

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 4 March 2025
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakaterere
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

ADC Membership

Cr Liz McMillan (Chair)

Cr Phill Hooper

Cr Richard Wilson

Mayor Neil Brown (ex-officio)

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Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

4 March 2025



4. Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 3/12/24

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee held on Tuesday 3 December 2024, in the Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, commencing at 9.30am.

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received from Lucy Mehrtens (Road Safety – South Canterbury), Chris Chambers (Waka Kotahi), Stephen Burgerhout (NZ Police), John Skevington (Automobile Association) and Steve Ochsner (FENZ)

Richard Wilson/Jesse Shearer

Carried

Present:

Neil Brown	Mayor	James Long	Waka Kotahi / NZTA
Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Jesse Shearer	FENZ
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Richard Wilson	ADC Councillor	Shane Cochran	NZ Police
Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ	Neil Simons	Principal Association

In attendance:

Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that Chris Chambers from Waka Kotahi was present at the meeting and not Craig Chambers as stated.

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 3 September 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Neil Simons/Phill Hooper

Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil.

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- Road Safety representatives from Ashburton, Timaru, Selwyn and Hurunui District Councils are to attend the Kirwee field days with an aim to promote the 20km speed limit when passing school buses.

- Contact also to be made with bus companies to promote the reinstatement of the 20km flashing speed limit signs at the rear of stopping school buses.
- Additional signage to be placed in the library to increase the awareness of the CoDriVr usage.

5.2 Rumble Strip Report

A trial of the effectiveness of rumble strips providing an additional warning to drivers that an intersection ahead was undertaken. Results of the trial were presented to the Committee.

5.3 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

- Members expressed their disappointment with the poor quality of the repairs that have been undertaken on State Highway 1 south through Tinwald. The same repairs have been undertaken three times and are still of a poor quality.
- Methven highway/SH77 road works – there have been traffic light stops on the highway for months, even when works are not being carried out. It was questioned as to whether these can be removed when there is no work being undertaken. Advised that it depends on the complexity of the site and whether it can be made safe to remove the stops/delays.

5.4 Safer Mid Canterbury

- Has established a legal entity to enable the Trust to apply for funding for the construction of the bike skills park.
- Hope to bring completed design of the park back to March road safety meeting.

5.5 ACADS

- Summer road safety merchandise/promotion is to be launched within the next two weeks through to March 2025.
- It was noted that this will be Andrae's last meeting. The Chair extended thanks and appreciation to Andrae for her service and commitment.

5.6 Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

- Continue to express concerns with the design of the NZTA north bound weighbridge facility from a safety perspective
- Traffic build up in Tinwald is affecting truck drivers who are finding it difficult to manage drivers hours and the potential animal welfare issues through 'heat stress' particularly during the summer months. Drivers can face wait times of up to 45 minutes to get through Ashburton on many occasions.
- Suggestion of potentially closing the Melcombe Street crossing during peak times.
- It was noted that it is difficult to stop people driving down a road that they are legally entitled to drive down.

5.7 FENZ

- A report detailing road incident statistics was tabled and worked through.
- Also advised issues with response times due to State Highway 1 traffic congestion.

It was suggested that both FENZ and Ia Ara Aotearoa write to the Minister of Transport, Simeon Brown, outlining the issues that both organisations and their members are facing.

A request was made for statistics on how often the traffic light systems on State Highway 1 are overridden to improve traffic flow (NZTA to provide).

Post meeting note

The traffic signals through the Tinwald and Ashburton corridor are set to automatically adjust the signals timings based on the time of day / traffic levels and queues using a SCATS system. Typically, these settings are not overridden by the WTOC team unless there are unusually high levels of congestion or planned events such as Wings over Wanaka, concerts in Dunedin and so on.

5.8 NZ Police

- A 24 hour operation at the weigh station resulted in one truck driver failing a breath test.

5.9 Principals Association

- It was advised that Council is currently waiting for certification to enable installation of variable school speed limit signs. It is anticipated that this will come through towards the end of December.
- ADC will undertake comms once they are installed.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 9.30am.

The meeting closed at 10.46am.



