

## Quiet hour planned for Glow

Event organisers are hoping Glow in the Park's new low-sensory hour won't draw the crowds.

Now in its third year, the popular family event will return on King's Birthday weekend and is expected to draw tens of thousands of people over three nights from 5.30pm - but on Sunday 2 June the music will be switched off for a low-sensory hour at 4.30pm.

Group Manager Compliance and Development Jane Donaldson said while many enjoyed the buzz and excitement, the level of noise could make the event inaccessible for some groups.

"Sensory sensitivities can affect people on various levels so we're trying to provide a time when those people will be more comfortable but still able to enjoy the full Glow experience.

"All the same activities will be on offer, including the amusement rides and food vendors, however all music will be switched off, and the earlier time will mean there are fewer people around."

Ms Donaldson said the session would also be open to people with other accessibility requirements, such as groups from local rest homes, but she encouraged everyone else to wait until general admittance at 5.30pm.

"It's a bit of an oxymoron, but the more popular this session is, the less successful



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it is, so leave this low-sensory session for people who will most benefit the most. Glow will be open at 5.30pm for everyone else on all three nights and there'll be plenty of time to enjoy the sights."

Glow in the Park 2024 will be in the Ashburton Domain this year and help celebrate the domain's 160th birthday. The open space will be aglow with lighting displays, as well as food trucks selling all manner of taste temptations, and an amusement park area.

Parking for those with mobility permits is

available on the old courts at the domain entrance at the corner of Grigg and Elizabeth Streets. Everyone else will have to park on streets near the domain and walk to the start of the light trail at the central carpark.

"We're encouraging locals to leave their cars at home if they can. The paths are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs and mobility scooters."

For more information about the event, go to [glowinthepark.nz](http://glowinthepark.nz)

## CE Hamish Riach Firming up a long-term pathway, that is fit for all

By the time you are reading this, Councillors will have made some concrete decisions about the final form of the Long Term Plan, including what to do with the Tinwald Pool and Balmoral Hall.

During four days of hearings and three days of workshops, Councillors have worked their way through just over 1500 submissions that have spanned five major topics, as well as the second bridge, climate change and requests for funding.

The Long Term Plan gives us a big steer about our work programme for the next 10 years and it now heads off to Audit New Zealand who will take several weeks to look it over - we are expecting them to approve it, so it can be adopted at a Council meeting on 26 June.

The LTP is a major document in the life of council and takes much energy and effort by staff and councillors, who I thank for their work. I would also like to thank the community for their

submissions, which numbered about 1500.

We did our part to make the plan a palatable document, with not too much jargon and "council" speak, and we were encouraged by the feedback. All the responses were digested by Councillors and staff and helped shape the final plan - it may disappoint some, but hopefully the majority will see it as a sensible plan for this time, where there is considerable demand for Council services while everyone is faced with the pressures of a rising cost of living.

Next week we will have some special guests in Te Whare Whakatere, when the Canterbury Mayoral Forum holds its regular meetings here. The forum is made up of the mayors of the 10 territorial authorities in Canterbury and the chair of Environment Canterbury. The chair is Timaru Mayor Nigel Bowen.

The forum is a way for local government around the region to communicate, co-ordinate and collaborate and it is a strong and united voice when

advocating for Canterbury in the Beehive.

Most recently the forum asked Government for an equitable share of national funding to support land transport. In the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme, Canterbury only received between 5-8 per cent of the expenditure forecast, despite contributing 12 per cent of the national GDP. Our own second urban bridge project has been endorsed by the forum as the top land transport priority for Canterbury.

In Ashburton next week, the forum's civil defence emergency and regional land transport committees will meet on Thursday, followed by a full forum meeting on Friday. Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown chairs the civil defence committee.

The gathering will include a tour of our new library and civic building and we look forward to hosting them in this wonderful space.



## SHORT AND SWEET

### SPANISH WEEK

The Spanish language will be a special focus at the Ashburton Library next week, thanks to a collaboration between the library and the Canterbury Latin American Association. To mark national Spanish Language Week, the Story and Rhyme session on Thursday at 10.30am will include a Spanish story. Spanish is the primary language of 20 countries and over 400 million people in Latin America.



### EMERGENCY ALERT

You can expect to hear your phone beeping loudly this Sunday, between 6pm and 7pm, when the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) tests its emergency mobile alert system. Test alerts will be sent to all mobile phones and there's no option to opt out.

### DOMAIN PONDS

Water levels in some of the Ashburton Domain ponds will be lower than usual for the next couple of weeks while contractors work on bank remediation near the oval. Staff will be monitoring water flows and fish life.



### BETTER TOGETHER

Drink drivers will be the target of police during June in a joint campaign with NZ Transport Agency and Council. Drivers can expect education and enforcement, with traffic stops. Alcohol is a major contributing factor in 14 per cent of deaths and serious injury crashes in the Mid and South Canterbury.

# Services on King's Birthday break

The public holiday over King's Birthday weekend 2024 will see temporary changes to some Council services and facilities.

The biggest show in town will be Glow in the Park, at the Ashburton Domain, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, but there are plenty of other activities at Council facilities over the weekend.

## Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling

Ashburton's kerbside collection service will not be affected by the public holiday on Monday 3 June, so people whose bins are normally emptied on a Monday should put them out for collection as usual by 7.30am.

