



ASHBURTON GLOW in the park

**Check out these
great images
of Ashburton's
first Glow in the
Park event!**

Nearly 10,000 people visited Tinwald Domain over the course of three evenings to view the lighting spectacular, with 5,000 people attending on Saturday night alone.



Photo: Megan Ellis Photos



Photo: Bailey Chambers Photography



Steve Fabish, Group Manager Community Services

Celebrating people power



Last weekend's Glow in the Park celebration was a thank you from EA Networks to the community to mark their centenary - 100 years of providing power in Mid Canterbury.

Just under 10,000 people attended the event at the Tinwald Domain and Plains Vintage Railway precinct.

A steady stream of visitors came through across three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday was the biggest night, hosting over 5,000 people.

A hot air balloon from Adventure Balloons proved to be a hit with attendees as were the food trucks. Each pathway was lit by children and their glowing painted faces, glow

sticks, lights and toy swords wrapped in candy floss. Installations featured coloured, moving, neon and flashing lights, with audio effects that brought displays to life.

It was great to see groups and families across ages, cultures and abilities experience something special together this winter. Glow in the Park was a free event, and it seemed to bring the community together again, after what has been a challenging past few years with the ongoing pandemic and extreme weather.

It was a pleasure to also highlight the attributes of the Tinwald Domain and Plains Vintage Railway precinct, which people discovered either for the first time or in a whole new light.

We have received an overwhelmingly positive response to the event. We're currently gathering our thoughts as to how we might provide an event like this again in the future.

Thank you to the many organisations that also provided support including: The Plains Vintage Railway & Historical Museum, Mid Canterbury Children's Day Committee, Ashburton Fire Museum, Tinwald Reserve Board and local Lions and Rotary clubs.

Community events take many hours and a lot of people working together, so I'd like to thank our sponsors, volunteers and staff who worked to make this special event happen.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FINAL DAYS FOR DOG REGISTRATION

Don't get caught out by fines! It's the final days to make sure your pooch has their new registration tag. All dogs over the age of three months must be registered by 31 July.

Visit the council offices or ashburtondc.govt.nz/dogs

KEEPING STOCKWATER RACES CLEAR

One way we can help reduce the risk of flooding due to blocked culverts over the winter months is ensuring stockwater races are clear of rubbish and debris. If you have a stockwater race on your property, please check that items such as plastic wrapping, dead branches, wood and plastic containers are cleared away and can't be washed into the waterway.

If you notice an issue that needs attention, please report it to Council on 03 307 7700.

Are you flood ready?

As we've seen recently, flooding is Canterbury's most common hazard. Our large braided alpine rivers flow across the Canterbury Plains and can flood during northwesterly rainstorms, often when it is warm and sunny on the Plains.

We also have many smaller rivers which can flood during southerly or easterly rainstorms. Flooding is also possible in low-lying coastal areas during storm surges or big seas. Floods can be dangerous if water is deep or travelling fast, if it's risen very quickly, or if it's carrying debris like trees, gravel or building materials.

The impacts of flooding can include

Three things you can do now to prepare for a flood are:

1. Find out from the Ashburton District Council website ashburtondc.govt.nz or Environment Canterbury website ecan.govt.nz if you are in a flood hazard area and how you will be told if you need to evacuate.

2. Make a plan for where you will go and what you will need to take to evacuate, including what you will do with pets and livestock.
3. Take measures to reduce potential flood damage and make sure your insurance policy covers your property and contents for flood damage.

blocked roads, loss of communication, disruption to water services and damage to your home or workplace. All of these, we've unfortunately experienced in the Ashburton District within the last 12 months.

For more information about how to prepare for this or other natural disasters

visit the Civil Defence Emergency Management Canterbury website cdemcanterbury.govt.nz



Free masks available at Council facilities

Free boxes of medical masks are now available at Council facilities as part of a Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora initiative to help slow the spread of Covid and winter illnesses.

Each family can pick up one box of 50 masks (3-play) or two boxes if their household has six or more people.

The masks are available at: EA Networks Centre, Ashburton Public Library, Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery, Ashburton District Council Administration Building.

There are also masks available at the Ashburton Event Centre, Safer Mid Canterbury and Mt Hutt Memorial Hall / Methven iHub.



The masks have proved popular with stocks already running low at some sites, however more boxes are on the way.

The Government has recently expanded access to free RATs and masks as part of additional measures to help tackle the second Omicron wave and ease pressure on the health system.

TAKE A STAND

STAND FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Thinking about standing in the local elections?

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL 12 AUGUST

Learn more about representing your community at voteashburton.nz

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

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 9.00am - 8.00pm
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