

Methven Community Board

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting

The meeting of the Methven Community Board will be held on:

Date: Monday 1 May 2023
Time: 10:30am
Venue: Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room
Main Street
Methven

Membership

- Kelvin Holmes (Chair)
- Richie Owen (Deputy Chair)
- Megan Fitzgerald
- Robin Jenkinson
- Allan Lock

Council appointee

- Councillor Liz McMillan (Deputy Mayor)

Methven Community Board

Timetable	
Time	Item
10:30am	Meeting commences
10:35am	Waka Kotahi – James Long (Senior Safety Engineer, Transport Services)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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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Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

4. *Methven Community Board Minutes – 13/03/23*

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 13 March 2023, commencing at 10:30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Richie Owen, Robin Jenkinson, Allan Lock and Megan Fitzgerald.

In attendance

Sarah Mosley (Group Manager People and Facilities), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Mary Wilson (Governance Support - minutes).

The Chair welcomed members of the media and a candidate for the upcoming Western Ward By-election.

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown, Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

The Chair sought agreement for late items to be included on the agenda, including a brief update from his meeting with the Mayor and Chief Executive.

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

- Chair's update (meeting with Mayor & CE)
- Signage
- Discretionary grant - public excluded Section 7(2)(i) Commercial activities

Owen/Jenkinson Carried

3 Declaration of Interest
Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 30 January 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Owen/Lock Carried

5 Activity Reports

That the activity reports be received.

Jenkinson/Lock Carried

5.1 Democracy and Engagement

- Western Ward By-election

To date, more than one candidate has been nominated and the Western Ward By-election will be held on 12 May 2023. Voting will commence from 20 April.

- Alcohol Control Bylaw

It was agreed that the Board will prepare a submission, a draft of which will be circulated to members for feedback and review before submitting to Council.

- Methven Community Plan

Board members requested a workshop towards the end of 2023 to review the current MCP and provide a starting point.

5.3 Compliance & Development

- Building Services

A slight downturn in the number of consents, in terms of value, was noted.

5.4 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- Roading

It was reported that the Better-off funding is to be spent by December 2023.

A request for parking restrictions within the Methven Mall carpark has been made to Council. In the interim Council has requested that the recently installed (unapproved) signs be removed.

- Drinking water

A site visit for Councillors and MCB members will be organised, and a formal opening will be held.

- Dog park

Planning for the Methven dog park upgrade will start once the Ashburton dog park is complete.

- Public toilets

It was reported that the toilets at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall appear to have greater use compared to the public toilets. It was noted that the Hall does not receive any funding from Council towards their use.

Trees are to be cleared to make the current public toilet signs more visible, with a second sign also recommended. It was suggested that Waka Kotahi also be asked to install signage to inform of the public toilet location. The Roading Manager agreed to follow this up.

Extraordinary Business

- Chair's meeting with Mayor and CEO

The Chair provided updates following his informal meeting with Mayor Neil Brown and Hamish Riach on 9 March.

- *Representation review*

Council will commence a representation review in July 2023. The review will be an opportunity to look at the ward and community board boundaries and the number / ratio of elected members (councillors and board members). Methven Community Board members will be included in the early preparation for consultation.

- *District tourism*

Council's district tourism activity has been brought back in-house. It was agreed that the Economic Development Manager be invited to attend the Board meeting in April to provide an update on this.

- *Long Term Plan 2024-2034*

Preparation for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan has commenced. Workshops will be held for elected members' input. Early engagement will be undertaken to determine whether projects need to be updated or continue as planned. Consultations will commence in June.

- Community signage

During 2021 a request from the local heritage group was received to fund signage to be installed outside the Methven Medical Centre. The signs have been completed, with the stands now ready to go.

The Board has been invoiced for the fabrication of the stands, and approval for payment is sought.

That the Board approves payment to Humm Engineering for the manufacture of sign stands to be installed outside the Methven Medical Centre at a cost of \$1,388.47 plus GST.

Holmes/Lock

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 11:13am

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	Methven Community Board 30/01/23	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
7	Extraordinary business: Discretionary grant	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

The Board resumed in open meeting at 11:29am.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

Confirmed 1 May 2023

Chairman

5. *Proposed Time Restricted Parking Methven Mall*

Author *Rick Catchpowle, Environmental Monitoring Manager*
Executive Team Member *Jane Donaldson, GM Compliance and Development*

Summary

A request has been received from Methven Supervalu for a time limit to be applied to parking in Methven Mall because at times there is a shortage of parks available for supermarket customers due to some vehicles parking for extended periods of time.

The purpose of this report is to recommend consultation with property owners and businesses located in the Mall on the proposed introduction of a 1 hour parking restriction for 10 of the 15 angle parks fronting the supermarket.

Recommendation

1. That the Methven Community Board approves consultation with property owners and businesses located in Methven Mall on the proposed introduction of a 1 hour parking restriction for 10 of the 15 angle parks adjacent to the Supervalu supermarket.

Attachments 1 -6:

Photographs of the current parking spaces available at Methven Mall.

Background

1. One hour parking restrictions are already in place along Main Street in Methven. The restriction was introduced a few years ago following requests from Main Street businesses, who reported insufficient parking for customers due to skiers leaving their cars parked all day when they travelled up to Mt Hutt by bus. No further complaints have been received since the time restriction was introduced.
2. There are 15 angle parks along the Supervalu frontage of the Mall. Elsewhere in the Mall there are a further 21 on-street car parking spaces. If 10 spaces are restricted to one hour, a further 26 spaces will remain unrestricted by time limits.
3. The supermarket operator suggested a 30 minute time restriction, however one hour is considered more appropriate and is consistent with the existing time restrictions on Main Street.

Options analysis

Option one – do not introduce time restrictions in Methven Mall (status quo)

<i>Advantages:</i> No further action from Council is required, including ongoing enforcement.	<i>Disadvantages:</i> An opportunity to improve the parking situation for local businesses is lost.
<i>Risks:</i> Council may be seen as unresponsive to requests.	

Option two – consult on introducing time restricted parking (recommended)

<i>Advantages:</i> Those affected are able to have a say.	<i>Disadvantages:</i> None identified.
<i>Risks:</i> None identified.	

Legal/policy implications

4. Ashburton District Council's Transportation and Parking Bylaw allows for areas to be determined as restricted/timed parking.

Climate change

5. Climate change is not a factor in this proposal.

Strategic alignment

6. The recommendation relates to consultation only.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	X	Local businesses will be given an opportunity to have their say.
Environmental		
Cultural		
Social		

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	There will be a small cost associated with public consultation.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	The consultation costs will be met from existing budgets.
Where is the funding coming from?	Existing budgets.
Are there any future budget implications?	Yes. If the proposal goes ahead, signage will be required and occasional enforcement.
Reviewed by Finance	Not required

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	N/A
Level of engagement selected	Consult – formal two-way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Local businesses and the public will have an opportunity to have their say.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Tayyaba Latif; Policy Advisor

Next steps

11. A further report will be presented to the Methven Community Board at the conclusion of the consultation period.

Attachments 1 to 6. Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



Attachment 2: Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



Attachment 3: Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



Attachment 4: Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



Attachment 5: Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



Attachment 6: Available car parking spaces at Methven Mall



6. Licence to Occupy for Methven Community Board – Installation of hardstand and information signage

Author	<i>Katelyn Roddy-Dixon; Property Officer</i>
Activity Manager	<i>Renee Julius; Property Manager</i>
Executive Team Member	<i>Leanne Macdonald; Group Manager – Business Support</i>

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Methven Community Board to enter into a ten (10) year Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council to install hardstand and information signage about the Methven Railway Terminus 1800-1976, outside the Methven Medical Centre.

Recommendation

1. That the Methven Community Board enters into a Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council for the installation of hardstand and installation and ongoing maintenance of historic information signage at 4 Methven Chertsey Road for a term of 10 years on the terms attached in Appendix 1.

Attachment

Appendix 1	Proposed Licence to Occupy
Appendix 2 -4	Photographs of signage and proposed location.

