



OUR LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34

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## Our future green waste collection

Council will introduce a kerbside food waste collection service in 2026 and is asking the community via the draft Long Term Plan if the collection should be just food scraps or a combination of green waste that includes food scraps and garden/lawn trimmings.

The food scraps only collection would be weekly and each household would get a small 23-litre bin, but under a full green waste collection households would get a 240-litre wheelie bin, the same size as the current yellow bin, that would also be emptied weekly.

Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown said Government had mandated the food waste collection by 2027 but the Council's service would begin from September 2026 with the start of a new waste management contract.

“Surveys in the past tell us that residents want a green waste service that also collects organic waste, like garden and lawn clippings, so we have presented two options in the Long Term Plan and people can tell us which one they prefer.”

The smaller 23-litre bin collection would cost each household \$0.67 a week and would only take food waste such as meal leftovers, kitchen scraps, expired or sale food, and rotten fruits or vegetables. The 240-litre bin collection would cost an extra \$1.38 a week for households and would accept the same food waste as well as garden green waste.

Whatever option is eventually adopted will be provided to all residents already serviced by kerbside rubbish and recycling collection.

Mayor Brown said the green waste collected would be taken to a processing



facility in either Timaru or Christchurch and be turned into compost and soil conditioner.

“Whichever service we decide on will be provided to all households in Council's kerbside collection area and billed through a targeted rate. There will not be a choice to opt out, so it's really important we hear from as many households as possible.”

Around 43% of what Council collects in rubbish bins consists of organic and green waste and when this is sent to landfill it breaks down and creates methane, a greenhouse gas. Reducing landfill waste and emissions is the Government's goal, as set out in the national waste strategy.

Council would be able to secure a grant from the government's Waste

Minimisation Fund to help cover the costs of setting up the new service, and use it to buy new kerbside bins and build a storage bunker at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park.

Group Manager Infrastructure Neil McCann said about 11,500 households received Council's kerbside rubbish and recycling collection.

“Diverting green waste from the kerbside collection will reduce the amount of waste we send to Kate Valley, and fewer trips to Kate Valley is a saving for the ratepayers.

“Adding a green waste collection also provides the level of service the community has been asking for.”

See all the information about this key topic in the Long Term Plan at ItsOurPlace.nz.

## Cr Leen Braam Time to action our plan

It's time again for a new LTP consultation.



No, it doesn't stand for Leen's Tea Party (could be nice) but it is Ashburton District Council's draft Long Term Plan.

Councillors and Council staff have spent a lot of time over the past 12 months with workshops and consultations to get to this draft LTP ready for you and I hope you all will have a good look through it.

Why? Because it affects most of us.

It gives us a direction for the future of the Ashburton District, it affects your rates, the way we spend your rates, and the work we do.

And now is the time for you to tell us if we are right or are we wrong.

Talking and listening to different groups and individuals recently, some believe they are not "feeling the love" from Council and Councillors.

As an example, a part of the growing and great Tinwald community is not feeling the love regarding Council's plans to close the Tinwald pool (the preferred option in the draft LTP).

No decision has been made yet, but we need to hear which of the five water play options you prefer.

There are four other key decisions we would like to hear from you on:

- The future of Balmoral Hall and old Polytech land
- Getting out of providing stock water
- EA Networks centre stadium extension
- Kerbside green waste collection

Come and have a chat with us during one of our community meetings, at a Saturday Sausage Sizzle and wherever we "pop up" and share with Councillors your passion and love for our communities and district.

We start with the first sausage sizzle this Saturday, 6 April at the Tinwald Pool, between 10am-2pm.

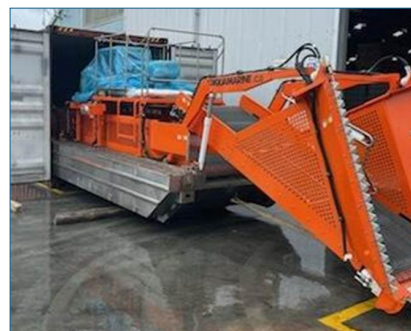
Grab a free sausage and have a chat with us and share your ideas.

Love to see you there!



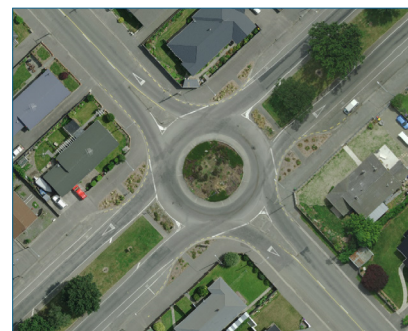
### LISMORE MAYFIELD RD

Council contractors are laying 1.5km of new pavement on Lismore Mayfield Road and the work is on track to finish late April. The new pavement will address recurring potholes at the site, and a new, wider culvert has also been installed across a stockwater main within the work zone. Local road users are thanked for their patience.



### WEED HARVESTER

The weed harvester that will be put to work on Lake Hood has arrived in Ashburton at ACL. The weed harvester will only be used at times of the year when weed growth occurs and is expected to be in action this Spring. ACL is working through the necessary approvals with Maritime New Zealand to operate the harvester.



