

## Policy helps reduce the harm caused by alcohol

**Council is reviewing its Local Alcohol Policy and wants to hear the community's feedback on when, where and how alcohol is sold in the Ashburton District.**

Democracy and Engagement Group Manager Toni Durham said the existing policy, which includes a one-way door policy after 1am, was created in 2017 and Council is required under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act to review it and consult the public every six years.

"We believe the policy is working well, so we're not proposing to make any changes, but we'd like to hear what our residents and businesses think.

"The aim is to reduce alcohol-related harm while still supporting a vibrant night life where people can enjoy alcohol responsibly."

The current policy also includes restrictions for locations where off-licences can operate and maximum trading hours.

Mrs Durham said the Act allowed other measures, like a cap on the number of licences in a specific area, or restricting sale of alcohol near sensitive sites, like schools or churches.

"These are options we don't feel are currently necessary in our district, but we want see what the community thinks, do you support our current policy, or would you like to see changes?"

The Local Alcohol Policy is just one method for reducing alcohol-related harm. Earlier this year, the Council reviewed the Alcohol Control Bylaw, which defines alcohol ban areas in the Ashburton and Methven town centres. Feedback from the community strongly supported Council's proposal to expand alcohol ban areas to account for town growth.

For details of the Local Alcohol Policy review, and to provide feedback, go to [ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

Submissions are open until 5pm, Friday 14 July.



## Freaky fish: Touch a tentacle

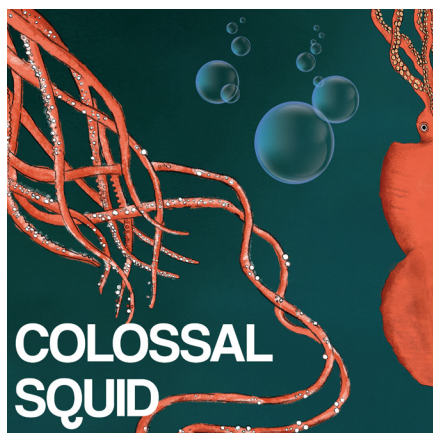
**Something big is coming to the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum this June ... and it's all a bit fishy!**

Despite being the largest squid on the planet, the Colossal Squid is so rarely seen that only eight adult colossal squid have ever been scientifically reported.

Now Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, in co-operation with Te Papa, is set to reveal some of the fascinating science and wonderful secrets of one of New Zealand's most significant natural history specimens.

Colossal Squid: Freaky Features! Te Ngū Tipua: Ngā Wāhanga Weriweri! centres around an interactive table displaying many different objects including the lens from an eye of the Colossal Squid, part of a tentacle, and a complete tiny squid; the miniature of its colossal relative.

Touchable rotating models of a squid's tentacle hook and the Colossal Squid's beak are also on display.



The exhibition displays two documentaries which show life in the depths of the Southern Ocean, and how the most complete Colossal Squid ever found ended up at Te Papa.

The exhibition has been developed and toured by Te Papa, and will run at the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum from 24 June to 17 September.

## Draft Economic Development Strategy

**A thriving economy is essential for the wellbeing of our community.**

We've developed a new strategy for supporting our district's economic development and it's based around making Mid Canterbury a great place to:

LIVE, WORK AND LEARN IN

DO BUSINESS IN

VISIT AND PLAY IN

Have your  
Say!

Visit [ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay) to share your feedback. Don't miss out, submissions close 5pm this Sunday!

## Liz McMillan - Deputy Mayor

### Backing our young people



**A few weeks ago I attended the Combined sectors meeting in Wellington. This involved the Metro, regional and rural and provincial councils and was the first time that all three sectors had met like this.**

We spent the first day as a combined group and the second day split into rural and provincial. The first session started with a poll, asking us what our biggest concerns were. Roading and funding were the top two, especially from those who had experienced the natural disasters earlier this year.

There were several speakers over a range of topics. One of the most interesting speakers I found was Aimee Blake, co-chair of Future Farmers NZ.

We also heard from three MPs - Nicola Willis deputy leader of the opposition, Kieran McNulty minister of local government and Eugenie Sage, spokesperson for local government for the Green party.

Their key message was collaboration and more opportunities of central and local government working together.

The minister said one of the best examples of working together is with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) scheme. With central government providing the funding and local government being entrusted with getting the job done, there has been some real successes.

Our Council has recently joined the MTFJ rural community resilience

programme in getting young people into employment. We have been very successful in the pilot scheme and are well on the way to meeting our target to place 12 young people into jobs.

As part of our commitment to the programme, I am also on the MTFJ national governance group.

I was lucky to join 16 students from our three high schools while they were on a forklift training course. This is one of the many courses being offered to our young people through MTFJ.

Also included in MTFJ is the Tuia programme, and we heard from our Tuia representative at Council about the two wānanga she has attended. This is a brilliant opportunity for our rangatahi and we will be on the lookout for next year's Tuia representative in the new year.

MTFJ also supports Outward Bound courses for young people, and the industry training graduations.

Having teenagers myself, both in their last few years of high school, it is great to know Council can help provide a service to get our youth into employment, help with driver licensing, first aid courses and, of course, mentor and support them.