Background

1. Kelvin Holmes on behalf of the Methven Community Board approached Council asking permission to install signage on Council land at 4 Methven Chertsey Road, Methven.
2. As the Methven Community Board are wanting to erect signage on Council land, they need to enter into a Licence to Occupy with Council. Details of the Licence to Occupy are contained in Appendix 1.
3. The proposed signage dimension is 1500mm x 600mm. It is proposed that the frame for the signage will start approx. 800mm from ground level and will need to be 600mm in the ground. A hardstand area will need to be in place around the signs to prevent damage to the grass etc.
4. The proposed signage will provide the general public with information regarding the historic Methven Railway Terminus.
5. Funding is to be provided by the Methven Community Board Discretionary Grant and works to be undertaken by the Methven Lions.
6. Council's Roding, Planning and Open Spaces have all been consulted in regard to the installation of the signage and issuing of the Licence to Occupy.
7. Council's Roding Manager stated that there are no issues from a roading point of view, as it is in Council Property.
8. Council's Senior Planner notes that they are okay with the proposal, as it meets the District Plan requirements for a community sign on Open Space zoned land.
9. Council's Open Spaces Manager noted no issues and that Open Spaces will manage the lawn and weeds surrounding the proposed hardstand.
10. Council's Property Team therefore recommended that entering into a Licence to Occupy with the Methven Community Board would be the best option for the installation of the signage on Council land.

Licence to Occupy

11. Council officers have drafted a Licence to Occupy for information signage for the Methven Community Board to review. If Methven Community Board passes the resolution in this report, the Licence to Occupy will be in a position to be signed by the Methven Community Board before Council executes the Licence.
12. The key terms of the Licence to Occupy are:
 - a) Term: 10 years
 - b) Rental: \$1 plus GST per annum, if demanded

- c) Licenced Area: As outlined in red as shown in the plan included in Appendix 1 of the Licence to Occupy.
- d) Licensed Use: for the installation of hardstand and installation and ongoing maintenance of information signage.
- e) Maintenance and Outgoings: The Community Board are responsible for any ongoing maintenance and outgoings associated with the sign. Council's Open Spaces Team will maintain the lawns and weeds around the proposed hardstand area.

Options analysis

Option one – Methven Community Board enters into a Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council (recommended option)

13. Under this option, the Methven Community Board would enter into a Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council

<p><i>Advantages:</i> Methven Community Board would be permitted to install hardstand and information signage on Council Land.</p> <p>The history of the Methven Railway Terminus would be available to the general public through the signage.</p> <p>Council's Open Spaces already maintain the grassed area and this would be continued once the hardstand has been installed.</p>	<p><i>Disadvantages:</i> None identified.</p>
<p><i>Risks:</i> None identified.</p>	

Option two – Methven Community Board does not enter into a Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council

14. Under this option, the Methven Community Board would not enter into a Licence to Occupy with Ashburton District Council.

<p><i>Advantages:</i> There are no advantages for the Methven Community Board to accept this option.</p>	<p><i>Disadvantages:</i> The signage and hardstand will not be permitted to be installed on Council Land.</p>
<p><i>Risks:</i> None identified.</p>	

Legal/policy implications

Licence to Occupy

15. As discussed earlier in this report, Ashburton District Council proposed to enter into a Licence to Occupy with the Methven Community Board for the installation of hardstand and installation and ongoing maintenance of Historic Information Signage
16. A Licence to Occupy is considered the best option as this will allow the Methven Community Board to install the hardstand and signage.

Climate change

17. There will be minimal, if any, effect to or on climate change from the installation of the hardstand and the signage due to the small scale of the installation.

Strategic alignment

18. The recommendation of the proposed Licence to Occupy aligns with Council's emphasis on the Social and Cultural benefits that the proposed signage will have for residents of Methven, residents of the Ashburton District and the General Public who visit Methven due to the increased tourism opportunities in the area.

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic		
Environmental		
Cultural	✓	The community will have a sense of pride as the signed recognises the history of Methven's past. Provides educational opportunities for the wider community.
Social	✓	Those with connections to the Methven Railway Terminus are recognised with the installation of the signage.

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	There is no additional cost to the Ashburton District Council.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes.
Where is the funding coming from?	The signage is funded by MCB Discretionary Grant
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 – one-way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Council officers have internally reviewed the proposed signage and concluded that this is an operational matter between the Ashburton District Council and the Methven Community Board and due to the nature of the Licence to Occupy does not require formal public consultation.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Tayyaba Latif; Policy Advisor

Appendix One: Licence to Occupy

LICENCE TO OCCUPY
ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL LAND

DATE: 2023

PARTIES

1. Ashburton District Council (together with its successors and assigns hereinafter referred to as the "*Licensor*")
2. Methven Community Board (the "*Licensee*")

FIRST SCHEDULE

ADDRESS:	4 Methven Chertsey Road, Methven
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	Lot 1 DP 566350
AREA:	1.5m ² or thereabouts being the area outlined in red on the plan attached in Appendix 1 ("the Land").
PERMITTED USE (clause 6):	Installation of Hardstand and installation and ongoing maintenance of Information Sign
COMMENCEMENT DATE (clause 2):	01 May 2023
INITIAL TERM (clause 2):	Ten (10) Years
EXPIRY DATE OF INITIAL TERM (clause 2):	30 April 2033
LICENCE FEE (clauses 3 and 4):	\$1 plus GST (if demanded) per Licence Fee Payment Date
LICENCE FEE PAYMENT DATE (clause 3):	Annually on the Commencement Date
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF THE LICENSOR:	Ashburton District Council PO Box 94 Ashburton 7740
LICENSEE CONTACT DETAILS:	
<i>Directors (if Licensee is a Company):</i>	Methven Community Board C/- Kelvin Holmes
<i>Address for Service:</i>	
<i>Phone Number:</i>	021 225 4355
<i>Email Address:</i>	Kelvin.holmes@adc.govt.nz

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. GRANT OF LICENCE TO OCCUPY
 - 1.1 The Licensor grants the Licensee a Licence to Occupy for the Land ("*Licence*"), and the Licensee takes on the Licence, subject to the terms and conditions of this Licence, including the First Schedule.

2. TERM
 - 2.1 The term of the Licence will be the Initial Term, commencing on the Commencement Date and expiring on the Expiry Date of the Initial Term, subject to the Licensor's rights to early termination in accordance with clauses 3.3 and 13.1.

3. LICENCE FEE
 - 3.1 The Licensee shall pay to the Licensor the Licence Fee, payable in accordance with the Licence Fee Payment Dates.
 - 3.2 In the event of late payment or non-payment, a penalty of 15% of the Licence Fee calculated for the period of late or non-payment shall apply. Additionally, debt collection costs (including legal and other costs) shall be recoverable from the Licensee in the event of late or non-payment.
 - 3.3 If this Licence Fee is at any time during the term of this Licence in arrears or is unpaid for more than 14 days following the date it was due, the Licensor shall have the right without further warning or notice to terminate this Licence. Such termination shall render this Licence at an end and the Licensee shall have no further rights to occupy or otherwise use the Land. Notwithstanding any such termination, all monies payable and other obligations of the Licensee as at the termination date shall remain due to the Licensor and on the part of the Licensee to be paid or performed.

4. REVIEW OF LICENCE FEE
 - 4.1 The Licensor reserves the right to review the Licence Fee at any time during the term of the Licence on giving to the Licensee a minimum of three (3) months prior written notice of its intention to do so. The reviewed Licence Fee shall not be less than that payable in the period immediately prior to the review.
 - 4.2 The Licensor shall set the reviewed Licence Fee through its Property Officer (or such other officer as may from time to time be so authorised by the Licensor).
 - 4.3 If the Licensee is not willing to pay the reviewed Licence Fee, the Licensee shall advise the Licensor accordingly in writing within 14 days of receiving notice of the reviewed Licence Fee. This Licence shall immediately terminate upon receipt by the Licensor of such written notice.

5. OUTGOINGS

~~5.1 Upon receipt of an invoice from the Licensor, the Licensee shall pay all rates, taxes, charges, water rates, premiums and other charges which may be or become payable in respect of the use and occupation of the Land and indemnifies the Licensor against all liability for the same.~~

6. PERMITTED USES OF THE LAND

6.1 The Licensee shall only use the Land for the Permitted Use. The Licensee is not permitted to use or allow the Land to be used for any other purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, the Land cannot be used or occupied by any person for temporary or permanent accommodation purposes.

6.2 The Licensee shall use and occupy the Land personally and shall ensure that such usage is in accordance with good and husband-like land management practices. The Licensee shall be responsible for keeping the Land in a clean and tidy condition and ensuring any rubbish is removed from the Land on a regular basis.

