

Donate your old laptop, for good

Do you have a laptop sitting around the house, less than 10 years old with a charger, that you don't use any more?

It might be slow, chew through battery too fast or just not be suitable for your requirements any more. Whatever the reason, Ashburton's Recycle A Device programme can give it a new life in a good cause.

Recycle A Device (RAD) is a national programme running sessions at Ashburton College, under the guidance of Ashburton Public Library Digital Access Coordinator Sarah Jones.

Students are refurbishing donated laptops and the public library is giving them to students and others in the community who need them.

RAD has also now partnered with the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park so that good quality laptops dropped off at the park by Ashburton District residents can be passed on to be refurbished.

This partnership will divert high quality e-waste from landfill, which saves ratepayers money. A dedicated recycling box with a programme sign is on the electronics bench at the park.

Donor privacy is assured, as devices are sent to Entelar to be securely data wiped. They wipe the laptops to an enterprise grade to ensure all personal and sensitive



Unwanted laptops, less than 10 years, can be donated to Recycle A Device, at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park.

information is removed.

Library Manager Jill Watson said that people had been asking how they could donate laptops locally, following publicity about the RAD partnership.

"The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park has now created a donation space for our community. The programme has

come full circle with the ability to donate, refurbish and rehome devices locally."

She said the first refurbished laptop was given out last week, to a delighted student who had been borrowing a device from her school. People can apply for other refurbished devices by getting in touch with the library.

Final stage of wastewater extension

Contractors have returned to Allens Road to begin the final stage of the North West Ashburton wastewater extension project.

The \$3.28 million project is providing wastewater pipes to cater for future residential subdivision in the area, and installing a new pump station on Allens Road is the final part of the works.

Infrastructure and Open Spaces Group Manager Neil McCann said the final stage would involve excavations and works in preparation for the tank installation.

"Unfortunately ferry crossing issues and sourcing the right tank for the pump station has led to a five-week delay, but our contractor back on site at Allens Road."

The project is now expected to be completed in the second week of July.

The pump station will pump waste from the new pipes to the town's main wastewater network at Middle Road and will be located on Allens Road.

Allens Road, from Turton Street to Carters Road, will need to be closed to all traffic from now until July while it is installed.

Mr McCann said residents on the closed section of road would still have access to their properties.

"This project has run pretty smoothly for our contractor Tru-Line Civil, with the exception of this last delay, and it is important infrastructure for the growth of our town."

Neil Brown - Mayor

Heating up our economic plan

I hope you've all got your winter woollies ready for this weekend's Glow in the Park because the light shows, food and entertainment will be well worth the effort of going out on a winter's evening.

Our Glow in the Park at Tinwald is a free event for our community and anyone else who wants to come along. It's free thanks to a great partnership that Council has with EA Networks, and because of the support from local businesses that have also come on board as sponsors.

The weather forecasters are predicting mostly fine weather, but it is winter, so wrap up warmly and enjoy the glow.

Hosting community events is important work for Council, not in the same way as providing drinking water or the kerbside rubbish collection, but as part of our economic development and to boost social connections and wellbeing. A good event highlights our district to both locals and visitors, and attracting more tourists is one aim of a draft economic development strategy out now for feedback.

It's the second iteration of the strategy, first created in 2017, and the new draft is more focussed on working with businesses in the district. There's also an action plan that includes everything from providing support to young people entering the workforce, to attracting additional investment to the district and better marketing Mid Canterbury as a tourism destination.

Having a strong and sustainable economy is really important – it provides better job opportunities, higher wages and a higher standard of living for our residents. It also provides more business opportunities and can attract more investment to the district.

A strong economy means that as a district we can spend the money we need to have safe drinking water and provide facilities like the EA Networks Centre, with its pools and stadium.

As a Council we are actually legislated with the task of improving the economic wellbeing of our community and so we are currently seeking people's thoughts on our refreshed plan to do just that.

Leading up to this review of the

strategy, we spent time speaking with businesses, organisations and individuals to get a full picture of the economic development issues facing our district and this has helped us develop a new draft plan for the future.

Our businesses and community may have other ideas to add to the mix so we're keen to hear those too as part of the feedback process.

If you want to find out more, you can head to our website ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay and view the consultation document, which has a really great summary of what is being proposed.

There's also an online feedback form for people to share their thoughts.

We're keen to hear from as many people as possible, as having strong economic development is really important to everyone that lives in the district.



Public Notice Reserve Management Plan

Ashburton District Council is proposing to prepare a reserve management plan for all parks and reserves they have decision-making responsibility for.

In accordance with section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, the council gives notice of its intention to undertake a comprehensive review of all existing reserve management plans to create one reserve management plan for the entire Ashburton District.

The council invites the public to submit written suggestions on matters that you would like considered in the plan.

For more information and to provide feedback, please go to ashburtondc.govt.nz/news/haveyoursay or email comments to submissions@adc.govt.nz before 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023. This consultation opens on 6 June 2023.

Comments collected through this process will be considered when preparing the Draft Reserve Management Plan, which is intended to be released for public submissions in December 2023 to February 2024.

Hamish Riach
Chief Executive

Council services over King's Birthday

The public holiday over King's Birthday weekend will see temporary changes to some Council services and facilities.

Rubbish and Recycling

Ashburton's kerbside collection service will not be affected by the public holiday on Monday 5 June, so people whose bins are normally emptied on a Monday should put them out for collection as usual by 7.30am.

