

Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Ashburton District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 23 August 2023

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Membership

Mayor	Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor	Liz McMillan
Members	Leen Braam
	Carolyn Cameron
	Russell Ellis
	Phill Hooper
	Lynette Lovett
	Rob Mackle
	Tony Todd
	Richard Wilson

Meeting Timetable

Time	Item
1.00pm	Council meeting commences Welcome Te Wera King
1.15pm	ECan (RPS review – Land & Water Plan) – Chair Peter Scott Andrew Parrish and Jeff Smith (Strategy & Planning)
2pm	Te Whatu Ora - Ashburton Hospital – Bernie Marra (GM Rural Health Services) and Lisa Blackler (Interim Hospital & Specialist Services Lead)
3.30pm	Ashburton Contracting Ltd

1 Apologies

2 Extraordinary Business

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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4. Council Minutes – 9 August 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Janice McKay (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Femke van der Velk (Policy Advisor), Jim Henderson (Emergency Management Officer), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Dr Christian Chukwuka (Biodiversity Advisor)

1 Apologies

Cr Rob Mackle

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentations

Waka Kotahi – 1.10pm-2.02pm

Rakitata Revival Group – 2.04pm-2.53pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 25/07/23

- *New Library & Civic building – parking time restrictions*

The minutes were amended to remove reference to Cr Cameron and record that Cr Lovett moved the motion (seconded Cr Braam). *The motion was subsequently amended.*

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 July 2023, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/Cameron

Carried

Waka Kotahi

James Caygill was welcomed to the meeting, and an apology from Tresca Forrester was noted.

Council received an update on the improvements being undertaken by Waka Kotahi on SH1

Key points from the presentation (*ppt presentation*)

- Waka Kotahi consulted towards the end of last year on a series of speed reductions in and around Rakaia and the bridge. Waiting for final regulatory signoff for that.

- Prioritising making progress with the section of SH1 north of Rakaia, and then focus on the area south (Selwyn side of the river has a much higher level of vehicle related deaths and injuries).
- Looking to widen the corridor between Rakaia and Ashburton out to about 11.5 metres (an additional metre each side) which will enable more room in the centre. Then look at putting median barriers in. Consultation will be undertaken with property owners to ensure barriers won't impact on access.
- 10,000-14,000 vehicle movements per day across the Rakaia bridge. The project safety approach is to reduce speed - north of the rail overbridge, on the bridge and in the township.
- Waka Kotahi's interim speed management plan has been submitted to the Minister of Transport and is awaiting approval. Council will be notified of the outcome.

TARP Status (Trigger Action Response Plan for Ashburton bridge)

- Has been in place since 2019
- Triggers largely around river level and debris build-up (or combination of both)
- In the 30 July event the alert moved to 'amber' – the onset of darkness and inability to monitor the river level and debris was a contributing factor.
- Waka Kotahi are looking at a methodology to manage debris in a more accurate way – there are complications with the Ashburton bridge (shallow piles, close proximity of bridge piers and the clip-ons).
- If managed appropriately the existing bridge will be functional for a few decades to come, but this doesn't solve severance issues on the SH and Waka Kotahi want to move to the next phase quickly.
- Waka Kotahi acknowledges the need for a second bridge across Ashburton River and will progress this through the Regional Land Transport Plan.

In conclusion, Mr Caygill undertook to follow up and report back on the Ashburton bridge maintenance costs and the extent to which Waka Kotahi's web site could include local roads affected in an emergency event.

5 Methven Community Board – 24/07/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 24 July 2023.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

• **Community Board Standing Orders**

That the Methven Community Board adopts the 2023 Standing Orders for the conduct of its meetings, with the following amendments:

- i) Provisions for meetings by audio-visual link – yes.
- ii) A casting vote for chairpersons – yes.
- iii) Option B (less formal) as the default for speaking and moving motions.

McMillan/Hooper

Carried

• **Community Board Code of Conduct**

That the Methven Community Board Elected Members Code of Conduct 2023 be adopted.

McMillan/Hooper

Carried

Rakitata Revival Group

Sally Reihana and Karl Russell (Arowhenua), Anna Ivanova and Kim Whitwell (ECan), Brad Edwards (DoC) (*ppt presentation*)

Key points –

- ADC have been part of the partnership (mana whenua and statutory agencies) since 2018 - representation from each partner on the working group (reporting back to the steering group)
- Mana whenua identified opportunity to reclaim some whakapapa belonging to the waterway after the 2019 flood
- Programme scope – Strategy consultation and South Branch engagement strategy is the core
- Restoration works have been boosted by the Government’s “Jobs for Nature” (Covid-response) scheme. Now have around 18 months funding left and are faced with the question on how they will continue to prioritise.
- Around 120,000 trees have been planted in the lower catchment and the Rangitata Landcare Group have achieved 116km of fencing in the upper catchment.
- Arowhenua nursery – has positively impacted on personal stories of those engaged and involved and supporting Runanga. Reassuring to see good young people coming through – this growth and wellbeing is contributing positively to the community.
- Arowhenua employs over 140 people (25 years ago they didn’t employ anyone).
- Predator control workstream – this is the first year to see the ‘tide turn’ and return of taonga back into the awa.
- South Branch future –collaborative discussion needed on what the future could look like. Going out for public consultation for a month from 4 September with the draft Strategy. DoC will have the Strategy online and key dates / critical junctions about wider consultation can be found at www.doc.govt.nz/news/newsletters/rakitatai-river-revival-community-newsletter/
- Long term funding and resourcing remains an issue. Crucial to encourage community connection to the awa and involvement in restoration activities. Communications will focus on 3 key workstreams now until the end of 2023 – strategy consultation, South Branch, and story-telling.

