

New hangar precincts proposed in draft Airport Plan

The Ashburton District Council is envisioning a more active and financially sustainable Ashburton Airport as it asks for community feedback on a new draft plan for its future.

The draft Ashburton Airport Development Plan proposes development of three new hangar 'precincts' on the 100-hectare site, including a hangar-home precinct where people can live in the same building as their aircraft.

Chief Executive, Hamish Riach, said the growing popularity of the facility, increased interest in building new hangars and the Council's desire to see the Airport become financially self-sufficient had highlighted the need to create a long-term strategy.

"This draft Plan establishes an exciting 30-year vision for a thriving airport that contributes to our District's social and economic well-being."

"It also recognises that future growth needs to be carefully planned so we can achieve the best possible result for airport users, airport neighbours and the wider community."

The three proposed precincts include a new recreational hangar precinct on the far north-east boundary, a commercial hangar precinct for the southern edge of the field and a medium-density hangar home precinct on the western boundary.

Hangar homes have proved popular in places like Blenheim and Pauanui but would be an entirely new type of activity for the Ashburton Airport. The draft plan proposes that up to 14 medium-density hangar homes could be built along the Morris Road boundary.



"Allowing people to live at the airport would contribute to the vibrancy of the area and provide the Airport with income that could help reduce the input from ratepayers," said Mr Riach.

"We're really keen to hear people's thoughts around this concept and what level of density of hangar-homes might be appropriate for the area."

The proposed commercial hangar precinct would allow for around eight hangars to be built along the boundary with Seaford Road, where a skydiving business is already located.

Mr Riach says that there's already been increased interest from commercial operators, with the Council recently approached by a company interested in

establishing a flight school, which could see around 42 more flights per day by 2025.

"We're still discussing the proposal, but it's an example of the airport's potential to contribute to our local economy and why it's important that we get a good plan in place."

The draft was developed following meetings and surveys with airfield users and neighbouring residents. Mr Riach says the feedback from that early engagement has been valuable when drafting the plan.

"With both airfield and residential activity in the area expected to intensify over the coming years, there is an increased risk of issues arising."

"However, there's a good relationship between airfield users and nearby residents, and we're committed to working with them to help ensure they can continue to co-exist harmoniously."

He says the Council is keen to get as much feedback as possible on the proposals before submissions close on Tuesday 30 August.

"The Airport is an important asset for all of Mid Canterbury, so it's important that we hear our community's thoughts on its future."

The consultation document and submission form can be found at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay



Whether it is helping put on a three-day event, your vote in three months' time, contributing to a 30-year plan, or your contribution in the next three years of Council – your efforts big and small are all valuable contributions. It is your vision and participation now that affects decisions made over the next many years. Now is as good a time as ever to participate in your community and your local government.

Chief Executive

Participation and partnership in local government

Nominations are starting to roll in, as the lead-up to the local elections in October ramps up.

To stand for election nominees only need to meet three requirements – to be aged over eighteen, a New Zealand Citizen, and enrolled to vote. In nearly three months' time, a new Council and Methven Community Board will embark on another three years, making decisions on the economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of this community.

Achieving these four aspects needs partnerships and community input.

That is why we are asking the public to submit their thoughts on a draft 30-year Development Plan for the Ashburton Airport to become financially self-sufficient. Proposed partnerships on private-sector initiatives like hangar homes and businesses could help to offset rates, but this needs careful planning and feedback from airport users, residents near the airport and the wider community.

While we reflect on the success of the recent three-day Glow in the Park event, I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful partnerships with EA Networks and the community

Art Exhibits over August

August sees the arrival of three new exhibitions at the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum. Don't miss these beautiful and intriguing works, from local and New Zealand artists.



Peter McIntyre - The Manuherikia

Rare and Unrivalled Beauty
8 August – 2 October

Thirty-two landscape paintings from the Kelliher Art Trust Collection are coming to Ashburton as part of a South Island tour. Encounter works by renowned New Zealand artists including Austen Deans, Colin Wheeler, Douglas Badcock, Dick Frizzell, and Michael Smither. Art historian and curator, Dr Mark Stocker, will give an accompanying lecture titled 'The Kelliher Paintings: A New Zealand Phenomenon' at 5.00pm, 31 August at the Gallery.