Resource Recovery Parks

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open two days of the long weekend. It will be open its usual hours 9am-5pm on Saturday 3 June and on Sunday 4 June, but it will be closed on Monday 5 June.

Rakaia Resource Recovery Park will be open Saturday as usual, but closed on Monday.

The Methven greenwaste facility will not be affected, and will be open on Sunday 12-4pm as usual.

Ashburton Public Library

The Ashburton Public Library will be open Saturday (10-1pm) and Sunday (1-4pm), but closed on Monday 5 June.

Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

The Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum will be open over all three days, 10-4pm.

Join us at 2pm on Sunday 4 June for our fortnightly 2 o'clock tour. If you are interested in quilting, painting, and all things colourful then come along and hear our lovely Front of House assistant Jacqui speak about Rachel Ratten's journey from figurative painting to abstract quilting in



Have some free fun at Glow in the Park, at the Tinwald Domain over King's Birthday weekend ... but don't forget to put your wheelie bins out on Monday as usual.

her exhibition the Construction of Colour.

The long weekend will also be your last chance to see I am Human, I am not a Robot - this exhibition is by Year 11 art students at Ashburton College, who were asked to reflect on the technology revolution. The exhibition's final day is Monday 5 June.

EA Networks Centre

EA Networks Centre will be open the three days of the long weekend. It will operate usual hours Saturday and Sunday, from 7am-7pm. On Monday the centre will be open from 10am-5pm.

There will be no learn-to-swim classes on Saturday and Monday. The gym will run a 10am aquafit class, and spin classes at

12.15pm and 3.30pm.

Customer Services

Council's administration building on Baring Square West will close at 5pm on Friday 2 June, and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 6 June.

If you have a problem or urgently need to contact us, then the afterhours/24 hours-a-day service will be operating - please phone 03 307 7700 at any time.

Emails, Snap Send Solves and website requests will be cleared when the office opens for business as usual on Tuesday.

Public toilets around the district will be open daily as usual over the long weekend.

Public Notice Ashburton District Plan - Plan Change 5

Ashburton District Council has prepared **Plan Change 5 - Transportation** to its Operative District Plan (2014). The change covers the following areas:

- Consequential amendments to various sections resulting from the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development
- Provision of mobility parking and cycle parking standards
- Provision for the assessment of high trip generating activities
- Updates to the Roading Hierarchy tables in the Transportation section.

Council wishes to invite further submission on decisions received during the initial statutory consultation.

Further submissions may only be lodged by the following persons/organisation:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest; and
- Any person that has an interest in the proposal greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- The local authority itself.

Further submissions must be limited to matters either in support of or in opposition to the submissions and must be in Form 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

A summary of these submissions and further submission forms are available from the ADC website: <https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz> or can be sent on request.

Further submissions may be:

- Posted to: Planning Team, Ashburton District Council, PO Box 94, Ashburton 7740
- Delivered to: Council Offices at 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton
- Emailed to: info@adc.govt.nz

Further submissions must be received by the Council no later than 5pm, **Friday 16 June 2023**.

If you make a further submission, a copy must be sent to the person/s who made the original submission no later than 5 working days after a copy is provided to Ashburton District Council.

Following the close of further submissions, a report will be prepared on the proposal and a hearing date will be set and notified to all submitters and further submitters who wish to be heard.

Jane Donaldson
Group Manager - Compliance and Development



It's back! The much-loved tractor in the children's playground at Rakaia's salmon reserve is ready for play again after some TLC.



Interested in quilting, painting and all things colourful? Join us at the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum on **Sunday 4 June at 2pm** for a 20-minute tour of The Construction of Colour, by Rachel Ratten. Our lovely front of house assistant Jacqui will speak about Rachel's journey from figurative painting to abstract quilting.

WORKS NOTICES

Melcombe Street - current to late June. Contractors will soon be laying new water pipes along Melcombe Street, between Compton and Shearer Streets, during this time. Expect traffic management including temporary lane closures, detours, parking and speed restrictions.

Chalmers Avenue - current to 30 June. Contractors are laying new water pipes along Chalmers Avenue, between Wellington and Dobson Streets. Traffic management is in place on the south-bound lane. Detours are available for heavy vehicles; resident access remains.

Allens Road - current to July. Allens Road is temporarily closed between Carters Road and Turton Street to allow contractors to install a pump station that will complete the North West Ashburton wastewater extension. Detours in place.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council Meeting - Wednesday 7 June, 1pm (livestreamed)

Methven Community Board - Monday 12 June, 10.30am, Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Council Activity Briefings - Wednesday 21 June, 9.30am

Audit and Risk Committee - Wednesday 21 June, 1pm (livestreamed)

Ashburton Water Zone Committee - Tuesday 27 June, 1pm (livestreamed)

Council Meeting - Wednesday 28 June, 1pm (livestreamed)

RECYCLING RULES

NO LIDS, OF ANY SORT

With the long weekend coming up, you might have friends and family staying over - please help us keep our recycling ship-shape by remembering hard plastics 1, 2 and 5 for your yellow bin, and no lids of any sort or size.

Lids jam the automated sorting machine; you can recycle lids at your nearest resource recovery park, just not in kerbside recycling.



WAS YOUR BIN TAGGED?

If your yellow bin was tagged and not emptied, that means it contained items that can't be recycled. You need to remove the items indicated on the tag and put your bin out for collection again in two weeks.



COUNCIL OFFICE

5 Baring Square West
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8.30am - 5pm
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