

Recycled devices off to new homes

An army of teens is busy refurbishing donated laptops in the Ashburton District and giving them to families who need them.

Sixteen laptops were refurbished by young people at the Ashburton Public Library last month and Ashburton College students are also meeting weekly to take part in the Recycle A Device programme.

Recycle A Device (RAD) is a national programme and Sarah Jones, Digital Access Coordinator at the Ashburton Public Library, has been trained to deliver it in our district.

The aim of the programme is to teach teens some practical technical skills, and end up with laptops that can be given to people, families and groups in the community that need them.

RAD national tutor Riley Pugh said the teens learned new skills, and some were inspired to think about technology as a possible career.

“The goal is to teach the fundamentals about what is inside a computer and how it all goes together. We get them to open up the computer and see what is inside, fix it and then it can go to a new home.

“Participants range in their experience with technology, from none to knowledgeable, so we try to make sure everyone learns something.”

RAD laptops are mostly donated by corporates, after being used by staff for 3-4 years. The devices have a life of 10 years, so RAD helps recycle them, fit new batteries and clean the interior as needed.



Sometimes a new operating system is installed.

Riley said RAD programmes were set up in schools and communities around the country and the refurbished laptops given to those who needed them.

“It’s estimated that 100,000 students don’t have access to a computer and that makes a huge difference to their learning. Typing a four-page essay is certainly a lot easier than handwriting it.”

The refurbishing sessions start with theory then progress to the practical, using diagnostic skills to see what needs fixing and working with screwdrivers and soldering irons to make repairs.

All 16 devices refurbished at the library last month already have new homes.

Ashburton College sessions are being held weekly during lunch breaks throughout Term 2.

Don't have a laptop and want to access a refurbished device?

Applications for a refurbished device can be made at the library from June. Applicants must be under 25 and needing a laptop for study or work; or over 25 with a current Community Services card and needing a laptop for study or work.

There will be a waitlist created for devices, as they will be worked on during the school year.

Be a hero during road safety week

Mid Canterbury school crossing patrollers and safety ambassadors are being encouraged to dress as super heroes on Wednesday 17 May as part of events to celebrate Road Safety Week.

The patrollers can dress as super heroes while they do their morning and afternoon school crossing duties, highlighting the important role they play in road safety. Schools without a crossing might consider encouraging bus monitors to be super heroes.

Residents all over the district are also being encouraged to go yellow for Road Safety Week, which runs from 15 to 21 May.

The lights on Ashburton’s clock tower will glow yellow and residents are being asked to wear yellow or tie a yellow ribbon on their vehicle for the week.

Matai mark new King

Join us for events this weekend to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

On Saturday at 9.30am, Mayor Neil Brown will be unveiling a commemorative plaque alongside three new Matai trees planted on the edge of the Royal Lawn at the Ashburton Domain.

He and councillors will also be attending a volunteer planting session at the Harris Scientific Reserve, off Maronan Road, later in the morning. The King has asked people to undertake some form of volunteering to mark the occasion.

Another volunteer planting day will be held at the Hakatere Marae on Sunday.

Phill Hooper - Councillor Loving the learning curve

Those who ticked the Phill Hooper box at election time will be happy to hear that I am still very much enjoying my time around the Council table.

The past six months have been a steep learning curve, but I am loving the challenge that presents.

I am also very much enjoying turning up to Council without a mad rush having taken place and thinking about my next nana nap (no more pre-dawn starts like my old job).

Amongst the many things I have learnt is to never presume how things will turn out.

One of my tasks has been to help to try and revive the Youth Council. Attendance had dropped well away last term and it looked like a death roll was on the way in the near future. I must confess, initially I didn't hold out a lot of

hope for the continuation of it.

I am thrilled to say though, that with guidance and enthusiasm from Cr Ellis and Rachel Carr from the Council team (and the lure of pizza) we have had an amazing response to the recruitment drive.