6.3 The Licensee shall, at its own cost, comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, bylaws, and codes with regard to their use and occupation of the Land and shall obtain and maintain for the term of the Licence all resources consents or other approvals or consents necessary for the use of the Land.

6.4 Without derogating from the generality of clause 6.3, in using and occupying the Land, the Licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSW Act) or any subsequent or replacement health and safety legislation or regulations. The Licensee, its agents, contractors, invitees and employees, in their use and occupation of the Land, shall also comply with the relevant WorkSafe New Zealand guidelines and regulations.

6.5 Without first obtaining the written approval of the Licensor, the Licensee shall not:

- a. Fell or remove any standing timber, bushes or hedges on the Land; or
- b. Excavate, impoverish or waste the soil; or
- c. Remove or make use of any shingle, spoil, gravel, metal, sand, clay or other minerals upon or in the Land; or
- d. Erect or place any buildings, shelters, infrastructure or other structures on the Land; or
- e. Display any advertisement, signboards, nameplate, inscription, flag, banner placard, poster, sign or notice on the Land (and any buildings on the Land); or

- f. Apply for any resource consent, building consent or other approval or consent relating to the Licensee's Permitted Use of the Land.

7. INSURANCE AND RISK

7.1 *Risk:* The Licensee agrees to use the Land at the Licensee's risk and releases to the full extent permitted by law the Licensor and the Licensor's employees and agents from all claims and demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any accident, damage or injury occurring to any person or property in or about the Land.

7.2 *Licensee's Insurance:*

- a. If the Licensor deems it necessary, the Licensee must maintain at its expense in respect of its use of the Land a policy of public liability insurance for an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00. The Licensor shall be noted as an interested party on the Licensee's insurance policy. Upon request, the Licensee shall provide the Licensor with evidence that the Licensee holds such insurance.
- b. The Licensee shall insure, and keep insured, any of its own equipment, chattels, assets and personal belongings that may be located on the Land against destruction or damage by earthquake, storm, fire, water damage and intentional damage and such other risks as the Licensor may require. Upon request, the Licensee shall provide the Licensor with evidence that the Licensee holds such insurance.

8. NO RIGHT OF ASSIGNMENT

8.1 This Licence is for the personal and exclusive use of the Licensee and is not transferable.

8.2 The Land, this Licence and the rights and privileges created by the License in favour of the Licensee cannot be sold, transferred, sub-let, sub-licensed, assigned, mortgaged or otherwise charged or encumbered by the Licensee.

9. NO RIGHT OF EXCLUSIVITY

9.1 This Licence does not grant or imply any sole occupancy rights to the Land in favour of the Licensee.

9.2 The Licensor specifically reserves the right to grant to any other party on any such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, rights of entry and access to the Land with or without vehicles and machinery of any description, including but not restricted to the rights to mine or win, stockpile, work and or fell and remove timber, soil, metals, other minerals or any other materials on and from the Land. In the event the Licensor exercises this reserved right, the Licensor shall where practicable (but

not in the event of an emergency) give to the Licensee not less than 24 hours prior notice of the intended entry. This notice may be given or served in any of the following ways:

- a. by telephone message;
- b. by letter posted to the Licensee by ordinary post to the last known address of the Licensee;
- c. in person to the Licensee; or
- d. by affixing a notice to a post or posts in or on the Land.

10. WEED AND PEST CONTROL

10.1 The Licensee shall control and eradicate all noxious weeds, rabbits and other animal pests on the Land in a regular and timely manner. For the purposes of this clause, the term 'weed' includes but is not limited to broom, gorse, blackberry and nassella tussock.

11. FENCES

11.1 The Licensee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all fences (including gates) on or required to be on the Land and its boundaries with other land adjoining it (including all associated costs). The Licensee shall also be responsible for the provision of any internal subdivisional fencing required on the Land. For the duration of this Licence, the Licensee shall be deemed to be the occupier of the Land for the purposes of the Fencing Act 1978.

12. EARLY SURRENDER

12.1 If the Licensee wishes to surrender this Licence before the expiry of the Licence term, the Licensee shall apply in writing to the Licensor. The Licensor may, at its sole discretion, accept or decline the Licensee's application for early surrender.

13. TERMINATION BY LICENSOR

13.1 In the event:

- a. the Licensee breaches any of the conditions expressed or implied in this Licence (other than the non-payment of the Licence Fee which is addressed under clause 3); or

- b. the Licensor requires the whole, or a portion of, the Land for any purpose,

the Licensor may terminate this Licence at any time by the Licensor giving the

Licensee a minimum of 21 days prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Licence.

14. END OF LICENCE

14.1 At the expiry, termination or earlier surrender of the Licence, the Licensee shall deliver back to the Licensor vacant possession of the Land with all fences, gates, hedges, ditches, drains, water races and other improvements in good and tenantable repair and condition.

14.2 If, in the reasonable opinion of the Licensor's Property Officer (or other such Officer with the appropriate delegations from the Licensor), any work that is necessary to reinstate the Land, or any of the Licensor's improvements on the Land, to a good and tenantable condition, such work may be done by, or for, the Licensor and the Licensor shall recover the full costs of such work from the Licensee.

15. NO COMPENSATION

15.1 The Licensee is not entitled to any compensation for any improvements made to or placed on the Land by the Licensee, or any person acting for the Licensee, or for the loss of occupation rights caused by the early termination, surrender or expiry of the Licence by the Licensor. At the expiry, termination or early surrender of this Licence the unencumbered title to all such improvements shall pass to the Licensor.

15.2 In the event of the Licensor exercising either by itself, or through authorised agents or assigns, any of the rights of entry to the Land (including early termination) reserved by this Licence, there shall be no compensation payable to the Licensee by the Licensor.

16. RIGHTS AND POWERS

16.1 The rights, powers and obligations of the Licensor shall be exercised for and on behalf of the Licensor by its Property Officer or such other officer of the Licensor as may from time to time be so authorised by the Licensor.

17. GENERAL

17.1 *Entire Agreement:* This Licence, including the First Schedule and the Terms and Conditions of Licence, forms the entire agreement between the parties. No earlier warranty, disclosure, representation or agreement in relation to any matter dealt with in this Licence has any force or effect from the Commencement Date.

17.2 *Counterparts:* This Licence may be executed in any number of counterparts (including facsimile and email copies) each of which is to be deemed an original, but

all of which together will constitute a single instrument. A party may enter into this Licence by executing any counterpart.

17.3 *Variation:* The parties shall record any variation to the terms of this Licence in writing and the variation shall be signed by all parties.

17.4 *Waiver:* Any party may waive a right reserved to that party by this Licence, but any such waiver shall be binding only if in writing and shall apply only to the particular occasion, circumstance or event to which the waiver relate.

18. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

18.1 The Licencee is to undertake a 'Before you dig' location of services before the installation of the Hardstand and Signage.

18.2 The Licencee shall indemnify the Licensor from any claim for damage either to a person or property (including motor vehicles) howsoever arising.

18.3 The Licencee shall notify Councils Open Spaces Team 24 hours before any works are to take place on the site.

EXECUTION

SIGNED for and behalf of)	_____
ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL)	Group Manager Business Support
as Licensor in the presence of:)	
)	
)	_____
)	Property Manager

Witness's Signature _____

Full name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

SIGNED for and behalf of
METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD
as Licensee in the presence of:

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Director / Authorised Signatory

Director / Authorised Signatory

Witnessed by (if signed other than by two Directors)

Witness's Signature _____

Full name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

APPENDIX 1: SITE PLAN



Appendix 2 – Proposed Signage



Appendix 3 – Frame for Proposed Signage



Appendix 4 – Proposed area for installation



7. *Methven Community Board – Discretionary Grant*

Executive Team Member *Toni Durham; GM Democracy & Engagement*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is for the MCB to consider a request for funding from the Methven Squash Club

Recommendation

1. That Methven Community Board allocates \$4,000 from its discretionary grant to the Methven Squash Club for the re-painting of their courts.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Funding application

Background

The current situation

1. The Methven Squash Club is seeking funding to repair and paint 3 Squash courts that require urgent attention due to an increase in use of the facilities over the last few years. Each court is required to be sanded, repaired and painted.
2. Methven Squash Club has around 130 members – and are one of the strongest squash clubs in Mid Canterbury.
3. They have a mix of Junior players, Adults and Seniors. Methven Squash was established in the 1980's and have 3 glass back courts.
4. The courts have gradually declined over the last few years from general wear and tear, leaking in the heavy rain/snow, materials degrading in the corners and paint chipping off the walls.
5. Due to all of the above they have had to reschedule games, mop floors regularly and spend many hours cleaning the courts before tournaments due to debris all over the courts - which makes playing unsafe.
6. For Methven as a small rural town the importance of social interaction through sporting activities such as squash is vital. They have members from all walks of life which include families, young professionals, farmers and seasonal workers.
7. The total cost of the project is \$12,000 .
8. This year (2022/23) MCB has allocated \$14,280 of a total grant pool of \$25,000. This leaves a maximum grant available of \$10,720. Officers have proposed funding the club one-third of the project costs - \$4,000.