ASHBURTON DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2025

Ashburton Road Safety Reporting – March 2025

Promotion

Programme	Organisation	Timeframe	Progress
SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving)	SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving)	Ongoing	New Programme Delivery Lead – Lauren Robinson who recently joined the team. Planning to do workshops at both Mt. Hutt College and Ashburton College at the start of March.
CoDriVR	Gfactor	Ongoing	The pilot programme finishes in June 2025. Discussion next month with the CEO/Pilot Programme Steering Committee to decide what will be happening with these units going forward. Suggestions to move the simulator from the library which could be an option (possibly to The Y) Ashburton College: Usage in Oct/Dec were quieter due to holidays and exams but more than doubled in November, with more students using the unit for longer periods of time. Ashburton Library: engagement with the unit increased during Oct/Dec with users spending longer on the simulator and completing more modules on average.
AMI Driver Reviver	Ashburton District Council, AMI Insurance, Timaru District Council, Emergency Services	December 2024	AMI Insurance, Timaru District Council and Emergency Services had a Driver Reviver stop at Fairlie on Saturday 21 December with support from the Ashburton District Council. This event was aimed at drivers to take a break while travelling during the busy holiday period.
Fatigue Stops	Ashburton District Council	2025	Working with various agencies to hold fatigue stops in the Ashburton District – one of these stops will be in Methven (currently in the planning phase with other agencies such as NZPolice, AMI insurance)
Road Safety Webpage	Ashburton District Council	Ongoing	Recently updated the Road Safety webpage on the ADC website with helpful information and tips/tricks for being safe on our roads. https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/services/transport/road-safety
Staying Safe Course	Age Concern	2025	Session date: Friday 21 March
RYDA	Road Safety Education	2025	Mount Hutt College session was held on Tuesday 17 th February with 70+ students in attendance. Ashburton College session date: Thursday 8 May – this will include an evening session called Drive Coach for parents/caregivers, which updates them on the latest research and road safety approaches (allows them to get advice from the experts)

South Island Agricultural Field Days	Ashburton District Council, Selwyn District Council, Hurunui District Council, South Canterbury Road Safety	March 26 th – 28 th 2025	Have booked a site at Kirwee Field Days as a collaboration between four councils under Canterbury Road Safety. We will be running a campaign at Field Days around operating/driving agricultural vehicles on our roads and complying with the NZTA Agricultural Vehicles guide and VDAM (Vehicles Dimension and Mass) rule – this campaign will continue to run after the event also and we have great support from NZPolice on this.
YMCA presentation	Ashburton District Council, FENZ, NZPolice, ACADS	2025	Session date: Wednesday 26 February. This will be the same presentation delivered last year and has also gathered interest at other centres around Canterbury.
Radio Promotions	Ashburton District Council, Timaru District Council, Waitaki District Council	2025	These adverts continue to play on various radio stations throughout the Mid/South Canterbury and North Otago region. Contract signed until June 2025 with Mediaworks and NZME.
Drug Driving Campaign	NZTA, Ashburton District Council	2025	NZTA are launching the Drug Driving campaign on Sunday 23 rd February across all their platforms. We will be supporting this on our Social Media channels and in the Council Brief.

Infrastructure & Management

Programme	Organisation	Timeframe	Progress
Safety Management/Projects			
School Zones	Ashburton District Council	January 2025	All schools in the district now have the supplementary plates underneath. These display – SCHOOL ZONE 8:30-9:30 2:30-3:30
ARC Speed Management Strategy	Aoraki Roding Collaboration, GHD	Complete	Discussion between Council Engineers for a consistent approach across the region. Agreed on 30km/hr at schools – complete.
Delineation Project	Ashburton District Council	June 2025	2024/2025 programme underway, being completed by the contractor.
Bridge St/Glassworks Rd	Ashburton District Council	Ongoing	Trees have been removed at the corner by the property owner to enhance sight visibility for drivers. A convex mirror has been ordered and will be installed by the contractor when it arrives.

Road safety liaison meeting – March 2025

Current Projects

- There are currently no capital projects being constructed in the Ashburton District.

