

Superpowers of our sea insects

Crabs, shrimps, lobsters, barnacles, slaters and other crustaceans are the stars of a new mini exhibition at Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum.

Mawhiti Tino Rawe/Clever Crustaceans was developed by NIWA and Te Papa, and opens in Ashburton on Saturday 28 September.

The art gallery and museum hosted Te Papa's hugely-popular Colossal Squid exhibition last year.

Clever Crustaceans is a playful exploration of the bizarre and diverse world of five marine crustaceans. They can change their shape, circle the globe, and maybe even cure cancer – crustaceans are the unsung heroes of the sea.

The art gallery and museum's deputy director Danielle Campbell said the facility was excited to be hosting Clever Crustaceans during the Term 3 school holidays and most of Term 4.

"We encourage local tamariki and their whānau to visit this unique exhibition while they have the chance and to join us for a special, hands-on workshop with NIWA scientists Rachael Peart and Kareen Schnabel on Monday 7 October at 1pm."

The two scientists worked with Te Papa experts to deliver this mini exhibition that showcases the importance and special capabilities of the "insects of the sea".



"Crustaceans are arthropods, which means they have segmented bodies and exoskeletons just like insects, so I love describing them as the insects of the sea. They are captivating creatures. They have adapted to live in an incredible variety of habitats, from beaches and shallows, all the way down to the deepest ocean trenches," said Dr Schnabel.

"We are telling the stories of some of our favourite critters."

Visitors will learn about the 'shapeshifter' kōura with its unexpected life stages as a long-distance open-ocean wanderer, the lightning speed with which the native

mantis shrimp spears its lunch, the exceptional eyesight of the open ocean Phronima amphipod – which is even being used in techniques to detect cancer in humans – and the radical changes barnacles have undergone to get their kai (food).

The exhibition uses hands-on interactives and real specimens to explore the fascinating world and smart survival tricks of these unusual creatures. Take a digital deep dive into a special web hub to discover their superpowers.

The Clever Crustaceans exhibition runs from 28 September to 24 November.

Mayor Neil Brown

Roading projects up for review after funding cut



We've been getting to grips this week with the details of the Government's National Land Transport Programme, and the fact we have been allocated no money for our low cost, low risk projects.

These are things like intersection improvements, installing larger Stop and Give Way signs and creating new footpaths.

We're not the only Council to find that money that had previously been allocated for low cost, low risk work has been reallocated to fix potholes.

Now Council must look again at how money it budgeted for some roading work will be spent and trim our cloth accordingly.

The timing of Council setting its annual and long term plans for roading, and the Government releasing its national transport programme has always been mismatched – local government and central government plans should be

better aligned, as each needs to budget with some certainty.

In a nutshell, we asked for \$60m from NZ Transport Agency in subsidies over the next three years and will receive \$45m. Funding for the maintenance of the network has been approved but there were big decreases for footpath maintenance and renewals and for road safety promotion.

So it will be another balancing act between affordability and community expectation.

One other important issue that Council is currently fired up about is Environment Canterbury's proposed new representation review, which would see the Ashburton District separated from Selwyn and instead linked to the South Canterbury ward with two elected councillors for the whole of the region south of the Rakaia River.

We don't think that sort of population-based representation is fair. Yes,

numbers in Christchurch city and in Selwyn are growing, but the Ashburton District makes up a big and productive chunk of Canterbury and those responsible for making rules about our agricultural land use need to at least represent us.

We think Ecan's proposed changes don't acknowledge our contribution to the regional economy. Ashburton District has the third highest GDP, second highest per capita; we contribute 17 per cent of the general rate, produce the highest annual dairy payout and attract the third highest level of international spending by tourists.

A better option that Ecan should consider is putting Ashburton into a ward with Malvern and Ellesmere, ensuring fairer representation for these rural communities of interest.

I spoke to our Council's submission on the matter this week and were very clear about the need for fair representation.

SHORT AND SWEET

TALK IT UP: 1 OCT

Council's Talk it Up Tuesday sessions with the public have moved to once a month. The sessions at the Ashburton Library are from 1pm-2pm and people can drop by, without an appointment, for an informal chat with an elected councillor. The next sessions will be Tuesday 1 October, Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 3 December.

TINWALD DOMAIN

The Tinwald Reserve Board is looking for ideas from the community about what to do with the old Tinwald Pool site. The pool was closed this summer and the board would like to redevelop the area; it is asking individuals and community groups to draw their re-development ideas on an outline map of the area. Council has shared the board's plans on its website.

PEOPLE COUNTERS

Data on Ashburton's town centre foot traffic is now being captured by two new computer-vision pedestrian counters. The counters have been installed near pedestrian crossings on Burnett Street and Tancred Street, close to East Street. Group Manager Compliance and Development Ian Hyde said data captured over time would help gather reliable statistics about how pedestrians moved around the town centre.



KEEP NZ BEAUTIFUL

Litter-Free Ashburton is hosting a special community clean-up day on **Saturday 21 September**, as part of Keep NZ Beautiful Week. Those interested in joining the community clean-up can go to the West Street car park at 10am, where gloves and bags will be provided.

Check out our holiday programme!

Children's author Deano Yipadee headlines a jam-packed two weeks of fun activities organised by the Ashburton Library during the coming school holidays.

The musician and author of Nee Naw, The Little Fire Engine, Deano Yipadee will be starring in a live performance at the Ashburton New Life Church on Friday 4 October.

Tickets are free, and can be booked online at ashburtonlibrary.co.nz – but get in fast!

Library manager Jill Watson said the live show was at a venue that could accommodate a huge crowd, but all other activities were based at the library.

“We’ve drawn on Alice in Wonderland as a theme with a twist for teens, while younger children will have six other spring-themed craft activities to take part in, as well as a movie to keep them entertained.”