The Moon and the Pavement
13 August – 9 September

An exhibition in collaboration with The Physics Room, including new works by Teresa Collins, Yukari Kaihori, Susu, and Sam Towse. The show takes an extreme close-up perspective on materials and surfaces from an urban environment. It considers them in connection with personal memory and narrative associations, intimate, yet at times as distant or unknowable as the moon.



Alchemy
28 August – 21 October

Amanda Greenfield and Tatyanna Meharry provide a glimpse into a palate that is created from the materials that we stand on, that we see every day and the dust that we breathe which trigger an understanding of the place where we live. The Ashburton Area and the lands of Kāti Huirapa ki Arowhenua provide the materials that are unique to this area and that carry on a tradition of storytelling inspired by the land.

Find out more about these exhibits at ashburtonartgallery.org.nz

Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy Adopted



Last Wednesday July 27, Ashburton District Council adopted a new Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy.

The strategy is formed around the vision of everybody included, having fun being active and includes an action plan to achieve this.

The action plan includes a range of initiatives such as multi-use sport field development at EA Networks Centre and sand-based sport facilities for beach volleyball and handball.

Other ideas that came from the community through consultation included piloting women's only swim and gym sessions at the EA Networks Centre and a focus on playground accessibility.

Sport participation for rangatahi (youth) was a focus and a new fee structure for the EA Networks Centre was also in the plan.

"Our community told us that 2022 poses a

range of barriers that prevent participation in play, active recreation and sport, so we addressed those aspects when drafting the strategy," Community Services Group Manager Steve Fabish said.

Main issues facing the sector included Covid-19, making sure we include ageing and diverse populations, digital transformation and the cost to participate.

"Key goals in the strategy are based around accessibility, participation, a strong collaborative sector, and awareness," said Mr Fabish.

The first generation Physical Activity Strategy was developed in 2006, followed by a second generation Sport and Recreation Strategy adopted by Council in 2010.

The 2010 strategy focused primarily on facility development and helped drive the construction of the EA Networks Centre, which opened in 2015.

Applications open for Council grants

Community groups and individuals are being encouraged to think about projects that could benefit from financial help from various funds administered by the Ashburton District Council.

Funding applications in four different categories are being accepted during August:

Creative Communities Scheme funding towards creative projects. This includes projects that relate to craft or object art, literature, murals, visual arts, dance, music, film, theatre, Ngā toi Māori, and Pacific arts. The project can be in the form of an exhibition, performance, workshop or simply about creation.

Community events grants support new events and/or build capacity of existing events. Events must be smoke-free, sun-smart and work towards zero waste.

Heritage grants are for buildings or items listed in the District Plan and funding must be used for specialised maintenance,



such as replacing cladding or fittings that preserve or restore the heritage state of the building.

School holiday programme grants. In the past, this has been used by groups such as Mid Canterbury Rural Women to provide healthy cooking classes to youth, and for activities such as kite-making and other art and craft projects for children at the South Rakaia settlement.

Applications close at the end of August. To find out more about the funding criteria or to complete an application, visit ashburtondc.govt.nz/grants

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Ashburton District Council is proposing to temporarily close the following roads for the purposes described.

Road proposed to be closed:
SYMES ROAD

Purpose: To enable Endurance Events to hold the 'Mission Mt Somers' endurance race.

Period of Closure: From 5:00am until 5:00pm on Saturday, 29 October 2022

Objections: By 8.00am on Monday, 12 September 2022

Road proposed to be closed:
WINSLOW WILLOWBY ROAD, from the Longbeach Road intersection to approximately 500m from the intersection with State Highway 1

Purpose: To enable the Ashburton Car Club to hold the 'Winslow Willowby Road Standing Quarter Mile Sprint'

Period of Closure: From 9.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday, 03 September 2022

Objections: By 4.00pm on Wednesday, 31 August 2022

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 - Schedule 10 (11 (e)) and will be considered at the Council meeting on **17 September 2022**.

Objections: Any person objecting to the proposals above should lodge notice of their objection and the grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, by the date noted.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager
Infrastructure Service

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 137 Havelock Street, (unless otherwise advised).

Council Activity Briefings
Wednesday 10 August, 9.30am

Audit & Risk Committee
Wednesday 10 August, 1.30pm (live-streamed)

Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 August, 1.00pm

Biodiversity Advisory Group
Thursday 18 August, 1.00pm

Ashburton Water Zone Committee
Tuesday 23 August, 1.00pm (live-streamed)

ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & ASHBURTON MUSEUM

327 West Street
10am - 4pm daily