## Resource Recovery Parks

The Ashburton Resource Recovery Park will be open 9am-5pm on Saturday 1 June, Sunday 2 June and Monday 3 June.

Rakaia Resource Recovery Park will be open Saturday as usual, but closed on Monday.

The Methven greenwaste facility will not be affected, and will be open Sunday 12-4pm as usual.

## Ashburton Library

The Ashburton Public Library will be open Saturday and Sunday (10-4pm), but closed on Monday 3 June.

## Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

The Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum will be open over all three days, 10-4pm.

In the gallery space, three exhibitions are in their final weeks: Tuitui Tangata,



One of the photographs from a collection of Ashburton Guardian negatives, that form an exhibition about life in Ashburton in 1974.

a collection of vibrant Tivaevae from local and Christchurch Cook Island families; Legacy Issues, a collection of contemporary photographs of our land; and Ynes Guevara's Altar, Beautifying and Understanding.

In the museum space, you can see Ashburton as it was in 1974, thanks to a collection of photographs from the Ashburton Guardian's negatives. You can also visit Homefront Heroines, which tells the stories of land girls during World War Two.

## EA Networks Centre

EA Networks Centre will be open the three days of the long weekend. It will operate usual hours Saturday and Sunday, from 7am-7pm. On Monday the centre will be open from 10am-5pm.

There will be no learn-to-swim classes on Monday, the public holiday. On that day, the gym will run a 10am aquafit class, and spin classes at 12.15pm and 3.30pm.

## Customer Services

Council's administration services at Te Whare Whakare on Baring Square East will close at 5pm on Friday 31 May, and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 4 June.

If you have a problem or urgently need to contact us, then the afterhours/24 hours-a-day service will be operating - please phone 03 307 7700.

Emails, Snap Send Solves and website requests will be cleared when the office opens for business as usual on Tuesday.

Public toilets around the district will be open daily as usual over the long weekend.

# Creative groups receive \$20k grants

Nine local groups have been allocated just over \$20,000 from Creative Communities New Zealand.

The grants are administered by Council and the assessment committee included councillors and community members.

A second grants round will take place in August and funding is available for a wide range of artistic ventures, from music and dance to visual arts and community workshops.

Successful applicants and their projects were:

- Ashburton Embroiderers Guild \$1565 – Exhibition of work showing different types of embroidery
- Ashburton Highland and National Dancing Association \$2000 – To host the NZ Highland and National Championships 2024 in Ashburton
- Ashburton Society of Performing Arts \$2103 – For speech and drama and musical theatre competitions
- Ashburton Writers Group \$430 – For short story competition
- Ashburton Youth Café – BASE \$2000 – For King Cass workshops
- CanInspire Trust \$3960 – To run CanBead art therapy workshops for people experiencing illness, trauma or loss
- Kate Low \$3792 – To run theatre workshops for primary schools
- Newah Guthi New Zealand \$2691 – For a traditional Newari Lakhye dance and Mha Puja
- The Glow Show Company Limited \$2000 – To stage Badjelly the Witch glow show

**TALK IT UP TUESDAYS**

Every Tuesday: 1pm - 2pm  
Ashburton Library  
No booking required.

## Public Notice

### Plan Change 5

Ashburton District Council gives notice that Plan Change 5 to the Ashburton District Plan has been approved under Schedule 1 Clause 17 of the Resource Management Act. The Plan Change will become operative on **Tuesday 4 June 2024**.

The Operative District Plan can be accessed online at [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz).

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Group Manager Compliance and Development

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Meeting agendas are online at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/agendas-and-minutes](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/agendas-and-minutes)

**Extraordinary Council Meeting**, Thursday 23 May, 9am, (live-streamed)

**Extraordinary Council Meeting**, Wednesday 29 May, 9am, (live-streamed)

**Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Meeting**, Tuesday 4 June, 9.30am

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday 5 June, 1pm, (live-streamed)

**Methven Community Board**, Monday 10 June, 9am, at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

**Council Activity Briefings**, Wednesday 12 June, 9.30am

**Audit & Risk Committee Meeting**, Wednesday 12 June, 1pm (live-streamed)

**Ashburton Water Zone Committee**, Tuesday 25 June, 1pm (live-streamed)

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday 26 June, 1pm, (live-streamed)

## WORKS NOTICES

**Walnut Avenue** - Kerb and channel renewal from Oak Grove to West Street, until 30 June. Traffic should not be affected, but watch for temporary changes.

**Melcombe Street rail crossing** - Closed from 24 May to 31 May for KiwiRail to undertake a crossing upgrade. Detours are in place.

**Dobson Street** - Closed between William and Cass Streets from 27 May to 7 June, so contractors can install service connections to a new residential project. Detours are in place, resident and business access remains.

**Grace Ireland Drive, Methven** - Closed for subdivision development until 31 August.

**Company Road** - Daytime closure from Ashford Avenue to Fairfield Road until 29 May for contractors to install a new watermain to Fairton. Detours are available.

Full closure details on our website [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz)

## It's doggy rego time

Dog registrations are on the way, so it's time to tell us if your details have changed.

- Have you got a new dog?
- Has your pet passed away?
- Have your address or contact details changed?

Visit [ashburtondc.govt.nz/do-it-online](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/do-it-online) or call us on (03) 307 7700

## 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 6am-9pm (pools 7pm, gym 8pm)  
Sat & Sun 7am-7pm (pools 5pm, gym 6pm)

## ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

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