The teen activities include making a wall clock, designing a custom tee-shirt, making a travel bag, building a mini garden and creating a felt hat. There is a cost for some materials.

- 3 Oct, 2-4pm - Custom tee-shirt
- 6 Oct, 11am-3.30pm - Make a bag
- 8 Oct, 2-3.30pm - Mini garden
- 10 Oct, 1-4pm - Make a felt hat

Younger children can have fun folding and decorating origami frogs, invent a FrankenToy or make a bouncy ball. These activities are free, all start at 10.30am:



- 30 Sept - Make a bouncy ball
- 2 Oct - Create a blossom tree collage
- 4 Oct - Build a 3D spring portal
- 7 Oct - Minute to win it games
- 9 Oct - Origami frogs
- 11 Oct - Make a FrankenToy

The event space at Te Whare Whakaterē will host a spring-themed movie on the big screen at 2pm on Sunday 6 October.

Waterworld Wipeout will be making a splash at EA Networks Centre on October 4, 5 and 6, with an inflatable course for ages five and up. Session times vary, and booking is essential – terms, conditions and costs are on the facility’s website eanetworkscentre.co.nz.

The Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum will also have an array of holiday fun for youngsters, including its Clever Crustaceans exhibition, being toured by Te Papa and NIWA.

NIWA scientists will be running a build your own crustacean workshop at 1pm on 7 October, for children aged 5-12 years.

Eco Educate will be the gallery and museum on 2 October from 2-4pm, for a trash to treasure activity, and there are a host of other drop-in activities.

Outreach programmes, with all the facilities and Eco Educate, are also happening on 1 October at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall in Methven (10am-12pm) and at Mayfield Hall (1.30pm-3.30pm).

Try tai chi, test your grip

Spring into Spring at the Ashburton Library on 24 September for a free, fun, informative expo on preventing falls and staying on your feet as you get older.

The Spring Expo will run from 10am to 1pm, with free testing and goodies to give away. The expo is being organised by Safe Communities with support from agencies including Sport Canterbury, the Heart Foundation and Age Concern Ashburton.

Safe Communities co-ordinator Lesley Symington said the expo was about preventing falls and identifying common causes of falls.

“People will be able to learn about the benefits of strength and balance classes, as well as learning about how to improve their strength and balance at home.”

Ms Symington said people could also have free blood pressure checks, blood sugar tests and grip strength tests.

“There’s such great space at the Ashburton Library and we really appreciate the support of library staff to help us make this happen. People can have a go at tai chi, or a strength and balance class. Plus there’ll be giveaways and heaps of information.”

WORKS NOTICES

East Street, Tancred Street and Burnett Street in the CBD - closed from 5am on Monday 23 September for Ashburton Market Day.

Back Track – Closed between Highbank Cairnbrae Road and Woods Road from 23 September until 19 October. Contractors are carrying out road maintenance. Detours are available.

Dromore Methven Road – one-way closure, no entry from State Highway 1 until 12 October. Contractors are carrying out road maintenance. Detours available.

Dromore Methven Road – Closed between Pole Road and Winchmore Lauriston Road until 12 October. Contractors undertaking road maintenance. Detours available.

Winchmore Dromore Road – Closed between Winchmore School Road and Mitcham Road until 5 October. Contractors doing road maintenance.

Fechneys Road – Closed on 30 September for electricity pole maintenance.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at **Hine Paaka (Council Chambers), 2 Baring Square East, unless specified.**

Meeting agendas are online at ashburtondc.govt.nz

Monday 23 September, **Youth Forum**, 9.30am (live-streamed)

Tuesday 24 September, **Water Zone Committee**, 1pm (live-streamed)

Wednesday 25 September, **Council Agencies** (6 month reports), 9.30am

ROAD CLOSURES

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of roads to temporarily close to traffic for the following community events.

It will be an offence under the Transport Regulations 1965 (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) for ordinary traffic to use the roads.

ASHBURTON MARKET DAY

Roads to be closed:

- **EAST STREET, from Moore Street to Havelock Street**
- **TANCRED STREET, from East Street to Cass Street**
- **BURNETT STREET, from East Street to Cass Street**

Period of closure:

From 6am until 6pm on Monday 23 September.

TE WHARE WHAKATERE

Road to be closed:

- **BARING SQUARE EAST, from Havelock Street to Cameron Street**

Period of closure:

From 9.30am until 5pm on Friday 27 September.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

PUBLIC NOTICE - ADC VALUATION ROLLS

The Valuation Rolls for Ashburton District Council have been revised by Quotable Value Limited (as the Council’s valuation service provider).

The revised Rating Values are effective as at 1 July 2024 and the new notices of valuation will be posted to owners and ratepayers from **18 September 2024**. The District Valuation Rolls will be open for public inspection, free of charge, during regular office hours, at the offices of: Ashburton District Council, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton 7700.

The revised values can be viewed until 25 October 2024.

Objections to the revised valuations must be lodged, in writing or on line at www.ratingvalues.co.nz, no later than 25 October 2024.

Objection forms are available from Ashburton District Council or Quotable Value Limited and should be posted to: Quotable Value Ltd – Business Support, Private Bag 39 818, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045.

More information about “Understanding your Rating Value” can be found at www.ratingvalues.co.nz

LEANNE MACDONALD
Group Manager – Business Support

Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw Review

We’re proposing to make a few changes to our bylaw, which controls how waste is managed in the Ashburton District.

- Should events on public land be required to have a plan for minimising rubbish?
- Should we look at ways to reduce waste on construction sites?
- Should we require businesses in our town centre to bring in their bins before midday?



Have your say at ItsOurPlace.nz

Have your Say!

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)