Options analysis

Option one – Agree to fund the Methven Squash Club \$4,000 for their court repairs.

<i>Advantages:</i> Support of local sports club that is currently thriving	<i>Disadvantages:</i> Loss of grant funding for other possible applicants.
<i>Risks:</i> Funds not being spent on the project allocated.	

Option two – Do not fund the Methven Squash Club \$4,000 for their court repairs.

<p><i>Advantages:</i> Retention of grant fund for future applicants</p>	<p><i>Disadvantages:</i> Missed opportunity to support a local sports club.</p>
<p><i>Risks:</i> Reputational risk to MCB</p>	

Legal/policy implications

Revenue & Financing Policy

9. The discretionary grant funded is funded by the Methven Community each year through the Methven Community Board cost centre. This funding therefore should be spent in the year in which it is rated for the best outcome for the community.

Strategic alignment

10. The recommendation relates to Council’s vision of a district of choice for lifestyle and opportunity. .

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?	\$2500
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Methven Community Board
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	<i>Not applicable</i>

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	The community will be informed of the MCB decision through the usual media channels.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham: GM Democracy & Engagement

Appendix One:

Your Organisation's details:

Organisation name: Methven Squash Club

Street Address : Methven Chertsey Road

Address Line 2:

City: Methven

State / Province / Region: Canterbury

Postal / ZIP Code: 7730

Country: New Zealand

Please enter the total amount of funding you require for this project.: \$12,000 (\$4000 per Court)

Primary Contact Person

First Name: Erica

Last Name: Dynes

Email Address: erica.dynes@hotmail.com

Phone (Daytime): 0272540485

Organisation details: Methven Squash - methvensquash@gmail.com

Details

Organisation details: Methven Squash Club has around 130 members - We are one of the strongest Squash Clubs in Mid Canterbury - We have a mix of Junior players, Adults and Seniors. We were established in the 1980's and have 3 glass back courts.

Status (If applicable) : Charitable Trust

Please attach a copy of your Charities Commission Number if applicable:

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Please attach a copy of your Certificate of Incorporation if applicable:

No file uploaded

Programme Dates

Start Date: December 2023

Completion Date: February 2023

About your project

Describe your project / programme::

The Methven Squash Club is seeking funding to repair and paint our 3 Squash courts that require urgent attention due to an increase in use of our facilities over the last few years. We require each court to be sanded, repaired and painted.

Why is the project / programme required, and what evidence do you have of this?:

The courts have gradually over the last few years have shown general wear and tear, leaking in the heavy rain/snow, materials degrading in the corners and paint chipping off the walls. Due to all of the above we have had to reschedule games, mop floors regularly and spent many hours cleaning the courts before tournaments due to debris all over the courts - which makes playing unsafe.

What has been done before? Or what else is happening in the district to address the problem or opportunity?:

Many hours of committee and club members time is spent keeping our courts clean and tidy - Squash players are very fussy! We have constantly been moping and sugar soaping the floors and walls to stop debris falling during a game. The courts required to be painted/repainted every 10-15 years.

Who will mainly benefit from your project / programme?:

For Methven as a small rural town the importance of Social interaction through sporting activities such as Squash is vital, We have members from all walks of life which include Families, young professionals, farmers, seasonal workers and many more. Keeping up with maintenance is very important for us now as well as our next generation. We have 130 active members in our Club as well as use from Mt

Hutt College for Wednesday Sports option, our club is also used for a local Personal training group and Speech & Drama groups weekly as well as group organisations such as the tennis Club and Netball Club for rainy days.

What is the main outcome(s) your project / programme will achieve?:

In recent times our Club has seen a significant increase in playing members as well as tournaments being held, last year we were nominated to host the "Midlands Open" which attracted over 130 players from around the South Island, this was a great way to show off our town has to offer. This year we have also been asked to host the first ever Woman's only tournament in the South Island - this is great exposure for our town as well as our Club.

How will you measure your success, and what data will you use?:

Our Courts will no longer require unnecessary attention from Club members regularly, the courts will look clean, tidy and smart and we will be sure to hear from our Club members and out of towners how great they look.

Financial Information

Attach Budget outline :

Finishing Co Quote.pdf, type application/pdf, 417.3 KB

What other funding are you applying for, for this event?

Organisation:

Methven Rodeo Club

Amount requested:

\$4000

Date results known:

Unable to apply for this until June.

Voluntary Efforts

Voluntary Effort:

We have a strong committee of 10 volunteers who are here to help when ever possible, the courts being painted require professionals, this is a large project which will take 2/3 weeks to complete.

Donated Material:

No materials can be donated

What will happen to the event if you do not receive the full amount of the grant

Each year we run a local quiz night, this has been unable to happen the last 2 years due to Covid 19, this year we plan to run another quiz night in May. We are currently working on

you have requested, other fundraising opportunities such as pea straw, special including how you propose tournaments and selling Club merchandise. Our project will to meet any funding shortfall, not be started until we have the full amount of funds if applicable?: required (\$12,000)

Completing your application - To ensure that your application is complete, please check that you have attached the following

A balance sheet from your organisation (Eg. Financial statement) Attach a File: Methven_Squash_Club_-_Cash_Summary.pdf, type application/pdf, 40.3 KB

Confirmation of bank account details (Eg. Pre-printed bank slip) Attach a File: Methven Squash Club Deposit Slip.jpeg, type image/jpeg, 1.4 MB

Terms and conditions

By clicking ACCEPT below, you confirm that you have read and understood and accept the terms set out above.: ACCEPT

First Name: Erica

Last Name: Dynes

Date: 2023-02-23 00:00:00

31st January 2023

QUOTE P8524

Methven Squash Club
Methven

methvensquash@gmail.com



Re: Preparation and Painting Playing Walls of Courts and Red Lines

Thank you for inviting The Finishing Company to provide a quote for the above contract.

We have allowed the following in our quote.

- **As per contract notes and terms listed below.**
- Cover and protect timber flooring.
- Wash and prepare walls with Resene Graffiti Cleaner Solvent.
- Repair impact damages.
- Sand ready for painting.
- Seal repaired areas.
- Apply 2 coats of Resene Squash Court Paint 2 Pack Epoxy.
- Apply 2 coats of Bright Red Acrylic to wall line markings.
- Unmask and groom upon completion.
- Remove trade wastes.

For the sum of	\$12,002.50
Plus 15% GST	\$ 1,800.37
Total	<u>\$13,802.87</u>

Contract Notes

1. Member of Resene Eco Decorator Sustainable Work Practices Code #06.
2. The Finishing Company are Registered Master Painters #1658.
3. The Finishing Company are Accredited Master Painters Wall Coverings #30014.
4. The Finishing Company are Accredited Master Plasterer Systems Specialist #40004.
5. Registered Rockcote Plasterers. #260 and Licensed Plasterers #LBP 131737.
6. All invoices due in 7 days, overdue accounts will incur 2% per month interest and all debt recovery costs will be charged.
7. Please sign and return attached form.
8. Quote valid for acceptance for 60 days.

Thank you for the inquiry and we look forward to your reply.

Regards

Craig Bishop



THE FINISHING COMPANY (2001) LIMITED

PO Box 415, Ashburton, New Zealand

PROFESSIONAL HOME DECORATORS & SPECIALIST COATINGS COMPANY

15 GREY STREET, ASHBURTON PH: 0-3 3078870, MOBILE: 0274 444856, EMAIL: admin@thefinishingcompany.co.nz

8. Activity Reports

8.1 Democracy & Engagement

8.1.1 Western Ward By-election

Nominations for the Western Ward by-election closed at noon on Thursday 16 March 2023. Four nominations were received and an election will be held on Friday 12 May.

