assets	971,440,895	971,440,895
Work in Progress	20,266,592	20,266,592
Advances	304,344	304,344
Shares	11,011,297	11,011,297
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank	11,106,428	10,900,631
Cash Investments	10,000,000	12,000,000
GST	987,243	1,428,177
Receivables	4,405,991	2,810,783
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(44,071)	(44,071)
Stock	91,583	91,583
Accruals	5,635,397	6,810,465
Other Current Assets	588,789	798,609
	32,771,360	34,796,177
Total Assets	1,246,387,759	1,248,412,575

Net Debt and Borrowings

As at 31 August 2025

Net Debt

133.60 M	-	21.11 M	=	112.49 M
External Loans		Liquid Assets		Net Debt

External Borrowing

Local Government Funding	Amount	Rate		Maturity
LGFA 2025	10,000,000	3.17%	Floating	24-Nov-25
LGFA 2024	5,000,000	3.72%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	3.87%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	3.65%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2020	10,000,000	3.90%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2025	5,000,000	3.86%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2024	5,000,000	3.70%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2024	3,000,000	5.19%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	4.01%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	3.82%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2020	5,000,000	0.97%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2020	5,000,000	1.23%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2025	7,000,000	3.91%	Floating	15-May-28
LGFA 2025	5,000,000	3.96%	Floating	15-May-28
LGFA 2024	7,000,000	3.91%	Floating	15-May-28
LGFA 2021	16,600,000	2.01%	Fixed	15-May-28
LGFA 2025	8,000,000	4.11%	Floating	20-Apr-29
LGFA 2024	7,000,000	4.00%	Floating	20-Apr-29
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	5.08%	Fixed	20-Apr-29
LGFA 2022	10,000,000	3.86%	Floating	20-Apr-29
Total External Funding	133,600,000			

Borrowing by Activity

As at 31 August 2025

	External Borrowing
Roading	7,404,100
Footpaths	544,579
Drinking Water	27,474,578
Wastewater	25,508,683
Stormwater	1,955,941
Stockwater	246,736
Refuse and Recycling	1,209,729
Recreation Facilities	545,474
Public Conveniences	430,168
Elderly Person Housing	1,707,512
Reserve Boards	629,691
Commercial Property	52,948,253
Cemeteries	1,695,167
Parks	6,090,876
Arts & Culture	1,730,984
Water Resources	267,902
Compliance & Development	209,629
Economic Development	3,000,000
Total	133,600,000

Council Investments

As at 31 August 2025

Listed below are the current significant investments held by Council.

Term Deposit	Principal	Interest	Term	Maturity
Westpac	6,000,000	2.75%	1 Month	25-Sep-25
	6,000,000			

