

## Roading repairs run to schedule

A 1.3km section of Pudding Hill Road has been sealed this week, as fine weather keeps the Council's roading rehabilitation programme on track.

The newly-sealed section, either side of the intersection with Dip Road and Longsford Road, will also have new signage.

Group Manager of Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said the section included a slippery bend, which would now be a lot safer.

"We've had some good weather that has helped Fulton Hogan stay on schedule, and their team should be leaving the Pudding Hill Road site soon so traffic will return to normal."

The team will head to Beach Road East next, where temporary road closures are in place until 20 December. The work here is being done in two stages, with the first closure affecting a section between Trevors Road and Nicholls Road; the second closure will be between Trevors Road and Milton Road South.

Detours are in place and signposted.

Failed areas of Beach Road East will be dug out and a new layer of pavement constructed, then the sections under repair sealed.

Mr McCann said that if the fine weather continued, the work should be completed before Christmas.

"Rehabilitations are the kind of road works that require the most investment and result in significantly improved roads. In



Rehabilitation work at Pudding Hill Road, Methven, has almost been completed.

most cases, they not only involve digging out failed pavement, and metalcourse construction, but also drainage and widening of the road.

"All the sites chosen for rehabilitation this summer had more sections of failures or potholes than others in the district, and our aim is to make them better and safer for all who use them."

Council is spending about \$2.4 million this summer on rehabilitating around 8.5km

of roads. The budget for resurfacing and maintenance of other sealed and unsealed roads is about \$8.2m.

The Seafield Road and Maronan Road rehabilitation work will begin after Christmas. A 1.3km section of Maronan Road, between Lills Road and Winslow Westerfield Road, and a 1.2km section of Seafield Road, between Morris Road and Cochranes Road, will be rehabilitated.

## MCB Chair Kelvin Holmes

# Be part of Methven's big plan for the future

**Methven has changed heaps in the past 15 years. There's been population growth, new commercial activities, diversity, and the needs of our community have evolved.**

The Methven Community Board wants the whole town to evolve and so we are reviewing Methven's strategic plan and we need to hear what the community wants!

The first strategic plan was done in 1997 and reworked in 2009 after consultation with the Methven community.

In 2014 there was a stocktake which highlighted the number of goals that were achieved off the back of these two plans. Some highlights include the skate park, and the redesign of the town centre.

We know that this is a process that works so we want to revisit it and see Methven into the future.

The aim of the consultation is to hear the community's views. We are holding two workshops (the workshops are the same, so you only need to attend one), one on 28 November (6.30pm–8.30pm) and a second on 1 December (3pm–5pm), both at the Mount Hutt Memorial Hall.

As well as the in-person workshops, people can give their feedback through a short survey that will be delivered to Methven mailboxes next week, or available online from Monday 18 November. You can do the survey through this link; [itsourplace.nz](https://itsourplace.nz) and it is very much encouraged. Submissions close 22 December.



We want this review to highlight the community expectations for the next 10 years and celebrate the accomplishments of the past. It is about what we can do better, what could have been done better and what the future might look like for the Methven community.

The Methven Community Strategic Plan is our plan, assisted by Council, and your involvement is critical to our future as a thriving town.

We welcome your attendance at one of the two community meetings and/or by submitting online. All suggestions will be considered by the Methven Community Board.

So, what do ya reckon, Methven? It's time to have your say!

## SHORT AND SWEET



### NEW FREQUENCY

Effective from Thursday 28 November, Ashburton Airport will adopt the new Ashburton Common Frequency Zone (CFZ) 119.4 MHz, enabling pilots to use a single VHF frequency when operating in our zone. The old Ashburton Airport frequency 119.1 MHz will be removed.

### DOMAIN MOVIE

To celebrate 160 years of the Ashburton Domain, Council is putting on an outdoor screening of the family movie *Inside Out*, at the domain on Saturday 23 November. Bring your picnic, your blanket or bean bag and settle in for the evening, with food and coffee available from a food court. Pre-show entertainment includes a quiz about the domain, so do your homework! Join us from 5pm. Proudly supported by the Ashburton Guardian.

### TRY HANDBALL

Like sport? Then come along to the EA Networks Centre on Tuesday 19 November and give Olympic handball a go. The New Zealand Handball Federation is looking for young people (born on or after 1 January 2006) to be part of its youth and junior women's squads. The Ashburton session will run from 4.15pm-5.30pm.

### SALSA SESSION

Salsa is a great way to keep fit and meet new people, so come along to a salsa dance demonstration at the Ashburton Library on Saturday 30 November, from 1-2pm. The demo will be followed by an opportunity to give this Latin American dance a go. Suitable for all ages and abilities.



# Council services on anniversary day

There are no changes to kerbside rubbish and recycling collection in the Ashburton District on Friday 15 November, which is a public holiday to celebrate Canterbury Anniversary Day.