Voting opened on 20 April and will close at 12 noon on Friday 12 May. All Western Ward electors (on the Roll for this by-election) should have received their voting papers by now. Completed voting papers can be posted or dropped off into one of three ballot bins which are located in Methven at the i-Hub (Mt Hutt Memorial Hall) and in Ashburton at the Council offices (5 Baring Square West) and Ashburton Public Library (Havelock Street). If posting, voters should ensure this is done no later than Tuesday 9 May but voting papers can be dropped into the ballot bins right up until 12 noon on Friday 12 May.

Preliminary results of the election can be expected on the afternoon of 12 May, with the final result to be provided on Monday 15 May.

Eligible electors in the Western Ward will be able to check their details on the Electoral Roll for this by-election at the Council office, Ashburton Library and Methven i-Hub. People who pay rates on a property in the Western Ward, but live outside the area, may be eligible enrol on the ratepayer electoral roll for the by-election. The relevant form and information is available from Council's [website](#).

8.1.2 Alcohol Control Bylaw submission

The Methven Community Board lodged a submission with Council on 16 April, as follows –

The Methven Community Board generally agree with the proposal to include the full length of Mackie Street in the ban area as this makes perfect sense and will not allow any misinterpretation in the future. The Board would also ask that the footpath signage be re-painted in all areas of Methven as the signs are generally faded and difficult to see in the dark.

Council will hear submissions on the draft Bylaw on 4 May. The Board has opted not to present in person.

8.1.3 Strategy & Policy updates

- Revenue & Financing Policy – Drinking water

The Revenue and Financing Policy is currently out for consultation with a focus on the Methven-Springfield drinking water supply.

We are currently building a new \$7.1M membrane filtration water treatment plant at Methven to reduce the number of boil water notices experienced in recent years in Methven and at Methven-Springfield. This plant will serve both communities and bring their supplies up to NZ Drinking Water Standards (NZDWS) as required under national legislation.

However, under our current funding policy, the financial impact for Methven-Springfield ratepayers is high and could increase further in the future. Council needs to find a funding option that considers affordability, offers pricing stability and treats all water users fairly.

In 2018, Council introduced a District Water Group which includes all our district's township water supplies. Every household in the Group pays a uniform targeted rate, which helps to keep water supplies affordable in smaller communities and reflects our desire to provide a consistent level of service across the district. The District Water Group also has policies that deal with high usage by some consumers such as businesses, industry and lifestyle blocks.

Following research, discussions with elected members and some early engagement with Methven-Springfield ratepayers, the Council has developed a proposal to bring Methven-Springfield into the District Water Group. Further information can be found [here](#)

Consultation closes on 7 May 2023.

- Transportation Bylaw

The Transportation Bylaw is currently out for consultation. The purpose of the Bylaw is to set controls for the use of roads and footpaths in the district by all types of traffic so we can ensure the health and safety of people, prevent nuisance to the public and protect transportation infrastructure from damage.

In this draft, we're proposing to make a number of minor changes, mostly intended to refresh and update the Bylaw. Further information can be found [here](#)

Consultation closes on 14 May.

8.2 Business Support

8.2.1 Customer Request Management

The CRM report for March / April 2023 is attached as *Appendix 1*.

8.2.2 Finance Report

The draft financial report for the months ending 28 February 2023 and 31 March 2023 is attached as *Appendix 2*.

8.3 Compliance & Development

8.3.1 Building Services

Nothing of significance to report. Consent levels are steady, no sign of a recession or interest rates having an effect yet, but it will come. Glazing rules change in May so there may be an influx of new houses received in April to beat the changes.

2023 Consents	Issued	Issued YTD	Value of Work	Value of Work YTD
January	5 (8)	5 (8)	\$1,640,000 (\$4,134,800)	\$1,640,000 (\$4,134,800)
February	4 (3)	9 (6)	\$844,150 (\$2,466,550)	\$2,484,150 (\$6,601,350)
March	6 (5)	15 (11)	\$3,434,700 (\$6,586,027)	\$5,918,850 (\$13,187,377)
April	(6)	(17)	(\$2,043,648)	(\$15,231,025)
May	(2)	(19)	(\$644,080)	(\$15,875,105)
June	(9)	(28)	(\$5,199,000)	(\$21,074,105)
July	(2)	(30)	(\$496,250)	(\$21,570,355)
August	(3)	(33)	(\$1,886,198)	(\$23,456,553)
September	(8)	(41)	(\$1,966,144)	(\$25,422,697)
October	(2)	(43)	(\$2,932,346)	(\$28,355,043)
November	(6)	(49)	(\$725,000)	(\$29,080,043)
December	(2)	(51)	(\$780,000)	(\$29,860,043)

Note: figures in brackets are for the corresponding month, the previous year.

2022 Consents	Issued	Issued YTD	Value of Work	Value of Work YTD
January	8 (3)	8 (3)	\$4,134,800 (\$344,000)	\$4,134,800 (\$344,000)
February	3 (3)	11 (6)	\$2,466,550 (\$388,500)	\$6,601,350 (\$732,500)
March	15 (5)	28 (11)	\$6,586,027 (\$429,650)	\$13,187,377 (\$1,162,150)
April	6 (6)	34 (17)	\$2,043,648 (\$313,000)	\$15,231,025 (\$1,475,150)
May	2 (2)	36 (19)	\$644,080 (\$392,524)	\$15,875,105 (\$1,867,674)
June	9 (9)	45 (28)	\$5,199,000 (\$2,180,610)	\$21,074,105 (\$4,048,284)
July	2 (2)	47 (30)	\$496,250 (\$743,000)	\$21,570,355 (\$4,791,284)
August	5 (3)	52 (33)	\$1,886,198 (\$1,497,820)	\$23,456,553 (\$6,289,104)
September	8 (8)	60 (41)	\$1,966,144 (\$2,489,786)	\$25,422,697 (\$8,778,890)
October	7 (2)	67 (43)	\$2,932,346 (\$835,000)	\$28,355,043 (\$9,613,890)
November	2 (6)	69 (49)	\$725,000 (\$2,601,103)	\$29,080,043 (\$12,214,993)
December	2 (2)	71 (51)	\$780,000 (\$371,050)	\$29,860,043 (\$12,585,993)

Note: figures in brackets are for the corresponding month, the previous year

8.3.2 Economic Development

- Tree lighting

It has been the desire of the Methven Community for many years to create a better ambiance in the town with festive lighting, in much the same way that other alpine villages do in many other parts of the world.

Previously the two oak trees, one near the Blue Pub and the other outside the Methven Medical Centre, were lit up. Unfortunately, the maintenance of these assets was unfit for purpose and the trees have grown around the wiring. Remedial works have been carried out as far as practical and the old wiring has been largely removed.

The Methven Community also funded and installed string lights along Main Street that were connected to the lighting poles. These lights have failed and there is no longer expertise available in the community to maintain this asset. In addition, previous works that have been led by the community do not meet the standards now required. The community-led works may have been carried out before the current regulations were in place, and therefore, there is a need to ensure that any new lighting installations meet current standards.

A group to drive the ideation, development and execution of lighting that meets the desire of the community has been established, led by Gillian Heald, and supported by Ron Smith, Richie Owen, Karyn Heald-Robertson. Officers from Council are also working alongside this group.

To ensure that any lighting solution meets the needs of the Methven community, we recommend the following steps:

1. That a thorough assessment of the power supply and load carrying capacity of the lighting poles in the Main Street and Forest Drive area is conducted to determine whether it is sufficient to support any new lighting installations.
2. Consult with Waka Kotahi and the Ashburton District Council to gain approval for any lights around and above the road corridor.
3. Work with a qualified lighting designer to create a lighting solution that meets the required safety standards and enhances the aesthetic appeal of the area. This will be funded by the Economic Development budget; however, the scope and brief will be led by the Methven Lighting Group.
4. Develop a maintenance plan and budget to ensure that the lighting installations are regularly maintained and repaired as required.

5. Submit a business case for funding to Council through the LTP process. This will ensure that the project is scoped and delivered effectively and that an ongoing maintenance programme is agreed and funded.

