



OUR LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34

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Creating a 30-year plan for EANC

EA Networks Centre turns 10 years old next year, so it's the right time to look at how the Council-owned sport and pool facility could be developed in the future.

A 30-year Masterplan is out now for consultation, alongside the draft Long Term Plan, and proposed additions include extending the stadium, building a new outdoor pool, two hockey turfs, two multi-use sports fields and a solar farm that would generate enough electricity to power the whole place.

Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown said the Riverside location was originally chosen way back in 2007 because of its potential for further development.

"The site, building design and land bought by Council were all made with an eye to the future and now we want to hear from the community about what we are proposing there.

"We know that the centre is well used and valued by the community. It contributes to our physical wellbeing and our economic wellbeing when big events are held there. We want the best outcome for generations to come so we need a plan that is logical, supported by the community and keeps the centre relevant to our people."

The proposed 30-year plan out for feedback was created after talks with local sporting groups about their current and future needs. Those discussions were supplemented by a utilisation study of sports facilities and Council land across



the district.

Mayor Brown said the research showed some areas of the EA Networks Centre were already being used at capacity during peak times and the growth of some sports was suffering.

"So we're talking about increasing indoor court space and adding activities like a mini golf course.

"It's important to note though, that this plan is just a vision. The stadium court extension and an outdoor pool area are currently being consulted on in our current draft Long Term Plan and could be built in the next few years, however other features of the Masterplan could take many years to develop - and only when our growing district requires them.

"These later projects would be publicly consulted on in future Long Term Plans before being given the green light."

Future plans include an additional vehicle entrance, more car parking, spectator stand and seating, and a playground, alongside the new playing fields, new indoor courts and pool.

Smaller projects in 2024-25 include widening the vehicle entrance off River Terrace and reconfiguring office space to create a dance studio, and long-term projects include extending the stadium by three courts and adding another pool.

You can find more information about the proposed 30-year Masterplan at itsourplace.nz, and you also give feedback until 28 April.

Mayor Neil Brown Listening to your feedback helps us shape the future

I often hear people say "Council never listens" but that is not the case.

During this current consultation of our draft Long Term Plan we've organised more than 30 events to engage directly with you, the people who live in the Ashburton District. We've heard lots of ideas and suggestions, along with some compliments and complaints.

We've shared a ton of information, answered lots of questions and I now hope that people will make a submission so that we can confirm our plan for the next 10 years.

It's always a careful balance of what ratepayers can afford and the services and things that make our district a great place to live.

If you have made a submission, I thank you - we will be listening carefully. In fact every single submission we receive on the draft Long Term Plan will be read by all councillors.

I also urge you to tick the box that says you would like to speak to your submission. Some people might find this intimidating, but Council chamber is a safe place to share your feedback.

There's just over a week to go until the submission deadline on Sunday 28 April and this Saturday will see the last of our informal sausage sizzles, this one at Methven between 10am and 2pm. Come down for a chat, we welcome all-comers.

Council's strategy and policy team will collate all the submissions and public hearings are scheduled for 13-16 May.



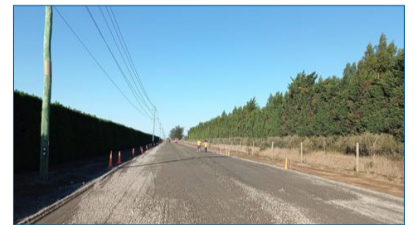
We will deliberate on the final form of the plan from 20 May and consider all the information we have at hand, including your feedback.

We have highlighted five key decisions, but people can give feedback on any aspect of the draft plan. Already submissions have surpassed those received on our previous Long Term Plan in 2021, when we received 432.

The consultation calendar has been busy this week, with meetings at Hinds, in Ashburton and Methven, as well as our pop-up events.

We're hearing a wide range of views and the next, most important step is for you to make a submission.

SHORT AND SWEET



SEAFIELD ROAD

Work to rehabilitate about 1.2km of Seafield Road is on track to be complete by early May. The road is the busiest rural road in the district and contractors have been restabilising, digging out and resealing a section between Christys Road and Stanley Road. Final sealing is planned for the first week in May.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The winner of this year's People's Choice Award at the Zonta Ashburton Female Art Awards was Hazel Rae, for her work Voyage, a portrait of a friend's grandparents. The awards are a partnership between Zonta and the Ashburton Art Gallery, supported by local businesses.

ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is given that the following roads will be closed to traffic during the RSA's Anzac Day ceremony.

- West Street (SH1), from Havelock Street to Cameron Street
- Havelock Street, from Park Street to East Street
- Cameron Street, from West Street to Park Street
- Baring Square West, from Havelock Street to Cameron Street

Period of closure: **From 6am to 8.30am, and 10am to 12.30pm on Thursday 25 April 2024.**

It will be an offence for any unauthorised person to use the roads during the period of closure.