Safety and Low Cost Low Risk

- The 24-27 NLTP lists are confirmed, however funding has not been 'turned on' to date due to some new roles / positions getting up to speed as part of the NZTA Transport Services restructure - ongoing
- There is some work planned in North Canterbury around Burnham, including a length of wide centreline and a roundabout at the current crossroads intersection. Physical works for the wide centreline are now underway. No works are planned for State Highways within the ADC region
- The new Setting of Speed Limits Rule signed and is now law. No new speed changes will occur until 1 July 2025 at the earliest. NZTA currently consulting on a number of speed limits to ascertain public support, or lack of. Link to consultation; <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/speed/state-highway-speed-management/speed-reversals-and-consultation-transitional-changes-in-2024-25/canterbury/>. Also working on auto reversals and school zones
- Below is a graph showing DSI crashes within the Ashburton district since the year 2000 including total DSI crashes, and split into local roads and State Highways

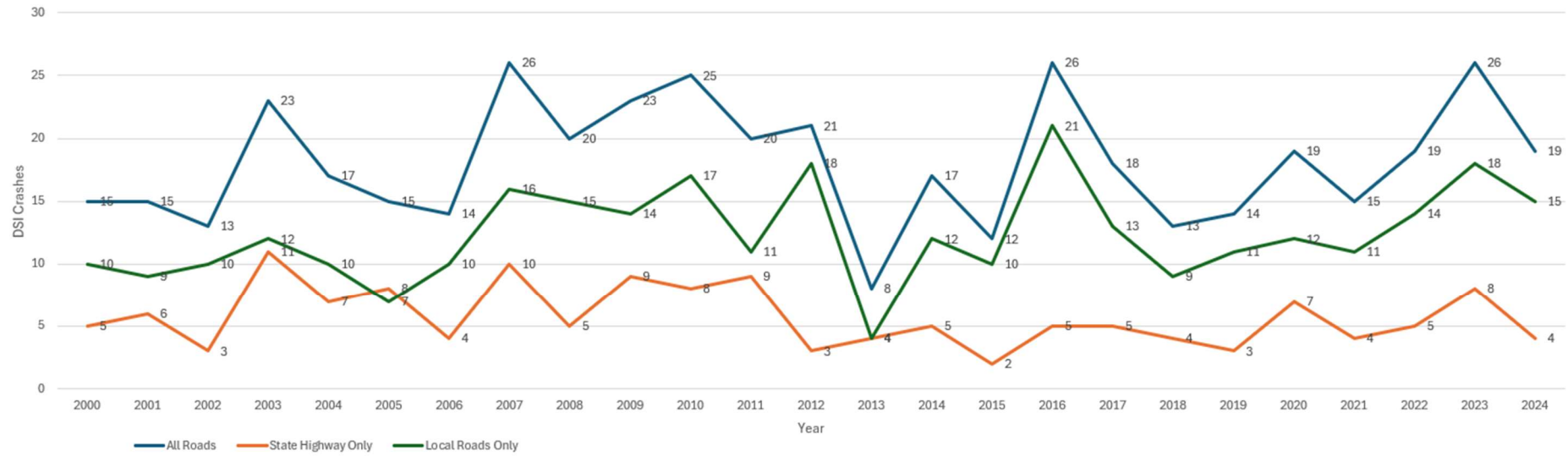
Road Safety Promotion

NZTA is releasing a new advertising campaign to address driving under the influence of drugs. The campaign is scheduled to go live on 26th Feb. and will be on TV, social media, and, radio.

Maintenance Works

- The bridge pile repairs at Rangitata No.1 bridge are almost complete
- Rangitata No1 bridge and Hinds bridge are planned to have AC surfacing completed as night works
- State Highway reseals within the district are nearing completion
- The structural AC pavement work between Ashburton bridge and SH77 intersection (ex South Street signals) to commence in March
- Withells Road intersection currently under temporary traffic management however a contract has been let to remediate this intersection

Ashburton District - DSI Crashes



- Chertsey School - We have noticed that since the 30km sign went up last year, a lot of traffic including trucks on the Chertsey Kyle road have ignored this and are still traveling much over 50ks. Our parents/caregivers, who live across this road are still reluctant to let their children walk to and from school, because of this road, and the drivers who ignore the speed limit. Some of our tamariki live less than 100m from school are still having to have an adult supervise them walking to school. I have spoken to the council about putting a crossing on this road but have been told it's a long process. It would be great if it were compulsory for schools to have a crossing where needed. We have recently changed our front gate duty, so that staff supervise our students crossing this road after school, but can't do this in the mornings as we have limited staff available to stand out on the road.
- Rakaia School - Hopefully we can get it to stay at 50Km through the town
- Allenton School - Great that the 30km/hr limits have been amended to a more suitable times. Potholes are a safety concern
- Ashburton Intermediate - We are grateful for the Council taking feedback and making changes to where our Bus Parking lines are at the school, making for a safer exit and entry to pickups and dropoffs for our students
- Carew Peel Forest School - Enforcement of 20km when passing school buses that picking or dropping off children. Not sure what can be done but any messages would be good

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose and Scope

The Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee (ADRSCC) is a community committee, administered by the Ashburton District Council. It is recognised by all participants that to effectively address road safety issues in Ashburton District it will require an integrated combination of engineering, education, and enforcement approaches and initiatives. The committee has, since its inception in 1995, worked collaboratively to promote this.