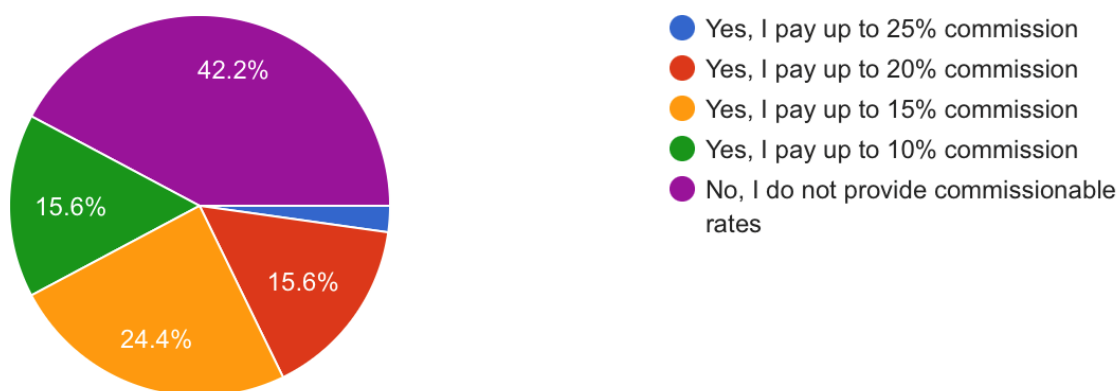
- District promotion

TRENZ preparations are well advanced with 50 appointments made to meet with buyers from across the world. The three day conference in Christchurch runs from 8th May until the 11th May.

Mid Canterbury will host a pre TRENZ Famil visit on the 8th May with 16 buyers spending the day in the region. They will be shown the Inland Scenic and the operators along the route, visit Opuke Pools, lunch at Farmers Corner and visit the Aviation Museum before heading back to Christchurch for the opening ceremony of TRENZ.

Operator Feedback is currently being compiled and will be presented in the next Activity Briefing, so far 46 operators have been contacted.

- Of the operators consulted with only 16 are providing commission rates that allow for sustainable international trade relationships.



- Regional marketing was the single most reported intervention that Council could do on behalf of the sector.
- Many operators indicated that they had received no or little support from Experience Mid Canterbury and were skeptical about how this would change in the future.

An Operator get together is being planned for the end of May, this will give Operators the chance to meet Council Officers and discuss their needs and ideas. 70% of operators contacted indicated that would attend such events.

Neat Places were commissioned to undertake content development activity, examples of the campaigns produced can be seen below.

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- Hastings
- Havelock North
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- Palmerston North
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- Wellington
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12hr

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Mid-Canterbury Adventures & Where to Treat Yourself Afterwards



Story

Mid Canterbury is a district well worth visiting, as there are endless tramping opportunities, thermal pools, motorsport and adventure-filled gems.

How to Slow Down in Ashburton: A Guide to Elevating The Drive...



Story

From gas bums to boutiques, artistry and espresso, there's more to Ashburton than meets the eye. So next time you pass through this Mid Canterbury town, put your foot on the brakes and try some...

To Methven & Beyond: A Weekend Getaway Guide



Story

Methven is an outdoor playground, and thanks to some recent additions to the town scene, there's even more reason to visit this mountainside

How to Spend Autumn in Christchurch Otautahi



Story

Put on your flannel and get ready to explore. This South Island city is teeming with the best things to do in autumn.

To Methven & Beyond: A Weekend Getaway Guide



Methven is an outdoor playground, and thanks to some recent additions to the town scene, there's even more reason to visit this mountainside community on the western edge of the Canterbury Plains.

Words by: Johnny Gibson
Photos by: Nancy Zhou

Methven has long been the gateway to Mt Hutt, a small Canterbury rural town that dramatically increases in size come winter but is traditionally pretty quiet come summer. However, things are changing as this alpine-inspired village has added more to its repertoire and overall appeal. If there's snow and Mt Hutt is open, then it goes without saying a day on the slopes is unbeatable. However, this guide is for the rest of the year when the ski season is not in play.



1 Early Morning Hike - Rakaia Gorge Walkway 609 Rakaia Gorge Road, Windwhiati

Pick some snacks, start your trip on the right foot and reap the benefits of an early morning hike by tackling the Rakaia Gorge Walkway. This 10-km trail should take three to four hours and will lead you across farmland, forest, glacial, current terraces, geological sites and the old Showdown coal mine entry, all before you reach the summit lookout point. The track starts off State Highway 72 Inland Scenic Route on the edge of the Rakaia River.



2 Well-earned Lunch Buzz at Topp Country Café 46 Forest Drive, Methven

Time to head back to Methven for some much-needed lunch. Now, it's not every day you walk into a cafe and bump into a Dame, but at Topp Country Cafe you're in luck. Run by Lynda Topp, one of New Zealand's loved Topp Twins entertainers, together with wife Donna, here you can sip a capp and spot a celebrity in the kitchen. The menu includes the classics and the option of mains for hungry eyes, but it does seem like pies are their crowd pleasers, made exclusively by Canterbury Spinnaker. Whenever your savory decisions fall, it's good to keep in mind there are usually some old fashion sugar-bis writing in the cabinet too. We're looking at you, cream doughnut! And guess what? You've already hit your steps for the day!

How to Slow Down in Ashburton: A Guide to Elevating The Drive Through



From gua buns to boutiques, artistry and espresso, there's more to Ashburton than meets the eye. So next time you pass through this Mid Canterbury town, put your foot on the brakes and try some curated exploration. You'll leave feeling better off for it.

Words by: Johnny Gibson
Photos by: Nancy Zhou

We've all been there - coming upon Ashburton after straight road driving through rural plains and small towns. But have you ever taken the time to slow your drive-through and look under the covers of this sizeable rural township? Luckily for you, we have, and we can tell you, it's worth putting some time aside.



1 Caffeine and Much More - Triangle Espresso Corner Cass & 114 Victoria Street, Ashburton

Every town needs a go-to cafe—a place where the coffee is consistent, there's enticing fresh food and plenty of local chat. For Ashburton, this is Triangle Espresso, a stylish black box with a killer cabinet and menu. Our pick? The Special, a pour-over with sweetened buttermilk, avocado toast, and a sweet red pepper—winning! The staff are super friendly, and its modern, stylish vibe means all the senses are filled before hitting the road again.



2 Shop with Ease for Eco and Designer Clothes 427 West Street (Simply Eco) // 248 East Street, Ashburton (Hyde Boutique)

Sometimes, you need a little retail therapy, especially after those straight roads in and out of Ashburton. Thankfully, this town has a few hidden retail gems that are well worth seeking out. Tucked away with in the Ashburton Village, Simply Eco chain poses an environmentally friendly, natural and reusable products. There are always items in our own homes we could replace with something a little more eco-friendly, and this space, run by a mother-and-daughter team, is the perfect place to do it. They run a little contemporary studio in the space too.

Retail therapy doesn't get any better in Ashburton than Hyde Boutique. This high-end designer fashion destination stocks New Zealand and international brands, including Deadly Phories, Callin Crisp, Twenty Seven Names, Kate Sylvester, Nom'd, Yu Mei and plenty more. Who would have thought you would find your next favorite piece in Ashburton?

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Mid-Canterbury Adventures & Where to Treat Yourself Afterwards



Mid Canterbury is a district well worth visiting, as there are endless tramping opportunities, thermal pools, motorsport and adventure-filled gems.

Words by: Johnny Gibson
Photos by: Nancy Zhou & Getty Images

Mid Canterbury has many stunning scenery and adventure options, from the coastal plains to the highland mountain range and river basins. To help you on your journey, we've highlighted our picks of where to head and, more importantly, where to go afterwards to reward yourself with the best in countryside hospitality.



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The Hakatere Conservation Park, Mount Sunday Track & Panthers Rock Country Pub

89 Hakatere Hepon Road (Hakatere Conservation Park) & 2006 Arundel Rakala Gorge Road, Mayfield (Panthers Rock Country Pub)

Covering nearly 60,000 hectares of mountain country, clear rivers and frslock land, the Hakatere Conservation Park is the gem of Mid Canterbury. With such a big area, there are endless track and summit possibilities, but by just driving into the park you will be well rewarded. An easy win is Mount Saddle. The small hill summit is only a 30 min walk to the top. Once there, you'll have spectacular mountain, river and countryside views. This location was also the site of Edoras from The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers movie.

Once you've captured that movie-quality landscape shot, it's time to hit the flat lands and head to a local country pub. Panthers Rock is situated in the small town of Mayfield, a few minutes on the way back to Christchurch, a second-hand shop worth a quick visit. At the pub, you'll be treated to some relaxed, quality service from owners Deb and Nick. Their passion for hospitality is evident in the well-cared spaces, including the popular beer garden. Food options are plentiful and tasty as, so settle in and enjoy. Plus, you might be the one to have the next big cat sighting.