The Youth Council is very much alive and well. I am looking forward to watching this group of young adults flourish and grow into their roles.

I was lucky enough to attend the Local Government New Zealand South Island conference in Queenstown recently. Yeah, I know, what an awful spot for a conference eh?

Our two days were jam packed with top quality speakers including Ministers Parker and McNulty, National's Simon Watts and economist Brad Olsen.

I particularly enjoyed the round the table segment, where a representative



from each Council had five minutes to talk about their issues and success stories from their region. Our issues and concerns were shared by many.

We also went on a walking tour of the CBD in Queenstown to check out their regeneration project. It is much the same as the CBD upgrade in Ashburton but with more of an emphasis on pedestrian-friendly areas.

Parking is a major issue for the town and they are working on a better public transport system, although they are finding it challenging to recruit the likes of bus drivers. It sounds like staffing issues are shared by many businesses in Queenstown as well.

We are hiring

Methven CBD Cleaner

You will be responsible for ensuring a consistently high level of cleanliness in the Methven public conveniences.

If you are reliable, able to work unsupervised for one hour on a Saturday and one hour on a Sunday (2 hours a week total) and pride yourself on completing tasks to a high standard, we want to hear from you.

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Glow in the Park plugged in



Glow in the Park is returning this year to the Tinwald Domain over King's Birthday weekend and organisers are flat out finalising all the dazzling details.

The three-night light spectacle will feature artistic and interactive light installations, including glow in the dark 10 pin bowling, as well as a bigger dining area with a good variety of food trucks.

Council Chief Executive Hamish Riach said the 2022 glow event had been hugely popular and was attended by about 10,000 people over the three nights.

"So we are back in the same space and working to create another trail of special effects lights winding around the domain and Tinwald Plains historical precinct.

"We had such good feedback from the

Photo Bailey Chambers

community at last year's event that we want to make it a regular event. This year it's been made possible by the enthusiastic support of local companies, including EA Networks, who are joining us as a Gold Sponsor.

"It is such a great night for everyone involved. People with small children can attend because it is dark early and this year the Monday is a public holiday so Sunday night might be bigger. The domain will be glowing and people of all ages will be able to enjoy it."

The festival will start at 5.30pm on Friday 2 June. It will close each night at 9.30pm.

Those coming to the event will be able to follow the signs to a free car park area off Maronan Road.

See more at glowinthepark.nz

Still time for your feedback

Time is running out for residents to have their say on two Council consultations - one involving a refresh of the Transportation and Parking Bylaw and the other involving changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy around drinking water.

The Transportation and Parking Bylaw is a refresh of an existing bylaw which contains rules for how the district's roads and footpaths are used, for example, where heavy traffic can drive or park, and which roads are one-way.

While the proposed changes are relatively minor, there have been a handful of submissions so far. People are encouraged to take a look at the consultation document and have their say before submissions close at 5pm on Sunday 14 May.

The Revenue and Financing Policy for

Drinking Water is essentially about finding a fair way to fund the upgrade to Methven's new water treatment plant, with Council proposing to bring residents in Methven-Springfield, who share the supply with Methven, into the District Water Group.

The proposal would see costs spread across the entire group, but would also have an impact on water rates for those in Methven-Springfield, particularly those using large quantities of water for agricultural purposes.

With only a few days left until submissions close, the Council is urging residents on the scheme and in the wider group to submit their feedback. The consultation period closes 5pm, this Sunday.

More information and online submission forms can be found at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

PUBLIC NOTICE

GRAZING TENDER

The Ashburton District Council, on behalf of the Rakaia Reserve Board, seeks tenders to graze the land described below:

Michael Street, Rakaia

- Area 2.0234 ha approximately

- Legal Description: RES 2986 RAKAIA TSHIP-RECREATION RES

A five (5) year grazing licence is proposed with a commencement of **5 June 2023**.