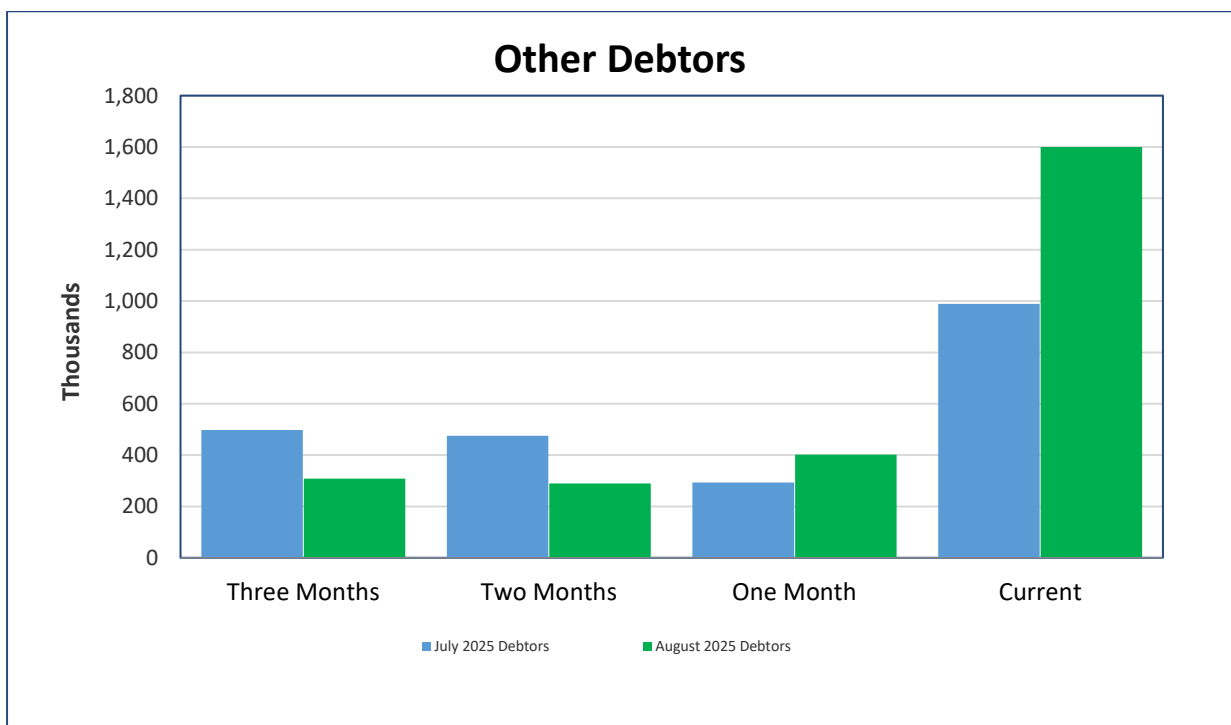
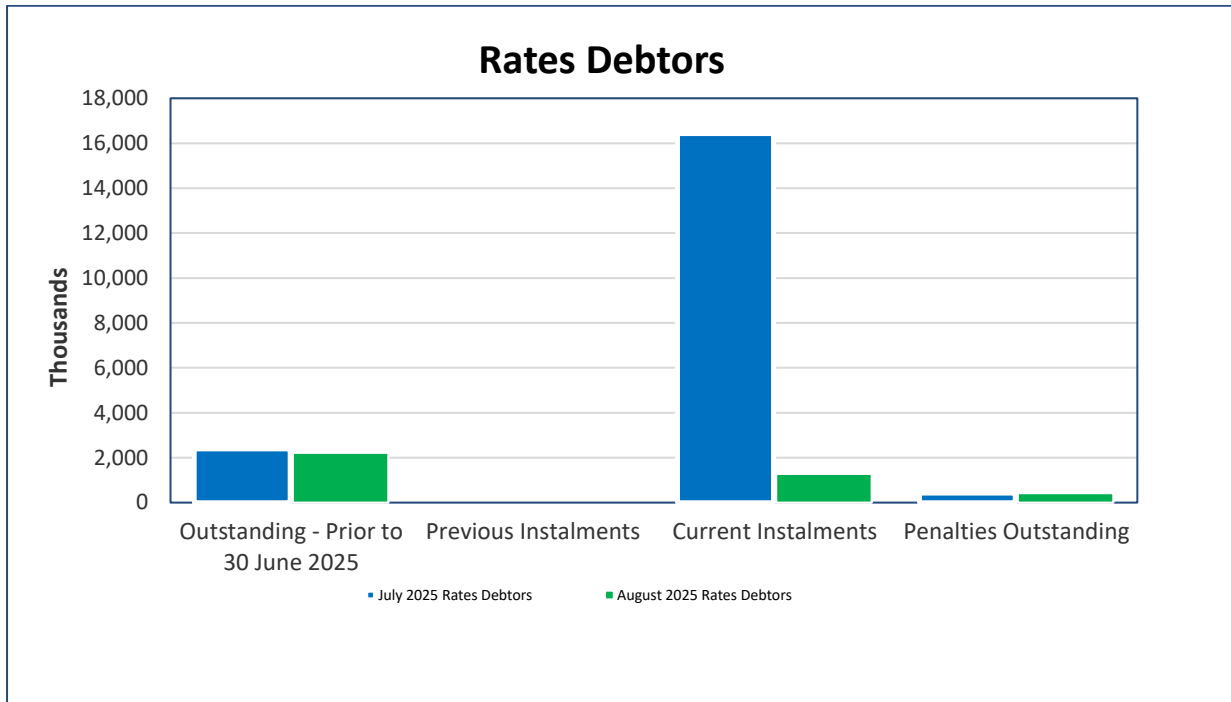
	Principal	Interest	Maturity
Bonds			
ANZ	1,000,000	2.99%	17-Sep-26
Westpac	1,100,000	6.19%	16-Sep-27
Kiwibank	1,000,000	5.73%	19-Oct-27
Westpac	900,000	6.73%	14-Feb-28
	4,000,000		

Advances	
Eastfield Investments	304,344
	304,344

Shares	
Ashburton Contracting Ltd	4,500,000
Civic Financial Services Ltd	53,087
RDR Management	30,000
Transwaste Canterbury Ltd	946,410
Ruralco	500
Electricity Ashburton Rebates	1,300
LGFA Equity	3,715,000
Eastfield Investments	1,765,000
	11,011,297

Receivables Summary (Including Prior Month Comparative)

As at 31 August 2025



Receivables Summary continued

Outstanding Debtors over 90 days	
>\$100,000	1
\$50,000 - \$100,000	1
\$30,000 - \$50,000	1
\$10,000 - \$30,000	9

The above debtors are being actively managed or under a resolution process.