In undertaking its functions the ADRSCC is to consider road safety matters as they relate to all roads in the Ashburton District, including State Highways, and to all users of these roads.

The ADRSCC should also consider road safety matters as they relate to neighbouring territorial authority areas, the Canterbury region and New Zealand as a whole when more integrated approaches are considered beneficial to the promotion of road safety.

Vision: *Ashburton District has safe roads, roadsides and road users which contribute to an ongoing reduction in injuries and fatalities on our roads.*

Membership

Membership of the ADRSCC consists of representatives from the following agencies / organisations. Each of the agencies / organisations will endeavour to have at least one representative on the ADRSCC at any one time.

- Ashburton District Council
 - 3 Councillors plus the Mayor (ex officio)
 - Council Roading Officers (including the Graduate Engineer - Roading)
- Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency
- New Zealand Police
- Iā Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ
- ACC
- ACADS
- NZ Automobile Association
- Mid Canterbury Principals' Association
- FENZ
- South Canterbury Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

The quorum will be representatives of not less than half the member agencies, with at least one Ashburton District Council elected member present.

- Committee membership is not limited to the above agencies and may include membership from other agencies, organisations or skilled individuals if it is considered by the Committee that they will contribute to achieving the purpose of the District's Road Safety Strategy. Additional members need to be approved by majority vote by the Committee.
- Committee membership will continue until such time as any member wishes to resign, and in that case that member can nominate another person from their agency in their place.
- All members must agree to support the terms of reference.

Key Actions and Functions of the ADRSCC

The ADRSCC will undertake the following core functions to contribute to achieving the Committee's vision: Support and encourage education programmes that promote 'Road to Zero' within Ashburton District.

- Support and encourage visible policing campaigns that have a road safety focus.
- Work collaboratively to prepare an annual Road Safety Action Plan.
- Ensure the efficient and effective delivery of projects and initiatives included in the Road Safety Action Plan.
- Raise the profile of road safety initiatives within member organisations and the wider community.
- Provide networking and information sharing opportunities with regular reporting by member organisations on their projects and priorities.
- Advocate for improved road safety both in the district and nationally.

District Road Safety Action Plan

The Ashburton District Road Safety Action Plan is prepared annually by the ADRSCC and identifies the local road safety goals and actions the Committee will focus on for the year.

The Action Plan details links with the goals and priorities of the 'Road to Zero' strategy and local priorities identified by the ADRSCC. Additional priorities in the Road Safety Action Plan may be added by the Committee. Goals and priorities will be reviewed at least every two years.

The goals of the current Ashburton District Road Safety Plan are:

- 1) A reduction in the number of casualties from crashes involving 16-25 year old drivers and passengers
- 2) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from crashes involving alcohol or drug impaired drivers
- 3) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from speed related crashes
- 4) A reduction in the number of fatal and serious casualties from crashes at intersections
- 5) A reduction in the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured.
- 6) A reduction in death and serious casualties from lack of restraint, impairment, distraction, speed and fatigue.

Meetings

- The Committee will meet four times a year at the Ashburton District Council. Meetings will generally be open to the public. *(A section may be included on an agenda for items that would be reasonably expected to be considered with the public excluded.)*
- The Committee will be chaired by one of the Council elected members
- In the absence of a Council elected member, the Committee will be chaired by the Roading Manager.
- All Committee members have full voting rights.
- Council's Standing Orders will not apply to this Committee.
- Recommendations for agenda items are invited from Committee members no later than 7 days before the date of the meeting.
- Committee decisions and activities are reported through Council.
- Technical officer and administration support will be provided by Council's Infrastructure Services Group and Governance Team including notice of meeting to members, agenda preparation and minutes. . Agendas will be circulated not less than 5 days before the meeting.

Date Adopted: 22 November 2018

Terms of reference reviewed and updated on 1 August 2023