Tenderers may tender by completing the appropriate tender documentation which may be obtained from Council's Customer Services Department at 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, by phoning Council on 03 307 7700 or by e-mailing info@adc.govt.nz

Tenders are to be enclosed in an envelope enfaced "Rakaia Reserve Board Licence to Occupy" and are to be either delivered or posted to reach Council by **closing time of 4pm, Thursday 1 June 2023**.

Tenders for the sections should be sent to: The Chief Executive Officer, Ashburton District Council, PO BOX 94, ASHBURTON 7700.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Officer for inquiries - Michelle Hydes, Property Advisor

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Biodiversity Advisory Group, Monday 8 May, 1.30pm

Council Activity Briefings, Wednesday 10 May, 9.30am

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

Council Meeting, Wednesday 17 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

Transportation and Parking Bylaw and Revenue and Financing Policy submission hearings and deliberations, Wednesday 31 May, 9am (live-streamed)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of road closures associated with the Ashburton Car Club's Street Sprints event.

Roads to be closed are as follows:

- **Smallbone Drive**
- **Range Street**
- **Robinson Street**
- **McNally Street**

Period of closure: From Friday 12 May 6pm until Sunday 14 May 6pm.

NEIL McCANN

Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces

Public Notice Application for Resource Consent

The Ashburton District Council has received the following application for resource consent:

- **Applicant: A J Developments (2016) Limited**
- **Address for service: PO Box 38067 Parklands, CHRISTCHURCH 8842**
- **Application number(s): SUB23/0003 and LUC23/0010**
- **Location: 4 Wilkin Street Tinwald, ASHBURTON**
- **Legal Description: Lot 441 DP 91**

Details of proposed activity and types of consents:

Land use and subdivision consent is sought to subdivide a heritage listed property into a total of eight residential allotments at 4 Wilkin Street in Tinwald.

The application site is 4,047m² in area and contains an existing dwelling and associated outbuildings. The site and buildings are listed as a Category B items (H72) in the Ashburton District Plan Heritage schedule. As part of the proposal land use consent is sought for the removal of existing outbuildings and redevelopment of the site. The existing dwelling will be retained.

The proposed subdivision seeks to create a total of eight residential allotments. The existing dwelling would be located within proposed Lot 4 which is 1,060m² in size. The remainder of the residential allotments will vary in size between 362m² and 506m². In addition, it is proposed to create two allotments for corner splays (Lots 9 & 10).

Full details of the application and supporting documents can be viewed at:

- **Ashburton Library, 180 Havelock Street, Ashburton**
- **Ashburton District Council, Ground Floor, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton**
- **Ashburton District Council website, ashburtondc.govt.nz**

If you have any queries about the application, please phone Ashburton District Council on 03 307 7700 and ask to speak to Deanna Reynolds in the Planning Team.

Making a submission:

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission to Ashburton District Council, P O Box 94, Ashburton 7740, Attention: Planning Team or via email at: Info@adc.govt.nz stating "LUC23/0010 Resource Consent Submission" in the subject line.

Visit our notifications page on the Council website for more information about making a submission and for a copy of the submission form.

Note: A copy of the submission must also be sent to the applicant at the "Address for service" stated above.

Submission closing date: Ashburton District Council must receive your submission no later than 5pm on Friday 2 June 2023.

Ian Hyde, District Planning Manager

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WESTERN WARD BY-ELECTION 2023

**Vote in the
Western
Ward**

Voting closes at noon,
Friday 12 May.

Find out more at voteashburton.nz

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5 Baring Square West
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Thursday 9am - 5pm

ASHBURTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

180 Havelock Street, Ashburton 7700
Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 1pm | Sun 1pm - 4pm

EA NETWORKS CENTRE

20 River Terrace
Mon - Fri 6am-9pm (pools 7pm, gym 8pm)
Sat & Sun 7am-7pm (pools 5pm, gym 6pm)

ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & ASHBURTON MUSEUM

327 West Street
10am - 4pm daily