



OUR LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34

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## Last days to have your LTP say

If you haven't made a submission on the draft Long Term Plan yet, then you're running out of time – the feedback period closes on Sunday 28 April.

Just over 1000 submissions have already been received on the plan, which sets out five key decisions Council needs to make and outlines spending priorities proposed for the next 10 years.

Mayor Neil Brown said Councillors had enjoyed talking with the community at informal events and meetings over the past month.

“We feel we have engaged with a lot more people over this draft plan and we've made a real effort to get to groups and chat to people, and that's reflected in the submission numbers so far.

“We're seeing submissions from across the different age groups, which is great. A class at one of our local schools voted on which of the water play options they preferred and then sent us the result as their submission.”

Mayor Brown said that while submission numbers were well up on the 2021 Long Term Plan, it was still important for Council to hear from as many people as possible.

“The decisions we make will affect everyone who lives in the district over the next 10 years. It's not enough just to complain on Facebook, you need to make a submission.”

The consultation period will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 28 April and the easiest way to make a submission is online, via the Long Term Plan website [itsourplace.nz](https://itsourplace.nz).

Submissions can also be made on paper and posted to Council or left at the Customer Service desk, or they can be emailed, or even recorded in a video and shared to Council.



**A barbecue at Methven last Saturday was among informal events organised for Councillors to talk about the Long Term Plan.**



**Mid Canterbury Rural Women were among many local groups to host a Long Term Plan roadshow event.**

## Cr Lynette Lovett Keep the feedback coming, your ideas feed our energy

I've been enjoying the many and varied discussions I've been having lately with people all over the district about our draft Long Term Plan.

The consultation calendar has included BBQs and supermarket pop-ups, as well as more traditional town hall meetings, and we've heard from a lot of residents and ratepayers. If you still want to have a say on what we're proposing for the next 10 years, you'd better get in quick as feedback closes this Sunday.

I see negative comments on social media on a regular basis, but the face-to-face discussions Councillors have been having over the past four weeks have been positive and meaningful. We've been asked a lot of questions,

shared a lot of information, dispelled some misinformation and generally encouraged people to have their say by making a submission.

While we've highlighted five key decisions, you can give feedback on any part of the Long Term Plan. We're required to have a preferred option for each of these issues, but there's nothing stopping you suggesting a new or hybrid option.

For example, in a recent discussion it was suggested that if the Tinwald Pool can't be refurbished, maybe a paddling pool could go in its place. There could very well be an option out there that we haven't thought about or discussed, but feedback from residents and users of our facilities and services is always thought-provoking!

So, if you feel that there is anything we have missed or other topics we are not considering, then please add them to your submission.

We have all enjoyed the chance to be out in the community. There are some major decisions to be made and we thank those people who have already put pen to paper or fingers on keyboards to let us know their thoughts.

We will read every submission and when we sit around the table to discuss them, there will be a good debate and we'll make the best decision for the greater good of the whole community.

This is no easy task but one we will tackle with energy and passion.



## SHORT AND SWEET



### JUMPING PLATFORM

Lake Hood's new jumping platform is open for business. The platform is in a separate body of spring-fed water at the northern end of the new lake and users must be confident swimmers as they need to swim out to access the platform, then climb a ladder to either a 2.5m or 4m high jumping off point.

### MCB REPS

Richie Owen and Megan Fitzgerald will represent the Methven Community Board at the NZ Community Board Conference in Wellington in August. The conference will offer discussion on such issues as resilience building, climate change and enhancing connections between communities and councils.

### STREET SPRINTS

Parts of Smallbone Drive and the Riverside Industrial Estate will be closed this weekend for the Ashburton Car Club's street sprints. Access to the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park remains, via Dobson Street West and Range Street.

### PIPES RELINED

Work to reline wastewater pipes on Morgan Street, Cameron Street, Chapman Street and Jackson Street (in Methven) should be complete by the end of April. The work could extend the life of the pipes by up to 30 years.

### 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.



# Road repairs ahead at Netherby

The Netherby roundabout will be fully closed for a week from Monday 29 April, but customers will still be able to park outside the local supermarket, pharmacy, takeaways and other businesses in the Netherby shopping centre.

Council Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said it was very important that the road surface of the roundabout was upgraded, but it was also important that access remained for local businesses.

“Bridge Street will be closed just south of the supermarket, Albert Street will be closed east of the garage, Walnut Avenue will be closed to just west of the roundabout, and we have worked out a way for traffic to move on Chalmers Avenue so that people can still park in front of the shopping centre.

“There will be signs out, but basically people will be able to drive north on one side of the south-bound lane, park in front of the shopping centre, then exit as usual. We know that customers visiting the pharmacy or mobility store need to be able to park close to their destination.”

Contractors will be milling (removing) the existing old asphalt surface of the roundabout, building up the basecourse material and then laying structural asphalt.



**The Netherby roundabout at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Chalmers Avenue will receive a new asphalt surface. Access to parks in front of shops remains.**

“The thicker structural asphalt going down at Netherby is the same as recently laid at the Beach Road/Moore Street roundabout, and is designed to better cope with increased traffic volumes and heavy traffic,” Mr McCann said.

“The road surface at both roundabouts should last for 20 years.”

Detours and traffic management will be in place at Netherby from 29 April and the work is expected to take about a week, subject to the weather.

North-bound traffic on Chalmers Avenue will only be able to turn left onto Walnut Avenue. Access to the shopping centre will be from Grey Street.

## Safety treatment for rural intersections



Work to improve signage and visibility at 33 sealed rural intersections should be complete by the end of April.

The intersections have been singled out for safety improvements, including larger signs and roadmarkings.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said rural intersections had been in the spotlight.

“Initially we identified 79 sealed and unsealed intersections that were similar and reviewed signage and visibility for road users. Of those, 33 sealed crossroads were identified for improvements.

“We have many long, straight sealed roads in the Ashburton District and we are concerned drivers may miss signs alerting them to a give way or stop ahead. So we have put in additional warning signs.”



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**1** What should our kerbside green waste collection look like?

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

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

**4** Should we get out of providing stockwater?

**5** Should we extend the EA Networks Centre stadium?

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 28 APRIL**

### 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)

## 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](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/agendas-and-minutes)

**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

## WORKS NOTICES

**Seafield Road** - Work is planned for Seafield Road, between Christys 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.

**Blands Road** - Blands Road, between State Highway 77 and Thompsons Track, will be closed on 18 May for the Ashburton Car Club's Standing Mile event. The closure period is from 7am-6pm. Detours will be available.

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