In conclusion, the Mayor commented on the likelihood of government funding ceasing and the pressure that will put on others to keep the programme going. With its regional-wide benefit, consideration could be given to funding through ECan, and that’s discussion that Council will have through the LTP process.

Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager introduced new staff members – Brenna McRobb (Horticulturalist), Maria O’Hara (Horticulturalist), Stacey Broadbent (Library Assistant) and Shelley Donnelly (Marketing Advisor).

Council also acknowledged each of the following staff for their 10 years of service –

Ian Jamieson (Horticulturist), Steven Handley (Building Official) and Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3pm to 3.22pm.

6 Update on National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity

That Council accepts the report and receives the information.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

7 Bancorp Treasury Report – June 2023

That Council receives the Bancorp Treasury report for the June 2023 quarter.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

8 Financial Reports

Officers will follow up and report back on –

- Refuse management variance (684,815U) – reason for increase
- Lake Clearwater occupation
- Rakaia Hall scoping and work – likely to be included in the carry-over report
- Glow in the Park sponsorship – total income
- Roading capital expenditure projects

That Council receives the Preliminary June 2023 financial variance report.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

9 Local Government NZ Conference – “Superlocal 23”

That Council receives the Councillors’ LGNZ Conference report.

Lovett/Todd

Carried

10 Mayor’s Report

That Council receives the Mayor’s report.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.57pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
11	Council 25/07/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Committee / ACL appointments committee• Audit & Risk Committee• EANC masterplan	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
		Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
		Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
12	Library & Civic Centre PCG 1/08/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

Confirmed 23 August 2023

MAYOR

5. Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 1/08/23

Minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 August 2023, commencing at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received from Neil Simons (Principals Association), Ben Grant (NZ Police),

Andrea Gold/ Phill Hooper

Carried

Present:

Neil Brown	Mayor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Steve Ochsner	FENZ
Richard Wilson	ADC Councillor	Craig Chambers	FENZ
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Steve Burgerhout	NZ Police
James Long	Waka Kotahi	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
David Scarlett	Waka Kotahi	Daniel Naude	Road Safety Co-ordinator - South Canty
Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting NZ	John Skevington	Automobile Association

In attendance:

Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
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2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

Terms of Reference

It was noted that Jim Crouchley from Ia Ara Aotearoa Transport NZ who has been attended meetings was noted included in the Terms of Reference membership list.

Recommendation to Council

That the Council adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Ashburton District Road Safety Committee with the inclusion of Ia Ara Aotearoa Transport NZ in the membership list

John Skevington/Richard Wilson

Carried

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 2 May 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

Richard Wilson/Steve Burgerhout

Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- A usage report on the CoDriVR Simulator is to be circulated to members
- A review of the 79 crossroad intersections in the Ashburton District has been completed and improvement options are being investigated. Options discussed included large red stop signs being painted on the roads, installation of rumble lines and four way stop controls at intersections.

5.2 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

- Stantec have recently completed a peak travel study on SH1 through Tinwald and Ashburton. A copy of this report is to be circulated to members
- Detailed design is in progress for proposed median barrier systems on SH1
- James Caygill, Director Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi will be in attendance at the next Council meeting on 9 August at 1pm to discuss the SH1 median barrier systems project. Members are welcome to join the meeting either in person or it can be viewed on line
- A timeline of the Rakaia weighbridge project is to be provide at the December meeting
- The proposed speed limit change for SH77/Methven township is to reduce to 60 not 80 as stated in the report.

5.5 FENZ (Motor Vehicle Analyses)

A request was made for more specific details of locations of the accidents within the Ashburton township.

5.6 Automobile Association

'Be Seen – Be Safe' school cycle light project has been successful and is growing. First school was Tinwald, next will be St Joseph's followed by Longbeach.

Bike Skills Park

Council has approved the Ashburton Domain, beside the children's playground, as the area to develop a bike skills park. A number of service clubs have indicated they would be keen to undertake fundraising for the project.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 11.12am.

6. *Audit & Risk Committee – 2/08/23*

Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Russell Ellis (Chair), Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Richard Wilson and Murray Harrington(via MS Teams)

Also present:

Councillors Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle and Tony Todd.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (CE), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Compliance & Development), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities) (via MS Teams), and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Erin Register (Finance Manager), Richard Wood (Sport & Recreation Manager), Katie Perry (People & Capability Manager) and Julie Crahay (Safety & Wellness Lead)

1 Apologies

Councillor Liz McMillan

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 21/06/23

That the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 21 June 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.06pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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6	Audit & Risk Committee minutes	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
7	Health & Safety	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Wilson/Mayor

Carried

The meeting concluded at 1.39pm.

7. *Biodiversity Advisory Group – 2/08/23*

Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting was held on Monday 7 August 2023, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton, commencing at 1:00pm.

Present

Councillors Leen Braam (Chair), Councillors Lynette Lovett and Richard Wilson; Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Christian Chukwuka (Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor), Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner), Adi Avnit, Edith Smith, Val Clemens, Angela Cushnie, Willy Leferink, Donna Field and Barry Austin

MS Teams: Alice Shanks and Lisa Peers-Adams

In attendance

Carol McAtamney (Governance Support)

1 Apologies

That apologies are received from Mayor Neil Brown, Mary Ralston, Kim Wall, Nick Vernon, Mike Salvesen and Janine Holland.