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Staveley Ice Rink & Staveley Store

294 Pymms Road (Staveley Ice Rink), 2 Burgess Road (Staveley Store)

The Staveley ice skating rink has been around since 1951 and is one of the few natural ice skating locations left in New Zealand. Unfortunately, warmer times have meant unpredictable winters and less time on the ice. However, that's not enough to stop the good folk at The Staveley Hall Society, who have been looking after the rink for the last 30 years. The team and community are on a mission to make sure there's always a great place to hit the ice.

8.4 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

8.4.1 Roading

The existing directional sign for the public toilets off SH77 is obscured by a roadside tree. Some trimming of the tree will be carried out by the open spaces team but do not want to have an uneven shape to the tree. Waka Kotahi has been contacted about installing signs in advance (Public Toilets 300 m). Have not received the response yet but signs were installed in Hinds for similar reasons when requested.

A new footpath will be constructed on Mackie Street following the water main upgrade that has been brought forward to early 2023. The water main upgrade has not started but as soon as it has been completed the contractor for the footpath contract will commence construction.

New footpaths on Dolma Street and Line Road are included in the programme of works funded from the Three Waters Better Off Funding.

Dig-out repairs on Forest Drive were programmed for February 2023. The gang is now working in the area and will be on Pudding Hill Road and Forest Drive with work now programmed for completion in April 2023.

8.4.2 Drinking Water

- Reservoir

The draining of the concrete tank to investigate its structural integrity and remaining useful life is completed. BECA has completed the investigation and is now preparing the report. The report will recommend whether to strengthen the tank so that it can be further used or whether it needs to be demolished.

Roof Leak Test for Tank No. 2 is scheduled last week of April. Chlorination of the tank shall follow thereafter. Chlorination will take 10-days. The tank can be filled and used to supply the town thereafter.

- Membrane plant

Work on the membrane plant building is progressing as per schedule. Steel frames were erected and brick laying for the wall has started. Roofing is scheduled to be installed 2nd week of May. A site visit to the plant by the Board is proposed to be on the third week of May 2023.

- Fluoridation

The maintenance contractor has loaded the last remaining bags of fluoride into the existing system. This is expected to last until around the end of March or mid-April depending on scheme demand. Fluoridation will therefore cease at this time until the new water treatment plant is commissioned. Appropriate information will be provided to the community in the next few weeks. The Director General of Health will also be advised of the situation.

8.4.3 Wastewater

- Wate Water Pipeline renewals 2022/23

ACL has completed the final section of pipe in the grounds of Mt Hutt College. All works are completed for this contract.

- Watermain renewals 2023/24

Tender for water pipeline renewals 2022/23 has closed and tender evaluation has been completed. Awarding of the contract will be presented to Council for approval during the 3 May Council meeting.

The sites of the renewals are Main Street (between Forest Drive and McKerrow Street), Mackie Street (Between Barkers Road and Kilworth Street) and Kilworth Street (from Mackie Street to the end).

8.4.4 Open Spaces

- Reserves

Maintenance in parks and reserve continues in and around the Methven township, this now extends to the skate bowl reserve as well. This site has caused some issues with access to the bowl being problematic, from a staff safety perspective. Management are working through an appropriate access mechanism and a standard operating procedure. Staff are seeing broken skate / scooter equipment discarded onsite along with litter.

Staff are now moving into autumn clean-up mode with the onset of cooler and shorter days. This includes regular blowing and clean-up of leaves and acorns from amenity areas. Town spraying rounds are now complete.

The onset of Autumn is giving the community colourful displays on the trees as leaves start to change colour. This is particularly evident on the Oak, Ash and Tulip trees. Staff have repaired berms following tree extraction and replacement on South Belt and McKerrow Street.

Annual bedding displays in the middle of town have delivered good colourful displays throughout the summer but are now at the end of their display. They will be removed and replanted in the coming month.

From a reserve planning perspective, staff continue to work towards updating and implementing Reserve Management Plans for all District reserves and Open Spaces. The Community Board will be able to have its input to this lengthy process over the coming year. Staff will keep the Community Board informed of progress and its opportunities for input along the way.

The CBD playground is awaiting some repairs to edging which contains the bark softfall. Pricing of this work is all but complete at the time of writing. It is expected that work will be complete by the end of the financial year.

Staff have reached agreement with the Methven Lions to undertake a tidy up of the Mount Hutt Station Road walkway on SH77 from Racecourse Avenue to the Hot Pools. This will be a collaborative project with Council arborists undertaking some minor tree trimming and Lions removing old fencing along with a general site tidy-up.

Staff are currently in the planning stage of what canine enrichment can be incorporated into the Methven Dog Park. As soon as these plans are drafted, they will be socialised with the Community Board for its input prior to finalising.

Maintenance staff were looking at the options for changing out the rotting timber slats on CBD litter bins. At the same time staff will be including the park bench seats as well. At a recent inspection, it was noted that most are suffering from degradation primarily due to aging of the timber seat slats. What is proposed is that we replace both timber products with a composite decking material which is more stable to the weather elements and colourfast. Some of the seating which is in close proximity to the Quercus (Oak) trees will also need to be cleaned down due to the presence black sooty mould. It is hoped that all this work can be undertaken over the winter months.

- Methven Cemetery

Staff continue to undertake weed control on the new bund and marking out for additional plantings has occurred at the time of writing. These plantings shall occur as soon as weather conditions are suitable and staff have sprayed weeds on the new cemetery bund, around various plantings and at the north end adjacent to the water race, also around the berms in the cemetery area itself. Watering of the trees has continued throughout summer but has now ceased.

- Public toilets

These are functioning well. It is pleasing to report minimal recent issues at public toilets in Methven.

One recent issue has been the obscured state highway signage. Staff looked at tree trimming to make the one current sign visible however, this was not going to be a complete fix for the problem. The better solution is for a signage upgrade and relocation with signs both north and south of the toilet block highlighting road users to the facilities some 300 meters away. As this is a State Highway, the Council Rooding Manager is currently liaising with his NZTA counterparts to have this change enacted, as soon as possible.

Hamish Riach
Chief Executive

Methven CRM's - 1 March 2023 to 14 April 2023

Application ID	Received	Completed	Details	Address	Source	Primary Group
CRM100231/23	01 Mar-23		Leak/burst pipe	Camrose Avenue	Phone	Water
CRM3900435/23	01 Mar-23		Bin request - yellow bin removed	Barkers Road	Phone	Bins
CRM1200027/23	01 Mar-23	06 Mar-23	Playground - additional chip required	Main Street	Snap, Send, Solve	Parks
CRM0100165/23	02 Mar-23	16 Mar-23	Wandering dog	Jackson Street	Phone	Animals
CRM1600248/23	06 Mar-23		Roading - flooding	Main Street	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM2000094/23	06 Mar-23		Stockwater	Dolma Street	Phone	Stockwater
CRM0500027/23	06 Mar-23		Footpath - damaged, repairs required	Spaxton Street	Phone	Footpath
CRM3900456/23	06 Mar-23	22 Mar-23	Bin request - both (new build)	Westward Way	Email	Bins
CRM1600258/23	07 Mar-23		Roading - repairs required	McKerrow Street	Email	Roading
CRM1600262/23	08 Mar-23		Roading - pothole	Hobbs Road	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM100252/23	08 Mar-23		Leak/burst pipe	Main Street	Phone	Water
CRM1600264/23	08 Mar-23		Roading - signage	Chambers Lane	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM0100177/23	09 Mar-23	16 Mar-23	Wandering dog	Chapman Street	Phone	Animals
CRM1600273/23	09 Mar-23		Roading - signage	Barkers Road	Phone	Roading
CRM0500029/23	10 Mar-23	10 Mar-23	Trees - to be removed; re-grassing required	McKerrow Street	Phone	Footpath
CRM1600280/23	13 Mar-23		Roading - flooding	Main Street	Phone	Roading
CRM0100181/23	13 Mar-23	07 Apr-23	Barking dog	Lampard Street	Phone	Animals
CRM0400001/23	13 Mar-23		Roading - flooding	Memorial Crescent	Phone	Flooding
CRM0500031/23	14 Mar-23		Footpath, flooding	Spaxton Street	Phone	Footpath
CRM0800092/23	14 Mar-23	16 Mar-23	Property file request	Main Street	Phone	Information
CRM1600288/23	14 Mar-23		Blocked drain	South Belt	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM3200011/23	14 Mar-23	15 Mar-23	Re-grassing required	South Belt	Snap, Send, Solve	Street Gardens
CRM100270/23	15 Mar-23		Leak/burst pipe	South Belt	Phone	Water
CRM100272/23	16 Mar-23		Leak/burst pipe	Camrose Avenue	Phone	Water
CRM3900539/23	21 Mar-23	05 Apr-23	Bin request - additional	Alford Street	Email	Bins
CRM0800104/23	21 Mar-23	22 Mar-23	Property file request	Gleniffer Place	Email	Information
CRM1600317/23	21 Mar-23		Roading - signage	Racecourse Avenue	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM2300070/23	22 Mar-23	24 Mar-23	Dead tree, branch has fallen	Wayne Place	Phone	Trees
CRM0800106/23	22 Mar-23	22 Mar-23	Property file request	Forest Drive	Email	Information
CRM0300009/23	22 Mar-23		Roading - unsatisfactory repairs	Barkers Road	Email	Roading
CRM2300071/23	22 Mar-23	23 Mar-23	Trees - overhanging	Main Street	Phone	Trees
CRM100292/23	22 Mar-23		Roading - flooding	Shearer Place	Phone	Water
CRM3900566/23	24 Mar-23	05 Apr-23	Bin request - both (new build)	Inky Lord Lane	Phone	Bins
CRM2700039/23	25 Mar-23		Contractor left equipment behind	Chapman Street	Phone - 24/7 answering service	Property
CRM1600335/23	27 Mar-23		Roading - repairs required	Main Street	Snap, Send, Solve	Roading
CRM3900571/23	27 Mar-23		Bin request - damaged red bin needs replacing	McMillan Street	Online	Bins
CRM1600340/23	27 Mar-23		Roading - signage	Lockhead Crescent	Email	Roading