16. *Mayor's Report*

16.1 RDR Management Limited - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of RDR Management Limited will be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at the Hotel Ashburton. The meeting falls within the Council interregnum and, in keeping with the delegation that Council has given to the Chief Executive, it is my recommendation that Hamish Riach be Council's appointed proxy.

Recommendation

That Council appoints Hamish Riach as proxy to vote on Council's behalf at the RDR Management Limited AGM on 14 October 2025.

16.2. End of Council Term

As this triennium of Council comes to an end, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to my fellow Councillors for their dedication and sacrifices that you and your families have given to represent the people of the Ashburton district.

Sometimes the work of Council can feel overwhelming and incredibly slow; yet on reflection, we have achieved a lot. Some of those projects are –

- completion of Te Whare Whakatere and Te Kete Tuhinga
- new elderly persons housing
- progressing three water supply upgrades
- completed upgrades of the Methven and Mt Somers water treatment plants, which will negate the need for boiled water notices in those communities
- undertook numerous upgrades / replacements to our water treatment plants throughout the district, including UV treatment
- ongoing replacement of underground pipes for wastewater and drinking water, covering many kilometres throughout the district
- ongoing maintenance of our many parks and reserves throughout the district, including the highly utilised Ashburton Domain which always receives positive feedback from locals and visitors to the district.

Over the three year term we have spent tens of millions of dollars on our roading network and at times it is hard to see where this money has had an effect, but it has. It is to be noted that the roading network will need considerably more attention and monies spent on it in the future.

On a positive note the 2nd Ashburton bridge project has been approved by the Government and physical works are to commence early next year. I am personally

pleased that this project has finally come to fruition after many years of lobbying the Government

Also, we have carried on doing the BAU work, like keeping the drinking and wastewater flowing in separate pipes, keeping the lawns mowed, the rubbish picked up and the recycling separated from it; footpaths, street lights, cemeteries, our parks and especially our beloved Ashburton domain – it's an icon for us all to enjoy. The list goes on – we do it all

We will finish this triennium having undertaken numerous improvements for the betterment of our district, this work will always be ongoing.

In addition to the above-mentioned specific projects, there has been a lot of other work completed - whether it is with Safer Mid Canterbury or on a Biodiversity Committee, Reserve Board or Hall Committee you have all attended many meetings over the term, both during working hours and outside of “working hours” - for this I thank you.

I would also like to extend appreciation to the Chief Executive Hamish Riach, the Executive staff and Council staff for the guidance and support you have provided myself and elected members over the past three years. It has been a journey that I have thoroughly enjoyed, and we could not have done it without you all.

To you all I wish you the very best for whatever the future holds, it has been a privilege and my pleasure to work with you all.

16.5 Meetings

- **Mayoral calendar**

August 2025

- 7 August: Climate Change & Strategy deliberations
- 7 August: Carol Burke and Greg Jopson with Councillor Liz McMillan
- 8 August: Alister Lilley, ACL with CE Hamish Riach
- 8 August: Lucy Raisbeck
- 8 August: Environment Canterbury/ADC CWMS meeting (via MS Teams) with CE Hamish Riach
- 8 August: Fiona Pimm, Chair Arowhenua
- 11 August: FreshChoice Tinwald official opening
- 12 August: CEDM Joint Committee agenda review
- 12 August: Mini Golf course sod turning
- 12 August: Mary Ross, Advance Ashburton
- 13 August: Roading Maintenance Contract assessment
- 13 August: Water Race Bylaw hearing
- 13 August: AI policy workshop
- 13 August: Local Government Systems Improvements Bill presentation
- 14 August: ACL site visit
- 14 August: Road Maintenance Contract assessment
- 14 August: Rakaia Community meeting re: proposed Police restructure with Councillor Liz McMillan
- 15 August: Road Maintenance Contract assessment
- 15 August: Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust
- 15 August: St John Mid Canterbury/Selwyn District Award ceremony

