

## Our services over Labour weekend

If you're planning a big weekend in the garden, then you'll be able to take all your green waste to the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, which is open every day over the three days of Labour weekend.

If you're thinking about a more relaxing time, then make plans to visit the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum where the Hakatere Ceramics and Pottery Club is in the house!

The gallery and museum, and EA Networks Centre, will also be open every day over Labour weekend, though the public holiday on Monday 23 October will see temporary changes to some other Council services and facilities.

### Rubbish and recycling

There is no change to kerbside rubbish and recycling collections and Monday's collection will take place as usual, with residents to have their wheelie bins out by 7.30am. Remember to use your windstrap, whether it's windy or not.

### Resource Recovery Parks

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open Saturday from 9am-6pm, Sunday from 9am-5pm, and Monday from 8am until 6pm.

The Methven green waste dropoff will be open Sunday from 12pm until 4pm.

The Rakaia Resource Recovery Park will be open on Saturday from 9am-3pm, but closed on Monday.

### EA Networks Centre

Swim, put up some hoops or work out in the gym every day of the long weekend as the EA Networks Centre will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The gym will be open Saturday and Sunday from

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7am until 6pm, and on Monday from 10am-5pm.

The pool will be open Saturday and Sunday from 8am until 5pm, and from 10am-5pm on Monday. Swim School will be running normal swim lessons on Saturday 21 October, but there will be no swim lessons on Monday 23 October.

The stadium will be open Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 7pm, and from 10am until 5pm on Monday.

### Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

The Mt Hutt Memorial Hall at Methven will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 4pm, and from 10am until 2pm on Monday.

### Ashburton Public Library

The Ashburton Public Library will be open Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm and closed Monday. Come along and check out the spooky reads we have chosen for Halloween!

### Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

The Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum will be open 10am-4pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

We have the Hakatere Ceramics and Pottery Club as one of three new exhibitions. The club's annual exhibition always has lots of interesting pieces, created by locals.

Downstairs in the museum area, you can join the Two O'Clock Tour on Sunday 22 October, and check out the Great Haulage Feat 1905-06, which is all about the 18 days it took to move the Wakanui flour mill from Wakanui to the corner of Kermode and West Streets.

### Administration building

Council's administration building on Baring Square West will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, re-opening on Tuesday at 8.30am. If you have a problem or urgently need to contact us, then the afterhours/24 hours-a-day service will be operating - please phone 03 307 7700.

Emails, Snap Send Solves and website requests will be cleared Tuesday morning.

Public toilets around the district will be open as usual during the long weekend.

All facilities will return to normal hours on Tuesday 24 October.

## SHORT AND SWEET

### NEW NETTING

Heads up dog owners using the Ashburton Dog Park. Contractors will be working on the southern side of the Kmart building from Tuesday 24 October to Friday 27 October, replacing defective black chain-link netting. Temporary low netting will be erected on the dog park side of the work area while the work is in progress, but please keep an eye on your pooches.

### PEST CONTROL

Council and the Department of Conservation will be undertaking pest control (night shooting) in the Awa Awa Rata Reserve, Pudding Hill Reserve and some adjoining council and public conservation land for three nights in the period 19-31 October. Warning signs will be in place at all public entry points on days when operations are undertaken.

### ETHNIC DAY OUT

An Ethnic Communities Fun Day is planned at Hampstead Rugby Club on Saturday, from 10am-2pm. Play games, and learn about the services available to your and your family - ride a motorbike, enter the shaky house, put out a fire and more.

## Neil Brown - Mayor New Govt, but new bridge still top priority

**The big news of this week is that there will be a change of Government - so what does that mean for Council?**

I have already been in touch with our new MP for Rangitata, National's James Meager, and we will be meeting in person, at Council, next week. James is not new to Councillors, who have met him on various occasions in the past 12 months and, of course, he has been a member of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee.

So, we will build on this relationship and ensure that projects like our second bridge over the Ashburton River remain top of Government's mind - in fact, this is one of the first things James wants to talk about. With more frequent floods predicted because of climate change,

it's essential that the second bridge goes ahead soon as the resilience of our district, and the whole South Island depends on it.

We simply can't afford to have the existing SH1 bridge broken or closed. Like many of you driving over the bridge recently, I was pleased to see debris from the July flood removed, but we can't let our guard down.

A National Government has promised to build the second bridge within its first term and we will be holding them to that.

I've also been in touch with Prime Minister elect Chris Luxon and likely cabinet ministers, congratulating them and reconfirming the strong relationship we built when they were in Opposition. We'll progress these discussions for the

betterment of our district, and to make the bridge happen.

While the vote count is not final, at this stage we are also lucky to still be able to call on the services of Labour's Jo Luxton, who becomes a list MP. Over the past three years, she has helped ensure that issues important to the Ashburton District have been heard in the Beehive, and we thank her.

Another issue for the new Government is Three Waters, or Affordable Water as it was changed to before the Labour Government brought it in.

National said it would repeal that legislation and we expect this to happen, and we look forward to working with the new Government on a replacement model that ensures community ownership of water services.

Three Waters or not, decisions about drinking water, wastewater and stormwater are always important around our Council table. Each year, millions is spent on renewing water and wastewater pipes, building new infrastructure, and making sure our drinking water is safe and compliant with national standards.

It is evolving work and our communities expect these core services to be prioritised.

So while there is a new Government being formed, our work goes on and if you are heading to the Ashburton A&P show next weekend, then stop by Council's marquee and see what we are up to.



# Big response to Take 10 survey helps draft LTP

Composting, the cost of living and social housing were all issues raised when Council asked the community to Take 10 for our Future in a public survey earlier this year.