If your bins are emptied on a Friday, then please put them out by 7.30am as usual and remember to use the windstrap, whether it's windy or not.

There are a few other changes to Council services on the public holiday, but the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, and EA Networks Centre will both be open for business.

## Rubbish and Recycling

There is no change to kerbside rubbish and recycling collections and Friday'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.

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open Friday 15 November from 9am until 5pm, Saturday from 9am-6pm and Sunday from 9am-5pm.

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



The Rakaia Resource Recovery Park will be closed on Friday.

## EA Networks Centre

Have some fun in the pool, or put up some hoops on Canterbury Anniversary Day, as the facility will be open from 10am-5pm. It will be open usual weekend hours on Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 7pm.

There will be no swim school lessons on Friday 15 November.

## Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

The Mt Hutt Memorial Hall at Methven will be open from 10am until 2pm on Friday

15 November, and from 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

## Ashburton Library

The Ashburton Library will be closed Friday 15 November, but open Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm.

## Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

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

Drop in and learn something new about the clever crustaceans that inhabit our seas or explore the dream-like paintings of Esther Deans. The gift shop will also be open for those eager to get their Christmas shopping sorted early.

## Customer Services

Council's Customer Services counter at Te Whare Whakarewa will be closed on Friday 15 November, Saturday and Sunday, re-opening on Monday 18 November at 8.30am. If you have a problem or urgently need to contact us, then the afterhours service will be operating - please phone 03 307 7700.

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

## 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 Standing Quarter Mile Sprint Meeting.**

Road proposed to be closed:

### Somerton Road from Coplands Road to Jamiesons Road

Period of closure: From 9am to 4.30 pm on **Saturday, 14 December 2024.**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e)) and will be considered at a Council meeting on 20 November 2024.

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, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton by 4pm, **Monday 18 November 2024.**

**NEIL McCANN**  
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at **Hine Paaka (Council Chambers), 2 Baring Square East, unless specified. Meeting agendas are online at [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz)**

Wednesday 20 November, **Council Meeting**, 1pm (live-streamed)

Tuesday 26 November, **Ashburton Water Zone Committee**, 1pm

# Trevors Rd watermain under repair

A segment of an ageing watermain on Trevors Road is being replaced, with work starting this week.

Group Manager of Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said the 60-year-old pipe had burst in several places recently.

"The pipe was installed in 1964 and obviously needs replacing. We have contracted Ashburton Contracting Limited to do the work, which we expect to be finished just before Christmas."

The segment to be renewed is between Wellington Street and Beach Road. It will involve digging trenches and installing a new pipeline, and necessitate one lane of

Trevors Road to be partially closed. The footpath will also be closed.

Mr McCann said Council had spent nearly \$20,000 on emergency repairs to the pipeline and more breaks were expected if the segment was not replaced.

Residents can expect to see heavy machinery in the area, and a temporary speed restriction will be in place. Residents will still have access to their properties.

"Our contractor will try to minimise any disruptions but it is really important we renew this segment as soon as possible to prevent further damage to the network."



**160 YEARS** Celebrating 160 Years of the Ashburton Domain

**FREE EVENT**

# Family MOVIE Night

**SATURDAY 23 NOV**

Proudly supported by

**Ashburton Domain**  
(next to paddling pool)

## CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY RUBBISH & RECYCLING

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## JOIN US AS A MAYFIELD CLEANER

Are you someone who takes pride in maintaining cleanliness and enjoys working independently? We are seeking a dedicated individual to ensure our public conveniences shine for both residents and visitors in Mayfield.

The successful applicant will be proactive and a good-natured individual with a positive attitude. While previous cleaning experience is preferred, it is not essential. You should be able to identify when repairs are needed and communicate with your supervisor.

Opportunities exist for extra hours to help cover staff absences. We are committed to ensuring all our employees are 'fit for work and fit for life,' offering a range of training, health benefits, and safety measures to make your job safer and easier.

Key responsibilities:

- Maintain high cleanliness standards.
- Work independently for 1.5 hours daily, times are flexible.
- Complete tasks to a high standard.

**Interested?** For more information or to apply, visit our website, email [hr@adc.govt.nz](mailto:hr@adc.govt.nz), or call 03 307 7700 to speak to someone within our People and Capability Team.

**Applications close on Sunday 24 November 2024.**

## COUNCIL OFFICE

2 Baring Square East  
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8.30am-5pm  
Thursday 9am-5pm

## ASHBURTON LIBRARY

2 Baring Square East, Ashburton 7700  
Mon & Fri 8.30am-6pm, Tue-Thu 8.30am-8pm  
Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

## EA NETWORKS CENTRE

20 River Terrace  
Mon - Fri 5.45am-9pm (pools 8pm Mon & Tue, 7pm Wed-Fri; gym 8pm) Sat & Sun 7am-7pm (pools 6pm, gym 6pm)

## ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

327 West Street  
10am-4pm daily (late night Wed)