APRIL 2025
FAMILY GUIDE



ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

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April

What's on these holidays

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai.

Welcome to our autumn guide of family-friendly activities.

Whether you want quiet time or have energy to burn, there's loads of (mostly) free stuff to do at our Ashburton District Council facilities.

Don't forget our beautiful outdoor spaces to explore.

Check out disc golf at Tinwald Domain or the EA Networks Centre. From skateparks and playgrounds to walking tracks and gardens, there's something for everyone to do in Mid Canterbury. Head to midcanterburynz.com for more ideas!

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Book at ashburtondc.govt.nz/events

• Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Eggs-Press yourself

a Sat 12-Sun 27 April, 10am-4pm

Design your own Easter egg with inspiration from the exhibitions—whether it's a character, object, or pattern.

Whole whānau/family





Ashburton Library

Easter Egg Hunt

Cat 12-Sun 27 April

Hop into Ashburton Library during opening hours these school holidays for our eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt!

Find all 10 eggs to crack the challenge and enter the draw for a giant Easter Egg!

All tamariki/children





• Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Postcards from the Past

Sat 12-Sun 27 April, 10am-4pm

Design WWII-era postcards from Ashburton, imagining the perspectives of those who served or contributed on the Home Front.

Whole whānau/family





• Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Secret Sea Messages

C Sat 12-Sat 19 April, 10am-4pm

Create a symbolic time capsule inside a bottle, telling a story or sharing a secret message.

Whole whānau/family





EA Networks Centre

EA Networks Centre April Holiday Programme



Mon 14 to Thu 17 April and Tue 22 to Thu 24 April, 8am-5pm

We offer families a safe and organised school holiday care option, with opportunities for children aged 5-13 to get involved and try new and exciting activities in a fun and supportive environment. Activities include sports, crafts, swimming, field trips to Methven and Christchurch, and more!

All tamariki/children Booking required

Day (9am-3pm): \$40 Full Day/Field Trip: \$50

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Ashburton Library

Laser Cut Sea Creatures

Mon 14 April, 3pm-4pm Wed 16 April, 11am-12pm Tue 22 April, 11am-12pm

Make a splash with a laser-cut layered sea creature.

Choose your favourite creature, paint it with dye or keep it naturally stunning!

Rangatahi/young adults \$5 to cover materials Book online Limit of three teens per session



Ashburton Library

3D Printed Kawaii Shark

Mon 14 April, 12pm-1pm Thu 24 April, 11am-12pm

Dive into the basics of 3D printing as you create this adorable kawaii shark pen holder.

Customise, print, and take home your own toothy masterpiece!

Rangatahi/young adults \$5 to cover materials Book online Limit of three teens per session



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EA Networks Centre

School Holiday Swim Lessons

Mon 14 to Thu 17 April, 9am-11am

Swim lessons in the school holidays are great for practising those tricky skills and a fun way to ease into a new level. The lessons run every day over the week, helping convert practice into muscle memory.

All tamariki/children Booking required

Toddlers: \$42 for the week

(four lessons).

School-aged (includes stroke clinic and

swim for fitness): \$52 for the week

(four lessons).

Individual lessons: \$40 per 20-min lesson (can book 1-4 lessons).



Ashburton Library

Road Trip Bingo

Tue 15 April, 10.30am-11.30am

Turn your next road trip into a game by creating your very own Road Trip Bingo card.

Join in the fun as we play together and win prizes!

All tamariki/children





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Ashburton Library

Dive into Design with Procreate

Tue 15 April, 11am-12pm Tue 22 April, 2pm-3pm

Design a sea-inspired artwork using our Procreate software, either create something from scratch or customise an existing design from our sea creature collection. Take your creature home as a digital file or transform it into a decal at one of our vinyl printing sessions.