Wilson/Austin

Carried

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil

4 Previous Minutes

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 8 May 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

Avnit/Smith

Carried

5 Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisors Report

A query was made as to whether the block of private land next to the coal mine at the back of Mt Somers is categorised as Rural C – Officers will check the boundaries and advise members.

That the Biodiversity Advisory Group receive the report from the Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor.

Braam/Clemens

Carried

6 Wilding Management in ADC Rural C Zone

Recommendation to Council

1. **That** the Biodiversity Advisory Group advocates that Environment Canterbury develop a management strategy to deal with existing shelterbelts that pose wilding risk potential in ADC Rural C Zone
2. **That** the Biodiversity Advisory Group invites the ADC Planning Manager to make a presentation about plantation forestry, shelterbelt and amenity planting rules to control wilding trees and explain the widespread green shelterbelt areas in Rural C area.

Smith/Clemens

Carried

7 Update of the Predator Free 2050 Project (2.04pm – 2.25pm)

Tim Exton and Ian Fraser from DOC joined the meeting and gave an update of the Predator Free 2050 project.

- Programme is community driven
- Target is the eradication of possums, rats and mustards (stoats, ferrets and weasels)
- Also looking at stray cats/hedgehogs
- Looking to work further with Ashburton District Council to get programme up and running in Ashburton

Angela Cushnie departed the meeting at 2.19pm.

8 Update on the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity

A request was made for a report to be bought to the next meeting outlining how the group can assist with the implementation processes of the NPS.

A copy of presentation from today's meeting is to be circulated to members.

Barry Austin departed the meeting at 2.42pm

That the Biodiversity Advisory Group receive the update/presentation on the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.

Smith/Lovett

Carried

9 Environment Canterbury update

A copy of the Ashburton Rivermouth Hapua bird monitoring report by ornithologist Andrew Crossland that was referred to in the report is to be circulated to members.

10 Forest and Bird

• **100th Anniversary**

Forest and Bird are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. To celebrate a photo exhibition is to be held at the Ashburton Art Gallery from 3 September 2023.

Next Meeting Date

Monday 6 November 2023, 1.30pm

The meeting concluded at 3:12pm.

8. *Economic Development quarterly report – April, May & June 2023*

Author *Simon Worthington; Economic Development Manager*
Executive Team Member *Jane Donaldson; GM Compliance and Development*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a high-level update on Economic Development activity and progress from April to June 2023.
- The report is framed around the seven pillars included in Council’s adopted Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.
- These seven pillars are now under review as part of the Economic Development Strategy refresh.

Recommendation

- 1. That** Council receives the April to June 2023 Economic Development quarterly update.

Background

1. Work is ongoing on a range of projects that seek to develop the economic environment in the Ashburton District.
2. Work is underway with a number of investors / developers to bring new businesses and expand businesses in the Ashburton District. This work sums to circa NZD\$400M and is a mixture of business expansion and new business attraction.
3. The team is looking at projects that Council can facilitate that will make a material difference to economic outcomes for the district.
4. Alongside this the Economic Development Team are working with the community and community organisations to welcome new residents to the district and explore opportunities to better connect people with employment opportunities.

Reporting Against Strategic Framework

Pillar 1: Signalling Council is Open for Business

This pillar relates to Council setting up, establishing its position, and delivering its services in a way that supports economic development. With the outbreak of COVID 19 having a dramatic effect on all of New Zealand it has been key for Council to work with industry to ensure positive outcomes. Action was required to lead the district community as they navigated their way through the COVID 19 lockdown and the subsequent commencement of recovery.

Update

5. Section 17A Review
 - 5.1 The Section 17A Review has now been completed, it was agreed to maintain the internal provision of Economic Development and review as part of the 2027/29 LTP process.
 - 5.2 The team will now focus on the execution of the new Economic Development Strategy.

Pillar 2: Placemaking and Branding

Placemaking is about creating the space(s) where people want to live, work and play – places where people and business want to be.

Update

6. The events programme has seen positive take up and response from the community.
 - 6.1 Glow in the Park ran in early June with over 17,000 attendees. Feedback showed strong desire from the community for this event to continue. Officers are now considering locations for the 2024 event.
 - 6.2 A pop up Night Noodle Market is planned for early September. Initial response is high based on numbers following the event on social media, this has led to Officers and staff from the Hakatere MultiCultural Council working to ensure the event can run safely with larger numbers than first planned.
 - 6.3 Following the success of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs pilot programme with 21 placements exceeding the target of 12, the programme has been extended for two years. To encourage more businesses to take part in providing young people opportunities a breakfast will be held at the end of August. The key note speaker was once a troubled young person who turned his life around to become a noted security expert.
 - 6.4 The Business of the Year Awards, scheduled for February 2024, is now open for registration. There has been good support from local businesses sponsoring the event and the aim is to dramatically increase the number of businesses entering the awards.
7. A Marketing Advisor – District Promotions is now in place and has started pulling together insights that will help develop an evidence based marketing strategy with a Mid Canterbury narrative and story telling that speaks to visitors, businesses thinking about locating in the region, workers and providing stories that residents can be proud of telling.

Pillar 3: Unlocking Latent Potential

Developing a mechanism to deal with projects that come to Council.

Update

8. A number of attraction projects and expansion projects are currently underway, there is a strong, joined up approach occurring across internal teams within the Council. Many of the projects we are working on involve Assets, Planning, Building, Roading, Property and Economic Development.

9. Developers and their consultants regularly provide positive feedback about the openness and willingness of Ashburton District Council to work proactively to help them realise their projects.

Pillar 4: Agriculture and Technology

Assisting the agriculture and technology sectors' existing industry bodies to assimilate technology into the sector.