- 18 August: Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs update
- 18 August: Tree unveiling at EA Networks Centre
- 18 August: Simon Coleman, Ashburton College Principal with CE Hamish Riach
- 19 August: RDRML Board Consultation
- 20 August: Catherine Stuart, Southern Parallel Campus with full Council
- 20 August: Council meeting
- 21 August: Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2027/37 briefing
- 21 August: Canterbury Regional Land Transport committee meeting
- 22 August: The Breeze radio interview
- 22 August: Canterbury Mayoral Forum
- 22 August: Civil Defence Emergency management meeting
- 25 August: Deborah and Alan Manhire with CE Hamish Riach
- 25 August: Advance Ashburton
- 27 August: CE Performance Review
- 27 August: Treasury Policy workshop
- 27 August: EA Networks AGM
- 29 August: Aviation Museum site visit with Hamish Riach

September 2025

- 1 September: Mill Creek site visit
- 3 September: Council meeting
- 4 September: Ashburton Rivers Rating Liaison Committee meeting
- 5 September: The Breeze radio interview
- 6 September: Southern Regional Conference of JP Association
- 9 September: RDRML Finance and Audit committee
- 9 September: Lifelong Learning Festival
- 10 September: Three Waters Committee
- 10 September: Audit & Risk Committee
- 10 September: Celebrating Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective evening
- 11 September: Draft Code of Conduct workshop
- 11 September: Canterbury Mayoral Forum webinar
- 11 September: NZTA 2nd Ashburton Bridge briefing
- 11 September: Ashburton Courier 40th Anniversary Celebrations
- 12 September: Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust
- 15 September: Lower Rakaia River Rating meeting (via MS Teams)
- 15 September: Canterbury Mayoral Forum with Police Commissioner (via MS Teams), with MS Teams
- 16 September: RDRML Bord meeting
- 16 September: Environment Canterbury presentation of Outstanding Achievement Award to Karl Russell
- 17 September: Roger Farr/Jim Lischner, Events Centre with Hamish Riach
- 17 September: Council meeting
- 18 September: Citizenship Ceremony
- 18 September: Stockwater Transition Working Group
- 20 September: Ashburton Bowling Club open day
- 22 September: Official opening of Friendship Lane units
- 22 September: Advance Ashburton
- 23 September: Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs update
- 23 September: Sarah Clifford – Citizens Advice Bureau
- 23 September: Community Foundations Cyber Threat Awareness (via MS Teams)

- 24 September: Activity Briefings
- 24 September: Agency (6 monthly reporting)
- 24 September: Hon. David Seymour and Hon. Andrew Hoggard with CE Hamish Riach
- 25 September: CWMS Local Leadership Group
- 25 September: Freedom Lifestyle Village drop in day
- 26 September: Community House 30 year celebrations
- 26 September: 76th Anniversary Reception of the Founding of the People's Republic of China
- 27 September: Rakaia Recreation Centre and Rugby Clubrooms official opening
- 30 September: Tony Hill – Canterbury Police District Commander Superintendent

October 2025

- 1 October: Council meeting

Recommendation

<p>That Council receives the Mayor's report.</p>

Neil Brown
Mayor

17. Naming of Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

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Summary

- The purpose of this report is to share with Council the new te reo Māori name gifted to the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum.
- It is common practice for cultural organisations and public facilities to have te reo Māori names which honour the history, stories and connections of mana whenua with their region.
- To complete the merger of the Ashburton Art Gallery and the Ashburton Museum and its branding, Council requested Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua for a te reo name.
- The name Arowhenua has gifted is Rokowhiria.

Recommendation

- 1. That** Council accepts the name Rokowhiria gifted by Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua for the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum.

Background

The current situation

1. The Ashburton Art Gallery and the Ashburton Museum were merged as an in-house activity of Council in June 2021.
2. The consolidation of the two activities has taken some time with the identity, branding and website development as the final item left for completion.
3. The gifting of a new name enables officers to embark on the above programmed work. Subject to the approval of this report, officers will work alongside industry experts to create a new brand that showcases the newly gifted name, while also retaining clarity of the activities housed within the facility.
4. Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua have a long-standing relationship with the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, frequently providing guidance, advice and formally blessing and opening exhibitions at the facility.
5. It is common practice for cultural organisations and public facilities to have te reo Māori names which honour the history, stories and connections of mana whenua with their region.

