

Entries now open for 2024 business awards

A veritable who's who of local businesspeople gathered at the Ashburton Event Centre last Thursday to celebrate the launch of the 2024 ANZ Business of the Year Awards.

The awards were developed by Ashburton District Council in partnership with Ri Ra Events to celebrate the innovation and success of Mid Canterbury's businesses. Entries are open now.

The award categories have been expanded for 2024, following feedback from the 70 entrants in the inaugural awards in 2021. Some categories break down into small or medium/large businesses.

Category winners and a supreme winner will be announced at a gala dinner on Friday 23 February, at the Ashburton Aviation Museum's huge super hangar.

The awards acknowledge diversity in business, as well as recognising new businesses and emerging business leaders of the future.

Categories:

- ✓ Excellence in Primary Industries
- ✓ Excellence in Export
- ✓ Excellence in Technology and Innovation
- ✓ Excellence in Customer Experience
- ✓ Excellence in Environmental Sustainability
- ✓ Excellence in Workplace Wellbeing
- ✓ Emerging Business Award
- ✓ Excellence in Community Impact

- ✓ Emerging Business Leader Award
- ✓ Excellence in Business Leadership
- ✓ Excellence in Manufacturing
- ✓ Excellence in Retail and Hospitality
- ✓ Excellence in Tourism
- ✓ Excellence in Professional Services
- ✓ Supreme Business Excellence

Visit businessoftheyear.nz to find out more.



Neil Brown - Mayor

Time to cheer and to celebrate our people

They say that celebrating achievements fuels energy for achieving more success.

It isn't always easy to carve out the time to celebrate success, but Ashburton District has a lot to celebrate, and a lot to be proud of.

Last week I attended the launch of the ANZ Business of the Year Awards 2024.

The Ashburton Event Centre was buzzing with local business ambition and talent, with people from many industries and representing all sizes, from mini to macro.

These many minds are the driving force behind our district's prosperity

and it's inspiring to celebrate their achievements.

This will be the second biennial awards ceremony to celebrate excellence and give our high-achieving businesses a pat on the back for their creativity and passion.

Nominations for 15 categories are now open for the February awards and winners will be announced at a gala evening next year at the Ashburton Aviation Museum.

Another important celebration open for nominations is our Community Honours Awards.

These awards publicly recognise

outstanding individuals or organisations who have not been recognised through their own sector awards.

There are many incredible people who selflessly donate their time for the benefit of others - from organisations such as school boards; managing or coaching sporting teams; assisting with church activities; conservation projects; helping in the health, elderly or social service sector; being a leader or helper with a youth organisation; or giving time in art, culture or heritage.

The awards are available in three categories; Mayor's Award for Public Service, Ashburton Medal, and Civic



Awards. Recipients will be honoured at a special ceremony on 29 September.

It's important we show volunteers our appreciation because without their contributions, many of the activities or services we enjoy would not happen.

If you know someone who you think is deserving, please nominate them by Friday 25 August.

So Ashburton District, let's cheer for our local people.

Annual rates rebate applications restart

Council's Customer Services staff are encouraging people in low income households to check if they qualify for a rates rebates.

Many households in the district are eligible for increased support to pay their council rates, and in the last financial year 877 residential and 80 retirement village rebate applications were approved.

If a couple is receiving superannuation of \$42,500 (gross) and it is their only household income, they qualify for a rebate.

If their rates are \$3800, the rebate is \$750; if their rates are \$3200, the rebate is \$476; if their rates are \$2900, the rebate is \$276 and if their rates are \$2700, the rebate is \$143.

Business Support Group Manager Leanne Macdonald said people had to apply for the rebate every year.

"Often people's circumstances change, and the number of people living in a household changes, so that is why the rates rebate is an annual process.

Residents can call our Customer Services team on 307-7700 to book an appointment, or pop in and see them at the counter."

The Rates Rebate Scheme is run by Government and provides a partial refund to ease rates bills for people on lower incomes. It provides financial relief for those who own their own home and live in that home.



It includes people living in retirement villages, but does not apply to rental or holiday homes or commercial premises.

Mrs Macdonald said Customer Services staff are available to help ratepayers work out if they qualified for a full or partial rebate.

"We will accept rates rebate applications for this current financial year from now right up until 30 June 2024."

As part of the rebate application process, people need to prove their income level with a summary of earnings from the IRD. It must relate to the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

You must be:

- The person who pays the rates on the property that's your home
- Living in your home
- Listed as the ratepayer in Council's rating information database

You cannot apply if:

- Your property is mainly used for commercial activities, such as farming or business
- Your property is a rental property or holiday home
- Most retirement village residents, including people who live under a licence to occupy agreement, can apply for a rates rebate.

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 – **the Ashburton Car Club's Standing Quarter Mile Meeting.**

Road proposed to be closed:

- Blands Road from Dip Road to Methven Highway Intersection

Period of closure: From 9am to 4.30pm on Saturday, **9 September 2023.**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e) and will be considered at the next Council meeting on **23 August 2023.**

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, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by 4pm, **Friday 11 August 2023.**

NEIL McCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

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 Market Day.**

Roads proposed to be closed:

- East Street from Havelock Street to Moore Street
- Burnett Street from Cass Street to East Street
- Tancred Street from Cass Street to East Street

Period of closure: From **Monday 25 September 2023**, 5.30am to 6pm.

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e) and will be considered at the next Council meeting on **6 September 2023.**

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, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by 4pm, **Friday 28 August 2023.**

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Group Manager Infrastructure Services

WORKS NOTICES

Chalmers Avenue – current to 20 August. The southbound lane of Chalmers Avenue, from Wellington Street to Nelson Street, will be closed while a watermain is replaced. Detours are in place.

Mackie Street (Methven) – Mackie Street, from Barkers Road to Methven Chertsey Road, is closed until 23 August while contractors replace a watermain. Resident access available, detour for other traffic in place.

Lagmhor Road/SH1 Tinwald/Agnes Street – Waka Kotahi is installing traffic lights at this intersection so expect traffic management and delays over the coming months.

For the latest Council news, visit our website ashburtondc.govt.nz/latestnews

Enthusiastic response to Take 10 surveys

There's been an enthusiastic response from the community to the 'Take 10 for our future' campaign, with over 800 responses received so far.

With just a few days of consultation left, all remaining residents are being encouraged to set aside 10 minutes to have their say on the next 10 years.

The feedback will help the Council prepare the next draft Long Term Plan (LTP) which is scheduled for public consultation early in 2024.

Once adopted, the LTP will establish the Council's priorities over the coming decade and have a large influence on what services will be offered, as well as rates.

The campaign includes four short surveys based around the community's social, economic, cultural and environmental well-beings.

People are welcome to answer as many or few questions as they wish, with every completed survey going into the draw to win one of 10 family passes to the Ōpuke Thermal Pools and Spa.

Visit itsourplace.com to have your say on the next 10 years.

Feedback closes this Sunday (13 August) at 5pm.

CLOSING SOON

WIN A FAMILY PASS
TO ŌPUKE THERMAL POOLS AND SPA

Fill out a short survey and go into the draw to win one of ten family passes.

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Our Place | Our Plan

SOCIAL Well-being

ECONOMIC Well-being

ENVIRONMENTAL Well-being

CULTURAL Well-being

Have your say!

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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