The survey resulted in feedback from close to 1000 people, and was added to information gathered from groups invited to four workshops that will help Council prepare a draft Long Term Plan for 2024-34.

Group Manager of Democracy and Engagement Toni Durham was pleased with the level of engagement in the surveys and workshops.

"We received a total of 983 survey responses and heard from 29 groups and organisations in the workshops," she said.

"The feedback from the surveys and workshops will help guide Council when they make key decisions on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan later this year. Council will consider the role they could play in improving issues highlighted by the community, whether it's to advocate, influence, support or resource."

The areas of social wellbeing that people said they wanted to see improved were access to healthcare and affordable housing.

On the topic of environmental wellbeing, water quality in rivers and lakes, composting services, and climate change are three areas where the most people



wanted to see improvement.

Cost of living and community infrastructure were highlighted in the survey as issues relating to economic wellbeing. Workshop goers also said equal job opportunities and environmentally sustainable economic growth needed attention.

Most survey respondents indicated the district was doing well or okay for all aspects of cultural wellbeing. But those in the workshops wanted to see an improvement, particularly in work around diversity and inclusion as well as protection of sites, artefacts, and traditions.

Mrs Durham said while the Council directly provided some of the services highlighted by the community, other areas such as healthcare were provided by other agencies.

The public will get a chance to review the draft Long Term Plan via the formal consultation phase in March 2024.

## Ageing well back at library

Come along to the Ashburton Public Library on Tuesday 24 October for another free, fun and informative session on the benefits of staying active and healthy as you get older.

The Ashburton Ageing Well session, from 2-4pm on Tuesday, is organised by Safe Communities with support from many local community or health providers. It follows a similar and successful session at the library earlier this month.

The event is about providing information and inspiration for people to age well,

in particular by improving strength and balance.

Safe Communities co-ordinator Lesley Symington said people could take part in classes or use an app on their phones to exercise at home. "We'll have plenty of good information available again on Tuesday, plus freebies and a chance to talk to people face-to-face."

There will also be information about safe driving courses and how to use the Mid Canterbury Connector transport service, for those who no longer drive.

## Draft Local Alcohol Policy

In July, we consulted the community on our Local Alcohol Policy.

We received a range of great feedback and in response, we're proposing to make two changes to the policy.

- ▶ Extending trading hours for licensed areas on footpaths.
- ▶ Applying the one-way door restriction across the whole district.

Do you support the changes?

Find out more and share your feedback [ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

Have your Say!

FINAL WEEK TO HAVE YOUR SAY



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at Council Chambers, 137 Havelock Street, unless specified. Meeting agendas are online at [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz)

**Ashburton Water Zone Committee**, Tuesday 24 October, 1pm

**Council Activity Briefings**, Wednesday 25 October, 9.30am

**Audit and Risk Committee**, Wednesday 25 October, 1pm

**Council meeting**, Tuesday 31 October, 1pm

**Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting**, Monday 6 November, 1pm

**Local Alcohol Policy hearings**, Thursday 9 November, 9am

**Council meeting**, Wednesday 15 November, 1pm

**Methven Community Board**, Monday 27 November, 10.30am at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

**Ashburton Water Zone Committee**, Tuesday 28 November, 1pm

**Council Activity Briefings**, Wednesday 29 November, 9.30am

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## WORKS NOTICES

**Cass Street** – current. Contractors are working in the south-bound lane of Cass Street (from Walnut Avenue to Cox Street) over the next weeks installing new water mains. Traffic may be disrupted.

**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. The Lagmhor Road crossing will be closed for two months from 25 September.

**Princes Street** - from 4 September to 7 November. The section of Princes Street from Brucefield Avenue to Bridge Street will be closed for water main renewals. Resident access remains.

**Wills Street** - 4 September to late October. Wills Street from Walker Street to Oak Grove will be closed for new water and wastewater pipes to be installed. Resident access remains.

**Allens Road** - current until 27 October. The Allens Road/Middle Road intersection will be closed to enable a wastewater upgrade. Residents access remains, detours will be in place.

**William Street** - current until 7 November. William Street and intersections of Kermodie and Dobson Streets, will be closed to undertake wastewater upgrading. Residents will still have access and detours will be in place.

**Elizabeth and Grigg Streets** - current. These streets will be closed at times over the next months for new water and wastewater pipes to be installed. Elizabeth Street, between Grigg and Walker, will be one-way (east to west) early November. Access to Ashburton Hospital remains; resident access remains.

For the latest Council news, visit our website [ashburtondc.govt.nz/latestnews](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/latestnews)

## 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 the **Ashburton Santa Parade**.

Roads proposed to be closed:

- **Walnut Avenue (from SH1/West Street to Oak Grove)**
- **Creek Road (from Walnut Avenue to Queens Drive)**

Period of Closure: **From 10am to 2pm on Saturday 2 December 2023.**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e) and will be considered at the Council meeting on 15 November 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 3 November 2023.

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Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces

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Roads proposed to be closed:

- **East Street (from Tancred Street to Havelock Street)**
- **Burnett Street (from East Street to Cass Street)**

Period of Closure: **From 3pm to 10.30pm on Saturday 25 November 2023.**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e) and will be considered at the Council meeting on 15 November 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 27 October 2023.

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## RUBBISH & RECYCLING

There is **no change** to kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on **Labour Day** and Monday's collection will take place as usual, with residents to have their wheelie bins out by 7.30am. Remember to use your windstrap, whether it's windy or not.

Keep your kerbside recycling ship shape: Plastics 1, 2 and 5, newspaper, cardboard and clean tins. No lids of any size or shape.

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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 & MUSEUM

327 West Street  
10am - 4pm daily