Update

10. Supporting Land Use Adaption for a Climate Changed Future Project:

- 10.1 This project is now completed.

11. Resilient Business Project:

- 11.1 MPI have declined to fund this project in its current form. This is in part due to the new MPI team who will be working with farmers on farm. We were clear in our proposal that we believe that farmers learn from other farmers so will be monitoring how supported our local farmers are with regard to land use change due to changing regulations.
- 11.2 Work continues with the Advisory Group and there remains scope to work for the benefit of our local primary sector producers.

Pillar 5: Natural Resource Management

Protecting and enhancing the district's natural capital, particularly recognising water as a crucial resource.

12. Mayors Climate Change Initiative

- 12.1 Officers have been supporting the Mayor with his climate change initiative with local business leaders.
- 12.2 Officers are working to operationalise the initiative with Roger Sutton, CEO of EA Networks, a paper will be presented to a future Council meeting with more details of the initiative.

Pillar 6: Start-up, SME's and Business Support

Lobbying, advocacy and influencing policy settings important to business.

Update

13. Work is about to get underway to determine regional skills needs, this project will be a joint Ashburton District Council and Te Pukenga initiative and will see businesses across the district surveyed to determine their current and future needs. It is expected that this will be completed by the end September 2024.

14. Discussions continue with the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce (CECC) to provide increased services in the Ashburton District. CECC are planning some business events and Council will be supporting these with a venue.

Pillar 7: Connecting and Supporting Infrastructure

Acknowledging Ashburton District's reliance on key infrastructure like roading and telecommunications.

Update

15. Officers are working with Kanoa (a government fund for business growth and development) to support the development of the Agritech Hub at Rakaia.
16. Officers from Economic Development, Planning, Building and Roading are working on options to support the Triangle Development. Robert Grice and Justin Skilling have proposed changes to the streetscape and officers are undertaking a preliminary analysis, it is likely that a concept and feasibility study will be undertaken as part of the LTP process and paid for from existing budgets.

It is proposed that the quarterly reports move to a six monthly basis and future reports will focus on the new Economic Development Strategy and its outcomes.

9. End-of-year strategy and plan progress report

Author	<i>Emily Reed; Corporate Planner</i>
Manager	<i>Mark Low; Strategy & Policy Manager</i>
Executive Team Member	<i>Toni Durham; GM Democracy & Engagement</i>

Summary

- The purpose of this report is a summary of our progress towards achieving the actions included within a number of our strategies and plans.
- As this is the first of such reports, all actions are reported on up until 30 June 2023.

Recommendation

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council receives the end-of-year strategy and plan progress report. |
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Attachments

Appendix 1 Strategy and plan progress report

Background

The current situation

1. At the 7 December 2022 Council meeting a strategy and plan review schedule was agreed. The schedule included progress reporting on the following strategy and plans through an end of year progress report.
 - Play, Active Recreation & Sport Strategy
 - Ashburton Airport Development Plan
 - Ashburton Domain Development Plan
 - Biodiversity Action Plan
 - Climate Resilience Plan
 - Lakes Camp & Clearwater Plan

Legal/policy implications

Legislation

2. While Council isn't required by legislation to provide progress reports, to do so informs both Council and the community with how well Council is tracking on a timely basis.

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Monitoring Council's performance is met from within existing budgets.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Community Planning
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Not required

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low; Not significant
Level of engagement selected	1 – Inform the community
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The community will be informed of Council's progress on the included strategies and plans through relevant media channels.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

1.1 Play, Active Recreation & Sport Strategy

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
<p>Conduct research identifying physical activity participation levels and barriers preventing community participation across all demographics</p>	<p>Led by Community Services Group in partnership with Sport Canterbury</p>	<p>30 June 2023</p>	<p>Yes - ongoing</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>This is on-going work primarily undertaken by Sport NZ and Sport Trusts.</p> <p>EANC are looking at options around the void left by Green Prescription with ideas to improve participation</p>
<p>Pilot and promote women’s only sessions at the EA Networks Centre</p>	<p>Community Services / EANC</p>	<p>30 June 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The pilot was completed however the requirements were unrealistic to continue in the same structure. EANC have met with community groups to understand and agree upon more sustainable options. Heavily impacted by EANC staffing levels</p> <p>Heavily impacted by EANC staffing levels (particularly fulltime lifeguarding) however managers are regularly revisiting this topic and have every intention of running again when feasible.</p>
<p>Conduct research into identifying participation levels, incentives and barriers to rangatahi (youth) participation throughout secondary school age groups</p>	<p>Led by Community Services Group in partnership with Sport Canterbury</p>	<p>30 June 2023</p>	<p>Yes - ongoing</p>		<p>This is on-going work primarily undertaken by Sport NZ and Sport Trusts.</p> <p>EANC are looking at options to improve participation in partnership with Sport leaders</p>
<p>Explore ways to tangibly reward volunteers to incentivise volunteerism</p>	<p>Sector-wide collaboration</p>	<p>30 June 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Volunteers are recognised through the annual sports awards and volunteer awards</p>

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Undertake a district wide facility and sport field utilisation study, of Council assets	EANC; Open Spaces	30 June 2023	Yes	Yes	Completed with actions feeding LTP
Implement a marketing plan for the EA Networks Centre including exploration of a new fees and charge structure to improve accessibility in a post-Covid-19 environment	EANC	30 June 2023	Yes	Yes	Underway, membership structure review to come to Council as part of the LTP process.
Consider marketing initiatives for other Council facilities, open spaces and tourism destination	Communications with Open Spaces, Commercial Property & Economic Development	30 June 2023			Under consideration, new Marketing Advisor – District Promotion will assist
Conduct assessment into playground accessibility	Community Services, Open Spaces	30 June 2023	Yes	Yes	Included in Playground Report 2022
Explore ways to support development and conservation values of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakes Camp and Clearwater long term management plan • Ashton Beach Motorcycle park • Staveley Ice Rink refrigeration project • Walkways and cycleways 	Led by ADC	On-going			Range of work and initiatives underway, noting that Ashton Beach motorcycle track not proceeding (report to follow) and Staveley Ice Rink completed by the community.
Inform the media about the 'Balance is Better' philosophy and connect with them potential stories showcasing local success	Led by Sport Canterbury, supported by whole sector	30 June 2023	On-going		This is a Sport NZ campaign driven through all district sports
Partner with social sector organisations to promote and monitor promotion of play, active recreation and sport	Led by Sport Canterbury, supported by whole sector	30 June 2023	On-going		Is a core function of Sport Canterbury
Inform the media about and connect them with success stories of inclusion, collaboration and utilisation	Led by Sport Canterbury, supported by whole sector	30 June 2023	On-going		ADC and Sport Canterbury have agreed to an improved commitment in this area

1.2 Ashburton Airport Development Plan

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Investigate connecting power, water and fibre	Property Team with Chorus	By 2052	Ongoing		Not yet started.
Make the western entranceway one-way to improve safety	Property Team with Roding Team providing assistance	By 2052	Yes		Planning is underway for this project which is likely to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year.
Upgrade of internal roads to provide defined access to the Ashburton Speedway and Museum, as well as the proposed recreational hangar precinct	Property Team with Roding Team providing assistance	By 2052	Yes		Airsides entrance road has been relocated east of the Aviation Museum. Ashburton Speedway also has a separate access. Work is yet to commence on the internal roads proposed for the recreational hangar precinct.
Aviation Museum expansion	Aviation Museum	By 2052			The Aviation Museum is developing concept plans for the proposed expansion.
1.3 ha on the southern side of the Airport to be developed as a commercial hangar precinct for businesses	Property	By 2052	Yes - ongoing		Electricity transformer has been installed that will service two commercial hangars in the commercial precinct.
Develop performance standards to understand the suitability of different activities at the Airport	Property	By 2052	Ongoing		Not yet started.
Explore RMA process that would allow people to live at the airport – ie hangar homes	Property / Planning	By 2052	Ongoing		Not yet started.

1.3 Ashburton Domain Development Plan

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Playground upgrades	Open Spaces	2021-27	Yes	Yes	
Wildlife gardens & aviary	Open Spaces	2021-24	Yes	Yes	
New entry and access road	Open Spaces	2021-24	No		Requesting additional funding in LTP.
Walnut Ave promenade	Open Spaces	2021-24	No		Requesting additional funding in LTP.
Waterway enhancements	Open Spaces	2021-24	Yes	TBC	
New pathways	Open Spaces	2021-45	Yes	Yes	
BBQ and picnic area	Open Spaces	2021-27	Yes	Yes	
Cricket Pavilion upgrade	Property	2021-24	Yes	TBC	Waiting for transfer of ownership to Council.
Lighting upgrade	Open Spaces	2021-27	Yes	TBC	
Sculpture trail	Open Spaces	2021-45	Yes	TBC	
Heritage trail	Open Spaces	2021-24	Yes	TBC	
Botanical trails	Open Spaces	2021-24	Yes	TBC	

1.4 Biodiversity Action Plan (2017-2022/2023)

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Collate, analyse and summarise relevant existing information and available research relating to biodiversity in the Ashburton District.	Open Spaces, Biodiversity Working Group (BWG)	July 2018	Ongoing <i>to include in strategy (SNAs)</i>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work ongoing - not completed - More information on plant biodiversity than animals in the district. - ADC biodiversity website developed and launched in August 2022 with new information for the public. - ASCVs currently being revisited by consultant.
Complete an ecological survey of the Ashburton District roadsides.	Ashburton Community Conservation Trust, Forest and Bird, ECAN, ADC, BWG	July 2018 Priority	Partly completed <i>to include in strategy</i>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed for roadside low plain and high plains by Mike Harding. - Not completed for foothills and back countries (part of SNA)
Use all collated biodiversity information, including survey results to plan actions + identify projects for years 2-5 that target areas needing urgent attention.	BWG, ADC	2018-2019	Partially completed / Ongoing <i>specific future actions to be included in strategy</i>	Yes for data collation. No for implementation. Various budgets	Projects identified and targeted are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake Camp/Clearwater Management plans (eradication of Pinus Contorta) - Wakanui beach restoration project - Ashton beach project - Harris Reserve project - Pest control at Mt Hutt and Alford Forest
Protection/restoration initiative led by a localised group supported by BWG	Localised group, BWG	2017-2022	Accomplished for 2 projects <i>initiatives to be identified to add to the strategy</i>	Non - applicable / led by localised group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accomplished for Wakanui Beach Restoration Project - Harris Reserve Management led by ACCT - Lake Camp/Clearwater Management plans – Council led - Ashton beach project Council led
Support the ongoing use of the contestable fund to partially or jointly fund community projects that protect or enhance biodiversity provided they are consistent with the grant criteria. / Support and promote the	ADC, BWG, External funding agent	2017-2022	Ongoing	Yes	Biodiversity Grant managed by ADC Community Liaison Officer. Technical input from Council E/BA on behalf of the ADBAG.

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Council's biodiversity grants scheme.					
Engage with local Rūnanga to identify an area of significance for a joint project that supports its protection	ADC, BWG, Te Runanga O Arowhenua	2020	Not achieved (except Wakanui Beach) <i>Partnership with Rūnanga for strategy</i>	Yes	Consultation with Rūnanga within Council/AEC catch up. No further consultation launched outside this forum.
Support the Ashburton District Council in the administration of its responsibilities under the Resource Management Act for managing unauthorised vegetation clearance.	BWG, ADC	2017-2022	partly achieved	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor now has an oversight on LUC (Land Use Change) consent applications that affect vegetation clearance. - One vegetation clearance recorded in 2022 at Gowler's Downs. ECan is leading the prosecution. - Indirect vegetation clearance still needs to be addressed.
Distribute information to landowners regarding biodiversity identification, protection, enhancement and regulation.	BWG, ADC	2017-2022 Priority	Partly achieved /ongoing	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SNA site and native vegetation pamphlets - Article in guardian - Landowners were informed of the site values after survey
Celebrate landowner success stories via the biodiversity webpage and media/Council publications.	ADC, BWG	2017-2022	Not achieved	Yes	Attempted in 2022/2023 but landowners visited doesn't want to go public with their achievement.
Build relationships with stakeholders through a forum/workshop.	BWG, ADC	2017-2022	Done 2022-2023	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop June 2022 - Workshop May 2023
Encourage covenants and other forms of land protection.	ADC, BWG, QEII	2018-2022	Partly achieved	Yes	1 new covenant in 2022 (none in 2017-2021)
Keep a current and comprehensive list of funding sources for landowners available online.	ADC	2017-2022	achieved	Yes	Compiled and available on ADC biodiversity website
Promote integration and use of appropriate indigenous species in	BWG	2017-2022	Partly achieved	No	- Achieved for managed reserves and Council lands

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modified environments (rural and urban).					- Achieved on some private farmlands and restoration sites
Integrate biodiversity principles across Council activities and practices	ADC	2018-2019	Partly achieved To be explored further in Bio-Strategy	Yes	- Open Space Subdivision conditions – increase in native planted in new subdivisions reserves. - Reserve Management Plan review saw an increase in use of native plants in Council reserves. - Buttericks Road pit reserved for restoration.
Advocate for biodiversity protection and enhancement within Council as an organisation and communicate these principles regularly to staff through newsletters and updates.	ADC	2017-2022	Partly achieved	Yes for advocacy but not implementation	- All roading contracts are referred to dryland survey and areas of significance. - Attempt to restore some Council Property sites (not successful due to funding). - Periodic publication on Biodiversity events, program and progress sent to staff connect.
Maintain the Biodiversity Working Group to meet at least quarterly	BWG, ADC	2017-2022 Priority	Yes	Yes	ADBAG quarterly meetings continued in 2022 and 2023.
Launch the reviewed Biodiversity Action Plan to the community with an event to bring together other community stakeholders	BWG, ADC	July 2018	Yes	Yes	Original action plan launched in 2018.
The Biodiversity Working Group to meet with the Ashburton Water Zone Committee when there are common issues to discuss.	BWG, Ashburton Water Zone Committee (AWZC)	2017-2022	Yes	Yes	AWZC now has a representative in ADBAG.
Regular promotion through the media of biodiversity events and initiatives	BWG	2017-2022	Yes	Yes	Ongoing media briefs for all projects and events.
Biodiversity-focused project competition for school-aged children to promote within schools	BWG	2018	Partly achieved	No (no current budget)	Achieved partly for Wakanui School design signage competition for Wakanui Beach.
Promote weed prevention, for instance, by engaging with nurseries and garden centres	BWG	2017-2022	No	Yes	Only one native commercial nursery operates within the district at low scale as at June 2023. Nursery visited in 2022 to discuss on weed

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					<p>prevention and identification of pampers which could be mistaken for native toit toi.</p> <p>No contact was made with garden centres so far.</p>
Maintain the biodiversity webpage on the Ashburton District Council's website	ADC	2017-2022 Priority	Yes	Yes	Biodiversity website reviewed and redeveloped in August 2022; another update completed in March and May 2023
Source available biodiversity-related information and education resources, make available in Council offices and stakeholder organisations	BWG, ADC	2017-2022	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More webpage process, and staff newsletter. - QEII Newsletter delivers to Council periodically.
Publish a booklet and/or website page about Ashburton biodiversity after survey has been reported on, incorporating all known information	ADC, BWG	2019-2020	Partially completed	Yes	<p>Webpage updated with new information. Booklet to be published after district-wide SNA survey.</p> <p>*Note: This is a repetition of earlier actions</p>

1.5 Climate Resilience Plan

Adopted 17 August 2022. Short-term actions are those identified for completion within the first three years of the plan – i.e. by 30 June 2025.

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Continue to support regional collaboration in response to climate change	Exec Team, Strategy & Policy	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Funded from operating budgets
Underake a Local Climate Change Risk Assessment	Led by S&P	Short term	Yes.	Yes	Scope and budget of the risk assessment to be decided. Business case to be prepared for Long-term Plan consideration.
Continue to be a part of and spread awareness of the 'It's Time Canterbury' campaign	Comms	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Funded from operating budgets. Minimal activity to date.
Ensure Council's climate change webpage is kept up to date	Comms, S&P	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Funded from operating budgets. Minimal activity to date.
Form an internal Energy Management Group to investigate and implement energy savings	Exec Team	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	<p>Energy Management Group was formed. Energy Management Group consists on a consultant (Venture Energy) and representatives from all teams across the council.</p> <p>The Group meets once every three months.</p> <p>Some of the actions discussed & agreed upon among the group have been completed across different teams within the council. Eg. Halogen lamps replaced with LED at Civic Building.</p> <p>Electric Gators procured by Open spaces team for lawn mowing.</p> <p>Energy efficient & environmental friendly heat pumps installed at EANC.</p>
Continue investment in biodiversity	Open Spaces	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	<p>Council has a full-time Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor which demonstrates its strong commitment to biodiversity.</p> <p>Council has an annual contestable biodiversity grant of \$15,000 for biodiversity-focused projects.</p> <p>Council is investing its resources in the development of a Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>Increased native tree planting around council reserves in the last year.</p>
Invest in climate-resilient core infrastructure	Assets, Rooding, Projects & Operations	Ongoing			Core infrastructure is three waters and roading infrastructure. Best examples are in stormwater, where we design for 1-in-50 year events based on an RCP 8.5

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					pathway. This is widely applied across local government and results in building stormwater infrastructure with greater capacity to cope better with larger rainfall/ flooding events. In a similar fashion, infiltration and inflow design rates are used in wastewater design to ensure that wastewater pipes and pumps are designed to cope with higher levels of groundwater.
Investigate a requirement for developers to provide climate-resilient infrastructure	Planning, Assets	Short term	Yes	Yes	Standards applied to privately-developed core infrastructure through resource consents reflect the same standards that Council applies to its own new and renewed infrastructure builds private vertical infrastructure (buildings) must meet the resilience and sustainability requirements of the Building Code.
Use sustainable designs in major projects	Led by Assets & Property	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Previous answers are also relevant here. Council has embedded sustainability features into the design of the library Te Pataka o ka Tuhihi and civic centre Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka
Incorporate climate change into Council's report template and guidance to report writers	S&P	Short term	Yes	Yes	The council report template and guidance to report writers now includes material on addressing climate-related implications of decisions. This is an area of emerging practice in the sector and is likely to evolve over time.
Provide information and training to staff and elected members on climate change issues	S&P	Ongoing	No	Yes	There are many aspects of climate change that could offer learning opportunities for elected members and staff. Some work identifying training opportunities and areas of interest would be beneficial.
Repond to Government and other agencies when they seek feedback on climate related proposals	Council, S&P	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	In 2022/23, Council has made climate-related submissions to Ministry of the Environment on the pricing of agricultural emissions, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on strengthening national direction on renewable energy generation and electricity transmission, and the Ministry of Transport on the draft NZ EV Charging Strategy.
Pro-actively advocate on issues of concern to the Ashburton district	Council, S&P	Ongoing	No	Yes	Officers are not aware of Council pro-actively advocating on climate-related issues in 2022/23.

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Develop community response plans for all Ashburton communities and review existing plans	Emergency Management	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Reviews completed since August 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methven (March 2023) • Lake Clearwater (June 2023) • Akarana Irrigation Pond (February 2023) Eight new plans are underway since August 2022.
Commission a carbon footprint analysis for Council activities	Exec Team	Short term	Yes	Yes	Corporate GHG Emission Report for ADC for FY 2021 has been received. Corporate GHG Emissions for ADC were 11,665 t CO ₂ e. during 2020/21.
Implement the emissions reduction plan and report progress annually	Energy Management	Ongoing	Yes		The first GHG Emissions Report is going to be used for setting future emission reduction targets. Will potentially require additional budget.

1.6 Lakes Camp (Ōtautari) & Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) 30-Year Plan

ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE?	DATE BY	PROGRESS ON TRACK?	WITHIN BUDGET?	COMMENTS
Ensure all bach owners comply with the requirement to de-commission long drops and have a holding tank, undertake inspections of compliance	Compliance & Development Group / Property	30 June 2023	Complete 28-April-22	Yes	Good co-operation from hutholders. Project completion within a relatively short timeframe.
Advocate to other bodies such as ECAN to ensure their environmental controls are appropriate in surrounding areas	Compliance & Development Group	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	All relevant parties are members of the Otuwharekai Working Party (along with ADC representatives) and are tasked with improving water quality.
Support further scientific research and water quality monitoring	DoC and ECAN supported by Compliance & Development Group	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	MfE report on lessons learned released May 23. This identified the direct cause of declining water quality as too many nutrients entering the lakes, referencing research undertaken by the National Institute of Atmospheric & Water Research. If found over

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					95% was due to leaching and run-off from land use practices on the adjacent pastoral farms. A suspected 3% of the nitrogen load may be from seepage from lakeside toilets and campsites.
Prepare and implement an education campaign covering the impact of 4WDs, dogs and other animals	Compliance & Development Group / Open Spaces, in partnership with other relevant agencies	30 June 2023	Yes and ongoing	Yes	Educational brochure produced 3 October 2022 (a visitor's guide to local rules that protect this special environment). This is handed out to members of the public by DoC, ECan and ADC staff. Copies are also available at key locations and on websites. Articles written for Lake Clearwater Hutholders newsletter. Information signs installed, with more to come. Information signboards to come.
Investigate an increase in animal control contractor visits to the area, particularly in peak periods	Compliance & Development Group	30 June 2023			Underway during summer
Investigate an increase in staff/contractor visits to the area to discourage inappropriate 4WD and motorcycle activity	Compliance & Development Group in partnership with DoC and ECAN	30 June 2023	Ongoing	Yes	Joint monitoring by ADC, DoC and Ecan agreed to in principle.
Investigate establishing clear guidelines on permanent outdoor lights in order to reduce light pollution	Planning / Democracy & Engagement in consultation with Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	30 June 2023	Ongoing	Yes	Not yet started. Possibility of future Plan Change.
Ensure the settlement and surrounding roads are well maintained	Roading Team	Ongoing	Ongoing	Yes	Signage prohibiting buses installed at the request of hutholders. Request to raise road level will be addressed when routine maintenance is next undertaken.
Install additional set of toilets at West end of Ōtautari (Lake	Open Spaces Team	30 June 2023	Yes	Yes	Construction completed. Planting planned for September 2023.

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Camp) to replace old long-drops that were removed					
Monitor rubbish facilities and increase collection frequency during peak periods	Projects Team	Ongoing	Yes		Rubbish facilities are emptied more frequently during peak periods.
Investigate the feasibility of recycling and pay to dump or other types of rubbish systems	Projects / Property Teams	30 June 2023	Yes		Due to the proximity, it is not financially viable for recycling/alternative rubbish systems at Lake Clearwater / Lake Camp. Signs have been installed near the skips to encourage recycling at Mount Somers.
Install signs near skips to encourage the use of recycling centre at Mt Somers	Compliance & Development Group	30 June 2023	Complete 1 Dec 22	Yes	Completed.
Restrict freedom camping to areas closer to amenities at Ōtautari (Lake Camp)	Compliance & Development Group / Open Spaces	30 June 2023	Complete 1 Aug 22	Yes	Signage restricting freedom camping area installed. Bounday of area marked out by by new track, monitoring continuing.
Work with mana whenua to enable and ensure access and use of sites for mahinga kai	Democracy & Engagement in partnership with mana whenua	30 June 2023			Included in Reserve Management Plan process and NPS - IB
Work alongside the Ōtautari (Lake Camp) and Te Puna a Taka (Clearwater) community for the betterment of the area	Open Spaces / Property	Ongoing	Yes – ongoing	Yes	To be achieved through MOU and ongoing communication with hutholders
Recognise and acknowledge the work that is done by community groups (e.g. Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association, Forest & Bird)	Open Spaces	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Forest and Bird and Hutholders Asscoiation are acknowledged in all relevant media releases.
Provide an educative approach on sensible driving within the settlement area, and work with partners to ensure consistent messaging	Roading Team in partnership with Police	30 June 2023	Yes - ongoing	Yes	Speed limit reduced within lake area.
Investigate restrictions on motorbike and four wheel drive access to key areas including education and signage	Open Spaces, Compliance & Development Group, in	30 June 2024	Complete 1 Aug 22	Yes	Meetings held 8 April & 22 August 2022 with partner agencies(Ecan, DoC & Aquatic Club) to investigate

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	partnership with DOC and in consultation with LC Hutholders Assoc and Aquatic Club				restrictions. Lack of enforcement powers a constraint. Signage has been erected and boulders strategically positioned to prevent 4WD access around southern side of Lake Camp. On 9 September 2022 Police agreed to ADC request to monitor 4WDs for road worthiness on Ashburton Gorge Road.
Work with mana whenua to determine ways that mana whenua can express rangatiratanga, undertake their kaitiakitanga responsibilities, and express their cultural heritage within the area	Democracy & Engagement GM in partnership with mana whenua	Ongoing		Yes	Yet to commence
Actively participate in and contribute to the Ōtūwharekai Working Group and Steering Groups	Compliance & Development Group	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	Actively involved
Advocate to other key stakeholders for areas that we do not control	Compliance & Development Group	Ongoing	Yes	Yes	This is the role of the Ōtūwharekai Working Group
Develop and implement a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Lake Clearwater Hutholders	Property Team	30 June 2023	Ongoing		A meeting will be held with the Lake Clearwater Hutholders to better understand the key objectives required to develop the Memorandum of Understanding.
Advocate to Central and Regional Government for increased funding for area protection		Ongoing			
Work alongside appropriate groups to reduce fire danger in the area	Property	Ongoing	Yes - ongoing	Yes	Council grant has funded an irrigation system for a fire break next to the settlement. Hutholders mow and maintain this.
Circulate scientific research / monitoring results amongst partners and the public	Council	Ongoing			

10. Mayor's Report

10.1 Second Bridge

Yesterday we received the welcome news from Minister of Transport David Parker that building a second urban bridge over the Ashburton River is part of the Government's land transport priorities in the next three years. We have waited a long time for this announcement which included the Government's intention to fully fund the project.

10.2 Meetings

- **Mayoral calendar**

August 2023

- 10 August: LTD 2024/34 Early Engagement – Environmental Wellbeing workshop
- 10 August: Jo Luxton and Hon. Kieran McAnulty
- 10 August: Library and Civic Centre site visit
- 14 August: RDR meeting
- 14 August: ACL Director interviews
- 15 August: Blinc Workshop – Future Dairy Living Lab
- 16 August: Property workshop
- 16 August: EA Networks visit
- 16 August: Representation review
- 16 August: Road Reference group meeting
- 17 August: CE Annual review
- 17 August: Economic Development strategy hearings and deliberations
- 18 August: Dereck Ollsson – Audit New Zealand
- 21 August: Vicki Walker – Aoraki Area Commander NZ Police
- 21 August: Advance Ashburton
- 22 August: Hakatere Marae hui
- 22 August: Councillor chat sessions
- 23 August: Property workshop
- 23 August: Cultural narrative workshop
- 23 August: Council meeting

Recommendation

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Neil Brown
Mayor