To keep our district vibrant, we need to encourage our youth to stay and work in the district or to return after their studies ... and be a welcoming community for them to stay here.



# Water plant takes shape in Methven

The new membrane filtration plant that will treat drinking water for users on the Methven and Methven-Springfield community schemes is on track to be fully commissioned by mid-August.

Members of the Methven Community Board had a chance to visit the site on Long Fords Road this week and see the progress first hand.

The old treatment plant building and concrete reservoir are being replaced with a much larger modern steel building to house the membrane and disinfection equipment and two huge steel reservoir tanks with a combined capacity of 1128 cubic metres that will help manage peak demand.

The second tank has just been commissioned and can now be filled; the two reservoirs will provide Methven with at least 18 hours of average daily water supply (the town uses an average 1500 cubic metres a day).

Contractor Masons is set to install the membrane filtration equipment in the next few weeks.

Council Infrastructure and Open Spaces Group Manager Neil McCann said the interior of the new plant building resembled a giant meccano set as the new filtration equipment was assembled.

"We're really pleased with how this project is progressing and the construction work is on target to be completed in the next month or so. The contractor will then work through the commissioning stage and it should be a matter of turning off the old plant and turning on the new one."

Raw water from the Methven and Methven Springfield intakes will enter the facility and pass through a membrane filter that removes 99.9 per cent of micro-sized



Members of the Methven Community Board and Council staff in the new water treatment building (above) and in the much-smaller old one (below).



contaminants. The water will then be disinfected with UV light and chlorine, and fluoride added, before being stored in the reservoirs and distributed via the town's drinking water supply pipe network.

Methven Community Board chair Kelvin Holmes said the site visit on Monday allowed members to compare the old and the new, and see how the \$10 million project was progressing.

"This will be a big leap forward for Methven's drinking water. The new membrane plant will be able to filter turbid water and that means no more boil water notices after big rains or a flood."

A report on the condition of the old concrete reservoir will be presented to the community board in July.

An open day for the community to see the finished plant is also under discussion.

## Add your name to the time capsule

Have you posted your note for the time capsule that will be built into Te Pātaka o kā Tuhituhi and Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka, the new library and civic building?

Residents from the hills to the seas have only until the end of June to write a note about what they like best about the Ashburton District – all the responses will be curated and preserved in the capsule, which will be opened in 2078.

Council has a selection of items to also go into the time capsule, which will be incorporated into a special panel of the ground floor of the building.

Time capsule forms are available at the Ashburton Public Library, Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, EA Networks Centre, Mt Hutt Memorial Hall and Council's administration building on Baring Square West.

## Haere mai, our newest Kiwis

Forty-seven people, from 13 different countries, officially became Kiwis recently at a citizenship ceremony at the Ashburton Event Centre.

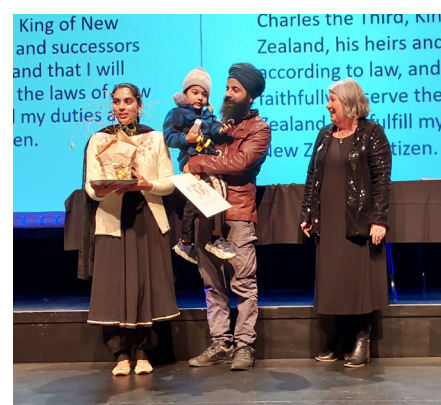
Mayor Neil Brown welcomed the new New Zealand citizens and said the country's own rich history and heritage could be enhanced by the culture they brought from their homelands.

"The good wishes and support of the people of the Ashburton community are with you and we look forward to you spending many years in our district."

The 47 pledged loyalty to their new country and received a kōwhai seedling, along with their citizenship certificates – the young tree symbolic of their new start in life.

The Ashburton Intermediate School's kapa haka group provided a traditional Maori powhiri to welcome them.

The citizens, supported by friends and family, shared a supper with the mayor and councillors after the formalities.



"The final part of the journey is now complete and now you are an important part of our community," Mayor Brown told them.

The citizenship ceremony also included a video welcome from Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, who said all New Zealanders had journeyed from other lands at some time, leaving a familiar world behind to look for opportunities somewhere new.

Citizenship ceremonies are organised by Council's economic development team.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

**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)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a road closure for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Event Centre to hold the Ashburton College Ball.

Roads to be closed are as follows:

- **Wills Street from 211a (Ashburton Event Centre, Cass Street end) to 197 Wills Street (Neumann's Tyres, East Street end).**

Period of closure: **Friday 23 June 2023 from 7pm until 9.30pm.**

This notice of closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 - Schedule 10 (11 (e)). It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under the authority of an authorised permit to use the roads/streets for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

**NEIL McCANN**  
Group Manager Infrastructure Service

### 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.

**Havelock Street - Monday 19 June.** The west-bound lane of Havelock Street, between East Street and SH1/West Street will be closed on Monday 19 June, from 9am until 6pm, while KiwiRail carries out maintenance work on the track. There will be no entry to SH1/West Street from Havelock Street during this time.

### RECYCLING: NO LIDS

**No lids please (of any size, shape or material) in your kerbside recycling bin.** Lids jam the automatic sorter.

### 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