NEIL McCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure
and Open Spaces



Faces from our feedback journey

Submissions on Council's draft Long Term Plan and other plans passed the 600 mark early on Wednesday.

The consultation period comes to an end on Sunday 28 April and Councillors have attended events all over the district, from sausage sizzles to formal town meetings.

If you haven't managed to get to one of our events, there's still time - a pop-up is planned in the Ashburton CBD on Friday, and we'll have the BBQ out in Methven on Saturday.

Tuesday's meeting at Te Whare Whakare was also recorded and the link is available on itsourplace.nz.

The sausage sizzles have been popular, with about 120 people attending one at the Tinwald Domain, and about 300 people attending another in Baring Square East.

Councillors have also spoken to clubs, groups and organisations, including Greypower, when about 50 people came along to the Ashburton Seniors Centre to hear about what is being proposed.

Five key decisions have been highlighted, though feedback is welcome in any part of the draft plan.



Senior students from Ashburton Christian School look through the consultation material.



A meeting at Hinds, with a stockwater focus, attracted 52 people.



Councillors talk about the work needed to repair Tinwald Pool.



Councillors popped up at local supermarkets to talk about the LTP.

Safety star system on show for car buyers

Thinking about buying a new car? You should check out the Decepta car that will be on display outside Te Whare Whakare for a week from Monday 22 April.

The car features in a widespread media campaign encouraging consumers to look at safety ratings when buying a new car. It shows the extensive damage that can occur in cars with low safety ratings.

Along with other road safety groups in the Canterbury region, the Ashburton District Council is involved in promotions and campaigns to educate drivers on the importance of car safety ratings.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said the more safety stars that a vehicle had, the safer its

occupants were.

"The Decepta will be on show at Baring Square East for the whole week until Saturday and we hope people will visit and see what happens when a 1-star car crashes. I'd encourage young people especially to have a look, and bring their parents."

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi says people are twice as likely to die or be seriously injured in a crash in a 1-star or 2-star than in a 5-star vehicle.

People checking out the Decepta can also come into Te Whare Whakare and enter a competition that could win them a ride around Highland Motor Park with Hayden Paddon - all they have to do is answer an easy question about driving while tired.



Key decision

1 What should our kerbside green waste collection look like?

Key decision

2 If we invest in water-based leisure, where should it be?

Key decision

3 What should we do with Balmoral Hall and the old Polytech land?

Key decision

4 Should we get out of providing stockwater?

Key decision

5 Should we extend the EA Networks Centre stadium?

Long Term Plan Community Events



Saturday Sausage Sizzles

Visit any time between 10am and 2pm, grab a free sausage from our BBQ and chat with a councillor about anything in our Long Term Plan.

Sat 20 April - Methven iHub



Pop-up Events

In a hurry? Stop by for a five-minute chat and grab a copy of the consultation document to read.

Fri 19 April, 12pm-2pm
Ashburton CBD

ItsOurPlace.nz

Wet weather?

In heavy rain or windy conditions our Saturday Sausage Sizzles and pop-up events may move indoors or be postponed to later date. Check the Ashburton District Council Facebook page for updates.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at Hine Paaka (Council Chambers), 2 Baring Square East, unless specified.

Meeting agendas are online at ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/agendas-and-minutes

Methven Community Board, Monday 22 April, 9am, Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Ashburton Water Zone Committee, Tuesday 23 April, 1pm (live-streamed)

Council meeting, Wednesday 1 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

Activity Briefings, Wednesday 8 May, 9.30am

Audit & Risk Committee, Wednesday 8 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

Ashburton District Biodiversity Advisory Group, Monday 13 May, 1pm

Council meeting, Wednesday 15 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

Ashburton Water Zone Committee, Tuesday 28 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is given that the following roads will be closed to traffic during the Ashburton Car Club's Street Sprints.

- Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street
- Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive to McNally Street
- Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street
- McNally Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street

Period of closure: **From 7pm on Friday 26 April 2024 to 8pm on Sunday, 28 April 2024.**

Additional closure: **Range Street will be closed on Saturday 27 April from 6pm to Sunday 28 April 6.30am only.**

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person other than under authority of an authorised permit to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

NEIL McCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces

ANZAC DAY RUBBISH & RECYCLING

There will be no change to the kerbside rubbish and recycling collection on Anzac Day, Thursday 25 April; put your bin out as normal by 7.30am.

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open from 1pm-5pm.



COUNCIL OFFICE

2 Baring Square East
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8.30am-5pm
Thursday 9am-5pm

ASHBURTON LIBRARY

2 Baring Square East, Ashburton 7700
Mon & Fri 8.30am-6pm, Tue-Thu 8.30am-8pm
Sat & Sun 10am-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 & MUSEUM

327 West Street
10am-4pm daily (late night Wed)