### ROUNDBABOUT WORK

Improvements are planned from Monday 8 April to the roundabout at the intersection of Moore Street, Chalmers Avenue and Beach Road. The road surface will be upgraded from chipseal to structural asphalt and the intersection completely closed for a week (with detours). Similar work is planned at the Netherby roundabout from 29 April.



# Tinwald pool or other water play

Council's decision to close Tinwald Pool this past summer season has been the catalyst for a wider decision about water play in the district.

The ageing Tinwald Pool needs significant repairs both above and below ground, costing around \$3 million, and Councillors are now asking the community via the draft Long Term Plan if that money could be spent on other water-based leisure facilities – like a new water play area the Ashburton Domain, or a new outdoor pool or hydroslide at EA Networks Centre.

Mayor Neil Brown said the four project options were also accompanied by an option to do nothing.

“We made a decision to close the pool at Tinwald this past summer because it needs a lot of money spent upgrading underground pipes, which leak, and a new water treatment plant.

“Contributing to that decision was the fact that it has also been hard to find lifeguards for the facility, required by health and safety laws, and user numbers are not high.

“Now we are thinking about the future and what is best for our district as a whole.”

A sausage sizzle at the Tinwald Pool this Saturday, 6 April, will give Councillors a chance to talk to the local community about the options.

Council's preferred option is to build a new outdoor pool with a sheltered, landscaped area for picnicking at EA Networks Centre.

Mayor Brown said this would make lifeguarding the pool easier and cheaper to run than at Tinwald. It could also be open for longer hours and a longer season.

“On Saturday we'll have lots of information about the entire draft Long Term Plan but we are happy to talk specifically about the Tinwald Pool and what is needed to bring it up to New



Zealand standards.

“We could invest a significant amount into rebuilding the Tinwald Pool but it could continue to have a relatively small number of people using it each season, and we'd still have to find lifeguards.”

Small groups will be shown around the pool and people can ask questions.

The weather looks sunny for Saturday, but if conditions suddenly change then you'll find the latest notification on our Council Facebook page.

If you miss Saturday's event, there are some 30 events planned during the consultation period, which runs until 28 April.



## 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 6 April** - Tinwald Pool

**Sat 13 April** - Baring Square East, Ashburton

**Sat 20 April** - Methven iHub

### 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.



### Community Meetings

Hear directly from councillors about the key topics in this Long Term Plan. These presentations will include time for questions, followed by tea and coffee between 7pm & 8pm.

**Thu 4 April** - Rakaia Community Centre

*Hosted by the Rakaia Community Association*

**Tue 9 April** - Mount Somers War Memorial Hall

**Mon 15 April** - Hinds Community Centre

*This meeting has a stockwater focus*

**Tue 16 April** - Ashburton Library Event Space

*This meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube*

**Wed 17 April** - Mt Hutt Memorial Hall



### Pop-up Events

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

**Thur 4 April,**  
12pm-2pm  
New World Ashburton

**Mon 8 April,**  
3.30pm-6.30pm  
EA Networks Centre

**Wed 10 April,**  
12pm-2pm  
Methven Four Square

We'll also be visiting various local schools, community groups and organisations, check our website for more details.

**Thur 18 April,**  
12pm-2pm  
Ashburton Library

**Fri 19 April,**  
12pm-2pm  
Ashburton CBD

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## PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a proposal to temporarily close roads to ordinary vehicle traffic to enable the holding of a community event, **Ashburton Car Club Standing Quarter Mile Sprint.**

Road proposed to be closed:

- **Blands Road, from Dip Road to Methven Highway (SH1)**

Period of closure: **From 9am to 4.30pm, and 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 18 May 2024.**

The proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 - Schedule 10 (11 e) and will be considered at a Council meeting on 17 April 2024.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge a notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, by 4pm, **Tuesday 16 April 2024.**

**NEIL McCANN**  
Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces

## WORKS NOTICES

**Seafield Road** - Work is planned for Seafield Road, between Christy Road and Stanley Road, from 12 February to 19 May. Traffic management will be in place and will include detours from 4 March.

**Thompsons Track** - Closed between Braemar and Pole Roads until 26 April for road rehabilitation. Traffic is being detoured around the work zones.

**Elizabeth Street/Oak Grove** - The intersection of Elizabeth Street and Oak Grove will be closed for two weeks from Tuesday 2 April during the last stage of a project to install new water and wastewater pipes. Detours will be in place - southbound traffic on Oak Grove will be able to turn left onto Elizabeth Street to access Ashburton Hospital, northbound traffic on Oak Grove heading to the hospital will use Philip and Walker Streets. Resident access remains.

For full details of road closures, see our website [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz)



**Every Tuesday: 1pm - 2pm**  
Ashburton Library  
No booking required.

## TRACK CLOSURE

Mountain Bike Ashburton has advised that the Ashburton/Hakatere River track will be closed to the public on Saturday 13 April for the duration of the club's 4 & 6 Hour MTB Race.

## 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)