

APRIL 2025  
FAMILY GUIDE

# WHAT'S ON 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](http://midcanterburynz.com) for more ideas!

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Book at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/events](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/events)



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

## Eggs-Press yourself


 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**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## Easter Egg Hunt

 Sat 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**

**FREE**



 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**

**FREE**



**📍** Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

**Secret Sea Messages**

**📅** 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*

**FREE**



**📍** 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

Book at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/events](https://ashburtondc.govt.nz/events)



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## 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*



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## 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).*



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## 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**

**FREE**



 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*



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## 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.

**Rangatahi/young adults**

**\$5 to cover materials**


**Book online**

*Limit of three teens per session*



 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*

**FREE**



 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**

**FREE**



 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**

**FREE**



 Ashburton Library

## ANZAC Soldier Silhouettes

 Thu 24 April, 10.30am-11.30am

Create a beautiful sunrise silhouette picture of an ANZAC soldier using dyes.

**All tamariki/children**

**FREE**



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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-year-old recordings and discuss the voices of those who served, with support from RNZ and Ngā Taonga.

**Whole whānau/family**

**FREE**



 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**

**FREE**




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**AV Studio Session**

**FREE**



 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**

Book at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/events](https://ashburtondc.govt.nz/events)



## Opening hours

	Regular hours	Good Friday 18 April	Easter Monday 21 April	Anzac Day 25 April
Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum	<b>Daily</b> 10am-4pm <b>Wed nights</b> Open till 7pm	Closed	10am-4pm	1pm-4pm
Ashburton Library	<b>Mon &amp; Fri</b> 8.30am-6pm <b>Tue-Thu</b> 8.30am-8pm <b>Weekends</b> 10am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
EA Networks Centre	<b>Whole facility open</b> Mon-Fri 5.45am-9pm Weekends 7am-7pm  <b>Pools close early</b> Mon & Tues 8pm Wed-Friday 7pm Weekends 6pm  <b>Gym closes early</b> 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](http://ashburtonmuseum.co.nz)

[ashburtonartgallery.org.nz](http://ashburtonartgallery.org.nz)

## Ashburton Library

Te Kete Tuhinga,  
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

Most activities free

03 308 7192

[ashburtonlibrary.co.nz](http://ashburtonlibrary.co.nz)

## EA Networks Centre

20 River Terrace, Ashburton

Enquire regarding fees

03 308 4020

[eanetworkscentre.co.nz](http://eanetworkscentre.co.nz)

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