Application ID	Received	Completed	Details	Address	Source	Primary Group
CRM1600345/23	28 Mar-23		Roding - flooding	Main Street	Snap, Send, Solve	Roding
CRM0100211/23	30 Mar-23		Barking dog	Hobbs Road	Phone	Animals
CRM100315/23	31 Mar-23		Water pressure - low	Main Street	Phone	Water
CRM0800124/23	31 Mar-23	31 Mar-23	Property file request	Forest Drive	Phone	Information
CRM100319/23	03 Apr-23		Water pressure - low	Main Street	Email	Water
CRM1200035/23	03 Apr-23	04 Apr-23	Playground - safety check required	Main Street	Phone	Parks
CRM0800127/23	04 Apr-23	04 Apr-23	Property file request	Hobbs Road	Email	Information
CRM0800128/23	04 Apr-23	04 Apr-23	Property file request	Racecourse Avenue	Phone	Information
CRM1600371/23	04 Apr-23		Roding - repairs required	McMillan Street	Snap, Send, Solve	Roding
CRM3900627/23	04 Apr-23	05 Apr-23	Bin request - both (new build)	Westward Way	Phone	Bins
CRM0800133/23	05 Apr-23	05 Apr-23	Property file request	Farquhar Place	Email	Information
CRM3200015/23	05 Apr-23		Overgrown property	Racecourse Avenue	Email	Street Gardens
CRM200028/23	11 Apr-23		Blockage / Overflow	Mackie Street	Phone	Sewer
CRM1600389/23	11 Apr-23		Roding, pot holes	Forest Drive	Snap, Send, Solve	Roding
CRM1600395/23	12 Apr-23		Blocked drain	McMillan Street	Phone	Roding
CRM3900654/23	12 Apr-23		Bin request - both (new build)	Gleniffer Place	Phone	Bins
CRM3900663/23	13 Apr-23		Bin request - both (new build)	Hobbs Road	Email	Bins

Monthly Income and Expenditure Report - 139 - Methven Community Board

For the Month Ended 28 February 2023

	Month Actual	Year To Date Actual	Full Year Budget	Remaining Full Year Budget
Income				
Targeted Rates	12,583.19	100,665.48	145,179.04	44,513.56
Treasury Internal Recoveries	157.62	1,077.84	0.00	-1,077.84
Total Income	<u>12,740.81</u>	<u>101,743.32</u>	<u>145,179.04</u>	<u>43,435.72</u>
Expenditure				
Salary / Wages	2,116.92	10,932.56	17,171.04	6,238.48
Staff Training	0.00	0.00	500.04	500.04
Allowances	0.00	2,821.00	1,576.68	-1,244.32
Indemnity Insurance	0.00	1,575.36	1,650.00	74.64
Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	525.60	525.60
Staff Travel Costs	0.00	0.00	315.36	315.36
Subscriptions / Periodicals	0.00	275.00	0.00	-275.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	107.04	107.04
Suppers & Receptions	0.00	347.62	315.00	-32.62
Grants	0.00	15,435.00	15,435.00	0.00
Sundry Expenditure	1,500.00	14,280.40	30,315.26	16,034.86
Rents / Leases	0.00	70.00	525.00	455.00
Internal Rental	157.67	1,261.35	1,891.80	630.45
Leadership Team	848.57	7,406.37	12,187.74	4,781.37
Treasury	72.71	440.63	1,226.63	786.00
Rates	46.53	1,133.77	729.51	-404.26
Communication	294.64	2,769.22	5,090.01	2,320.79
Community Services	2,216.63	20,018.55	60,770.79	40,752.24
Total Expenditure	<u>7,253.67</u>	<u>78,766.83</u>	<u>150,332.50</u>	<u>71,565.67</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>5,487.14</u>	<u>22,976.49</u>	<u>-5,153.46</u>	<u>-28,129.95</u>
Capital Expenditure				
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Cash Movement	<u>5,487.14</u>	<u>22,976.49</u>	<u>-5,153.46</u>	<u>-28,129.95</u>
Cash Reserves				
Separate Reserves	0.00	0.00	5,477.30	
Plus Net Surplus/(Deficit)		22,976.49		
Less Capital Expenditure		0.00		
Closing Cash Reserves		<u>22,976.49</u>		

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For the Month Ended 31 March 2023

	Month Actual	Year To Date Actual	Full Year Budget	Remaining Full Year Budget
Income				
Targeted Rates	12,583.19	113,248.67	145,179.04	31,930.37
Treasury Internal Recoveries	109.03	1,186.87	0.00	-1,186.87
Total Income	<u>12,692.22</u>	<u>114,435.54</u>	<u>145,179.04</u>	<u>30,743.50</u>
Expenditure				
Salary / Wages	1,278.22	12,210.78	17,171.04	4,960.26
Staff Training	0.00	0.00	500.04	500.04
Allowances	0.00	2,821.00	1,576.68	-1,244.32
Indemnity Insurance	0.00	1,575.36	1,650.00	74.64
Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	525.60	525.60
Staff Travel Costs	0.00	0.00	315.36	315.36
Subscriptions / Periodicals	0.00	275.00	0.00	-275.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	107.04	107.04
Suppers & Receptions	0.00	347.62	315.00	-32.62
Grants	0.00	15,435.00	15,435.00	0.00
Sundry Expenditure	0.00	14,280.40	30,315.26	16,034.86
Rents / Leases	1,588.48	1,658.48	525.00	-1,133.48
Internal Rental	157.67	1,419.02	1,891.80	472.78
Leadership Team	802.73	8,247.33	12,187.74	3,940.41
Treasury	-284.81	158.02	1,226.63	1,068.61
Rates	90.44	1,224.21	729.51	-494.70
Communication	316.36	3,095.77	5,090.01	1,994.24
Community Services	2,248.54	22,384.01	60,770.79	38,386.78
Total Expenditure	<u>6,197.63</u>	<u>85,132.00</u>	<u>150,332.50</u>	<u>65,200.50</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>6,494.59</u>	<u>29,303.54</u>	<u>-5,153.46</u>	<u>-34,457.00</u>
Capital Expenditure				
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Cash Movement	<u>6,494.59</u>	<u>29,303.54</u>	<u>-5,153.46</u>	<u>-34,457.00</u>
Cash Reserves				
Separate Reserves	0.00	0.00	5,477.30	
Plus Net Surplus/(Deficit)		29,303.54		
Less Capital Expenditure		0.00		
Closing Cash Reserves		<u>29,303.54</u>		