Previous Council direction

6. Council accepted gifted names by Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua for the new Library and Civic Centre in 2021 and again in 2023, naming them Te Whare Whakaterere and Te Kete Tuhinga.
7. In mid-2024, Council provided direction for the mayor and officers to partner with Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua and begin discussions on a new name for the Art Gallery and Museum.

Concepts behind the name

8. The name Rokowhiria has been created by Tewera King, the Ūpoko of Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua in considering the significance and role of the Art Gallery and Museum.
9. 'Roko' is the Kāi Tahu spelling of the word 'Rongo' which is the name of a Māori god, Rongomātāne, who was the god of agriculture, abundance, creativity and peace. Tewera has expanded on this as the god of 'peaceful arts.'
10. 'Whiria' comes from the word 'whiri' which means to twist, plait (a rope, etc.), weave, spin. The words 'he awa whiria' refer to the concept of a braided river and as a metaphor extends to the ways in which different knowledge streams may come together. This can be interpreted as the many pathways for learning at the Art Gallery

and Museum, from Mātauranga Māori (indigenous knowledge), archival photographs, family history, the visual arts and much more being accessible and expressed in one place.

11. Together, the word ‘Rokowhiria’ gives expression to the function and purpose of the Art Gallery and Museum as a peaceful place of inclusion and abundance where many forms of knowledge and learning (artistic and non-combative) are braided and embraced in peace under the realm of Rokomātāne.
12. The bestowing of this name upon the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum honours mana whenua, acknowledges the role the facility plays in protecting and caring for not only objects and art, but the knowledge held by these taoka (treasures) and the special relationship between Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua, Council and the Art Gallery and Museum.

Options analysis

Option one – Accept Arowhenua’s gift (recommended)

13. This option will demonstrate Council’s commitment to mana whenua and te reo Māori. It will support existing work programmes to consolidate the identity and branding of the Art Gallery and Museum and complete the merger.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council shows respect and honours mana whenua • Council’s relationship with Arowhenua and tangata whenua in general is strengthened by supporting the use of te reo Māori • Celebrates te reo Māori in a prominent way • Celebrates the role of the Art Gallery and Museum as custodians of indigenous and colonial knowledge • Allows the Art Gallery and Museum to connect the taoka (treasures) they care for to mana whenua and takata whenua history and heritage 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil identified
<p>Risks:</p> <p>There may be sectors of the community who do not wish to see a te reo Māori name given to the Art Gallery and Museum and it may take some time for the name to be embedded in everyday usage.</p>	

Option two – Decline Arowhenua’s gift

14. This option would disregard Council’s previous direction which instructed the mayor and officers to request a name from Arowhenua.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil identified 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will likely have negative impacts on Council’s relationship with Arowhenua as mana whenua of our district Council will miss an opportunity to celebrate and uphold te reo Māori in a prominent way Does not allow the Art Gallery and Museum to connect the taoka (treasures) they care for to mana whenua and tangata whenua history and heritage
<p>Risks:</p> <p>Council’s relationship with Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua may be negatively impacted.</p>	

Strategic alignment

15. The recommendation relates to Council’s community outcome of “*a district of great spaces and places.*” It strengthens the cultural identity of a facility where residents and visitors are welcomed and feel connected to the exhibitions, programmes and services offered.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	Creates an inclusive brand for the Art Gallery and Museum that can be promoted widely.
Environmental		
Cultural	✓	Māori names for public facilities carry special meaning and promote everyday use of te re Māori. They connect communities to te ao Māori (the Māori worldview) thereby creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for mana whenua and tangata whenua. They create opportunities for intergenerational wellbeing by connecting people to place, history, knowledge and story. They support the cultural wellbeing of all residents by honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the partnership between Māori and the Crown.
Social		

Financial implications

16. There are no financial implications if the preferred option is approved.

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	There is no additional cost in accepting the gifted name. The gifted name will be used in the rebranding of the Art Gallery and Museum project which is already funded.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Cost Centre Budget (206)
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

Significance and engagement assessment

17. This matter is of high cultural significance and engagement with mana whenua has been on the basis of a partnership.

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	The impact to Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua and mana whenua is assessed as high. Community interest is assessed at medium. Consideration is given to the protocols around gifting of names by mana whenua and the levels of significance such protocols may trigger.
Level of engagement selected	Inform – One way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Direct engagement has occurred with with Te Rūnaka o Arowhenua in requesting a name to be gifted to the Art Gallery and Museum for the reasons outlined. Wider community engagement is not required.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager