

Your local reserve board needs you!

Ever wondered why the Methven Domain always looks so good? Or how the Mt Somers Memorial Hall managed its recent facelift?

It's your local Reserve Board, Domain Board or Hall Board in action, quietly working with Council to get things done.

These Boards are made up of volunteers who love and support their communities, and they make sure they have good local facilities where people can meet, celebrate and play. The boards operate in the same three-year cycle as Council, and in the next three months will be looking to elect new members.

The Methven Reserve Board held its last meeting of the cycle recently and its volunteers include a mix of long-time members and newcomers. They have all devoted countless hours to improving their domain and can also tap into a network of community helpers with a wide range of skills.

Most of the Board has a connection to or represents groups that use the reserve area and all are keen for the green space to be used well. Recent business included organising and putting up signs at each of the domain's four entrances, an issue highlighted when an ambulance was called to the grounds recently.

Looking ahead to November, the board heard about plans by the Methven Tennis Club to celebrate its 125th jubilee, and what they can do to help.

At Mt Somers, the hall floor has been sanded and coated with polyurethane and new stage curtains installed, while further afield the Mayfield Reserve Board will be ensuring its grounds are in top condition for a major Scout camp in January involving 1000 venturers and adults.

The Mayfield Hall Board has also been busy and gained funding from the Creative Communities Scheme to frame Ngaio



Methven Reserve Board members (from left) Murray Holmes, Mark Smith, Graham Smith, Denice King, Liz McMillan, Colin Maw and Clare Harden.

McKee prints that were gifted to the hall. Once framed, these will be put up in the supper room at the hall.

Council Chief Executive Hamish Riach said the 18 Reserve and Hall Boards did important work for their communities, and were keen to recruit new people.

"These groups will be holding their triennial meetings soon and I hope their communities support them, whether that is joining a board or committing to helping on a regular basis."

Each board has a chairperson and finance person, and the Boards have a Council officer dedicated to helping them be as effective as they can.

Council established the special support staff role several years ago and it has proven a success – boards have help to set their budgets and workstreams, and a point of contact within Council.

Mr Riach said the Reserve and Hall Board members planned big work, like exterior painting or a new roof, and small work,

which they often did themselves.

"They are resourceful and knowledgeable, and proud of their community, and in return, the assets they help look after draw people to their area, to visit or live."

The triennial meetings will be advertised as dates and times are confirmed.

TRIENNIAL MEETINGS

Rakaia Reserve Board - Monday 31 October, 7.30pm at Rakaia Bowling Club

Ruapuna Reserve Board - Tuesday 1 November, 7pm at Ruapuna Hall

Tinwald Memorial Hall Board - Wednesday 9 November, 7pm at Tinwald Hall

Methven Reserve Board - Wednesday 23 November, 7pm at Methven Rugby Club

Proposal to relocate Boer War memorial



The Boer War memorial as it stands in Baring Square East.

Council has applied for resource consent to relocate the Boer War memorial from Baring Square East to Baring Square West, where it will sit with Ashburton's other war memorials.

The proposed relocation is part of a \$3 million project to rejuvenate Baring Square East and build a new one-way road and plaza linking to Council's new library and civic building, Te Pataka a ka Tuhituhi and Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka.

Chief Executive Hamish Riach said resource consent was needed for the relocation as the memorial had heritage status in the District Plan. "That means the application has been prepared by an independent planner and has been publicly notified, so members of the community can have their say on the matter too.

"The new location will be different, but no

less appropriate as Baring Square West is the home of other war memorials."

The Boer War memorial was unveiled in 1903 to honour soldiers of the district that served in the conflict and it bears the names of six soldiers. It was previously relocated from its original site in the square in 1978.

Mr Riach said Council had already talked with the Ashburton RSA and the New Zealand Defence Force about how to ensure a sensitive relocation to Baring Square West, and they were comfortable with the project.

"Residents can read full details of the resource consent application online, or at Council's main offices and make a submission by deadline on 11 November."

Full details are at ashburtondc.govt.nz/home-and-property/planning-guidance-and-resource-consents/notifications

VOTE 2022

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The final declaration of votes in the Ashburton District is expected this week. Preliminary results, before special votes were counted, are:

Mayoralty:

Neil Brown 9756

Jeffrey-robert Swindley 1235

Western Ward (two vacancies):

Liz McMillan 1831

Rodger Letham 1388

Lynda Topp 764

Eastern Ward (two vacancies):

Lynette Lovett 1418

Richard Wilson 1369

Rob Mackle 480

Keith Townshend 436

Ashburton Ward (five vacancies):

Carolyn Cameron 4408

Tony Todd 4293

Leen Braam 4113

Phill Hooper 4073

Russell Ellis 3481

Thelma Bell 2556

Hayden Tasker 1983

Brie Burgess 1480

Bev Skates 1459

Carol Johns 1253

Janet Glassey 481

Shfire Sapphire 454

Methven Community Board (five vacancies):

Richie Owen 545

Allan Lock 475

Kelvin Holmes 461

Megan Fitzgerald 418

Robin Jenkinson 317

Adam Preston 311

Braided Rivers Community Trust (six vacancies):

Chantelle Quinn 6420

Chris Robertson 6091

Gerard Rushton 5784

Tim Silva 5771

Robert Harnett 4786

Kieran Breakwell 4749

Kerry Clough 4070

Kevin Clifford 3740

Shfire Sapphire 901

Voter return was 49.03 per cent, being 11, 337 votes, excluding special votes.

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Neil Brown - Mayor

Let's build a strong team



I'm proud to be leading the Ashburton District once again and looking forward to building a great team with the new and returning Councillors.

We are a mix of old hands and new blood, and that experience and energy will be needed in the next three years as we have plenty of work ahead of us.

Before I look forward, I want to acknowledge my team of the past term – we developed a great culture and achieved some good things, all working towards the best outcomes for our community.

I wish retiring councillors Stuart Wilson, Angus McKay, Diane Rawlinson and John Falloon all the best, and welcome new councillors Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson to the table. The most important task for us all is learning how to be an effective team, and I'm sure that won't take too long given everyone's commitment and passion for our district.

The new Council will meet informally this week and it will be a chance to talk about aspirations for the term and get to know each other a little better.

Next week Councillors will meet the executive team and talk about key items and issues for Council (including the finances), and key projects like the new library and civic centre, Te Pātaka o kā Tuhituhi and Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka. New and returning members will also attend training organised by Local Government New Zealand.

The inaugural council meeting will be held on 27 October and will include swearing in of myself

as mayor and councillors, and Methven Community Board members. We'll also adopt a meeting schedule for the remainder of the year and elect a deputy mayor.

Sometimes the work of Council can feel overwhelming and incredibly slow, but a lot can be achieved, even in the face of a global pandemic and civil defence emergencies.

While all that was going on in the past few years, we still managed to complete a business case for the second bridge, install a new sewer main in Ashburton and build a new water reservoir in Methven.

On top of that, we applied for and obtained \$20 million for the new library and civic centre, which should be operational by mid-2023.

Over the three-year term we also spent tens of millions of dollars on our roading network though two wet winters have made it hard to see where the money was spent. We know the network needs more attention and money spent on it in the future.

Over the past three years, there has also been a lot of work done by domain and reserve boards and hall committees, and these volunteer groups are also important to the work of council. I thank these volunteers and hope they are well supported by their communities at their own coming elections.

So as another triennium begins, we all need to keep our sleeves rolled up.

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE BOER WAR MEMORIAL

The Ashburton District Council has received the following application for resource consent under Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991:

Applicant: Ashburton District Council

Address for service: Fletcher Consulting & Planning, 4 Primrose Hill Lane, Christchurch

Application number(s): LUC22/0115

Location: Baring Square West, Ashburton, zoned Open Space A

Details of proposed activity and types of consents:

Land use consent for the relocation of Heritage Item 107 (Boer War Cenotaph) from Baring Street East to Baring Square West, Ashburton, zoned Open Space A

Full details of the application can be viewed at:

- Ashburton District Council, Ground Floor, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton
- Ashburton Library, 180 Havelock Street, Ashburton
- Ashburton District Council Website: <https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/home-and-property/planning-guidance-and-resource-consents/notifications>

If you have any queries about the application, please phone Ashburton District Council on 03 307 7700 and ask to speak to Lauren Wright, Planning Team.

Making a submission: Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission to Ashburton District Council, PO Box 94, Ashburton 7740, Attention: Planning Team or via email: Info@adc.govt.nz stating "LUC22/0115 Resource Consent Submission" in the subject line.

Visit our notifications page on the Council website for more information about making a submission and for a copy of the submission form.

Note: A copy of the submission must also be sent to the applicant at the "Address for service" stated above or stewart@fletcherconsulting.co.nz as soon as reasonably practicable.

Submission closing date: Ashburton District Council must receive your submission no later than 5pm on 11 November 2022.

IAN HYDE
District Planning Manager
Strategy and Compliance Group

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Santa Parade**.

Road proposed to be closed:

- MONA SQUARE**, between Cass Street and Kermode Street
- KERMODE STREET**, between Mona Square and East Street
- EAST STREET**, between SH1 and Cameron Street
- CAMERON STREET**, between East Street and Victoria Street
- VICTORIA STREET**, between Cameron Street and Cass Street

Periods of Closure: From 10.30am to 12 noon on SATURDAY, 03 December 2022. Detours will be available on adjacent roads and these will be signposted.

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11) (e). Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email (info@adc.govt.nz) to the Council, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by **4PM on FRIDAY, 28 October 2022**.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

\$40,588 granted for creative projects

Hinds School has received \$7000 from the Creative Communities Scheme to create a special sculptural artwork that tells the story and identity of the school and rohe.



belonging and turangawaewae, their school and their place to stand. The glass artist will show and teach the 140 students how to tell their story through glass, then these

will be embedded into a pou made from the school willow tree.

It will be made from a willow tree in the school grounds that was blown over in a storm and contain glass inserts that students will create with the help of local glass artist Natasha Sim.

In the school's application for a grant, teacher Roseanne Calvert said the Ngā Kōrero o Te Kura o Hekeao would tell local stories and history, while giving students a sense of

Ashburton District Council administers local applications to the Creative Communities Scheme and recently gave out \$40,588 to 15 groups, including the school. You can see the full list of recipients in our online story.

Council is also looking for someone to join the Creative Communities Assessment Committee, which meets twice a year. Apply at ashburtondc.govt.nz.

Feedback closing

Time's running out for residents to have their say on two consultations.

The draft Interim Speed Management Plan proposed three principles for managing speed in the district, including lowering speed limits around schools. At the time of publishing, the Council had received 64 submissions, with feedback closing 5pm, this Sunday.

Council is also seeking comments on the draft Use of Footpaths for Alfresco Dining Policy, which was last reviewed five years ago. It aims to preserve vibrant and enjoyable spaces for outdoor dining for the public to enjoy while ensuring the footpath remains accessible and safe - 18 submissions have been received with just over one week left until the consultation finishes.

People can find out more and have their say on both topics at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Gravel Bent Sprint Meeting**.

Roads proposed to be closed:

- LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Christys Road intersection
- LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Denshires Road South intersection
- LE BRETONS ROAD**, from Christys Road intersection for 2km

Period of Closure: From 8.30am until 5.30pm on **SUNDAY, 20 November 2022**. Detours will be available and signposted.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection and the grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by **4PM on FRIDAY, 21 October 2022**.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

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, late night Wed to 7pm