Rangatahi/young adults Book online Limit of four teens per session





Ashburton Library

Vinyl Print your own Deep Sea Decals

Tue 15 April, 2pm-3pm Wed 23 April, 11am-12pm Thu 24 April, 5.30pm-7pm

Learn how to print your own personalised decals and stickers with our Makerspace vinyl printer. Use one of the creature designs from our collection or print something you create at one of our Procreate design sessions. You can even bring your own clothing item or bag and apply the decal with our heat press.

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Ashburton Library

Easter Photo Booth Craft

Thu 17 April, 10.30am-11.30am

Hop into the library and take a wacky Easter photo with our fun props and Instax camera.

Create an egg-tastic photo frame so every-bunny can enjoy your creation!

All tamariki/children Book online Limited to 50 places





Ashburton Library

Crazy Town Mascots

Tue 22 April, 10.30am-11.30am

Every town needs its own mascot! Get loopy and create one of your own out of recycled materials - the crazier, the better!

All tamariki/children





EA Networks Centre

Waterbabies & Preschoolers

Wed 23 April, 9am-11am

Join us for a morning filled with different instructor-led activities. Check out our social media for the schedule of events and when to join in for your age group. Open to anyone in the community from 6 months to 5 years.

Pēpi and tamariki/babies and children Cost: \$5



EA Networks Centre

Family Water Safety

Thu 24 April, 9am-11am

Water safety activities designed with the family in mind to learn together and encourage safety when out and about in the district. Anyone can attend as the information is geared towards groups and individuals.

Whole whānau/family





Thu 24 April, 10.30am-11.30am

Create a beautiful sunrise silhouette picture of an ANZAC soldier using dyes. All tamariki/children





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With the Girls Overseas -**Anzac Day Talk**

Fri 25 April, 2pm-3pm

Sound historian Sarah Johnston explores 1940s recordings of New Zealand nurses made by mobile broadcasting units during WWII. She'll share these 80-yearold recordings and discuss the voices of those who served, with support from RNZ and Ngā Taonga.

Whole whānau/family





Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

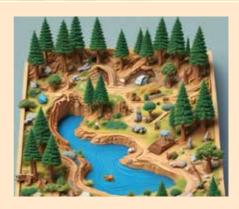
Mini Wild Woods

Sun 20 to Sun 27 April, 10am-4pm

Build a 3D scene showing land restoration, contrasting pine trees with native bush or a polluted versus restored river.

Whole whānau/family





Ashburton Library

AV Studio Session





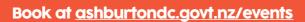
12.30pm-3.30pm

Book a session in our state-of-the-art AV Studio to bring your creative ideas to life. This is the perfect space for those interested in music production, podcasting, video editing, audio engineering, and more. Your session will be attended by a Studio Specialist who will help you learn the space, software, and techniques needed to realise your project.

Only one booking per person/group at a time. An additional session can be booked during or after the original session.

You are allowed to bring your own music equipment (within the space limitations of the studio).

Whole whānau/family Book online





Opening hours

	Regular hours	Good Friday 18 April	Easter Monday 21 April	Anzac Day 25 April
Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum	Daily 10am-4pm Wed nights Open till 7pm	Closed	10am-4pm	1pm-4pm
Ashburton Library	Mon & Fri 8.30am-6pm Tue-Thu 8.30am-8pm Weekends 10am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
EA Networks Centre	Whole facility open Mon-Fri 5.45am-9pm Weekends 7am-7pm Pools close early Mon & Tues 8pm Wed-Friday 7pm Weekends 6pm Gym closes early Mon-Fri 8pm Weekends 6pm	Closed	10am-5pm	1pm-7pm

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Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

327 West Street, Ashburton

All activities free

03 307 7890 ashburtonmuseum.co.nz ashburtonartgallery.org.nz

Ashburton Library

Te Kete Tuhinga, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

Most activities free 03 308 7192 ashburtonlibrary.co.nz

EA Networks Centre

20 River Terrace, Ashburton

Enquire regarding fees 03 308 4020 eanetworkscentre.co.nz









