

SHORT AND SWEET

WIPE OUT COMING!

EA Networks Centre is excited to be hosting the inflatable Wipe Out waterpark course at its pools 4-6 October. It is the biggest water adventure the facility has hosted and tickets are selling out fast. Book via wipeout.co.nz

SWIM HOURS

From Monday 19 August, the pools at EA Networks Centre will be open longer on Monday and Tuesday nights, and at the weekend. The new pools closing time for Mondays and Tuesdays will be 8pm. The pools will close at 7pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and at 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

CAREER FEST

A careers event in Ashburton on 24 August is aimed at showing many of the different industries and jobs that are available in the district, to inspire those looking for work or to upskill or find a new job. Career Fest will be held at the Hampstead sports grounds from 10am-2pm, and is free. Come for a look!

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a proposal to temporarily close roads to ordinary vehicle traffic to enable the holding of a community event, **Ashburton Market Day**.

Roads proposed to be closed:

- **East Street, from Moore Street to Havelock Street**
- **Tancred Street, from East Street to Cass Street**
- **Burnett Street, from East Street to Cass Street**

Period of closure:

- **From 6am until 6pm on Monday 23 September 2024**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e)).

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge a notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton by 4pm, **Tuesday 27 August 2024**.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

Friendship Lane rebuild begins

Work has begun on rebuilding 16 of the 51 elderly persons housing units at Friendship Lane, in Ashburton.

Eight duplexes built in the 1970s will be demolished and eight new, modern and warm duplexes built in their place.

Council Group Manager Business Support Leanne Macdonald said the project would cost just under \$4 million, and greatly enhance the quality of the stock of elderly persons housing units in the town.

“Possession of the site took place on 12 August and the work zone will be fenced so that demolition and construction can then begin. Those living in the 35 other units in Friendship Lane will be able to see the project roll out and our contractor will do their best to ensure minimal disruption.”

The old units had one bedroom and a living area and shared a common laundry but the new duplexes will have their own laundry space in each unit. They will also have an outdoor patio and will be heated by heat pumps.

Mrs Macdonald said the duplexes would be positioned to make the most of the sun and would be much warmer and better insulated than the old units.

“The old ones had got to the stage where they did not comply with Healthy Homes standards and the design made them hard to heat, as well as maintain and renovate. It was actually cheaper to start again.”



The last of the tenants in the 16 units to go moved out at the end of last month.

“We had planned to do the rebuild in two stages, but we’ve been able to relocate all the tenants and so we can do it in one go, which will ultimately save time and money.”

“Another boost for this project is that 43 per cent of the cost will be covered by an Affordable Housing Fund grant from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, for which we’re very grateful.”

Money from the sale of former units at Kitchener Street will also help offset the cost.

The first new tenants will come from Council’s elderly persons waiting list and are expected to be moving in before the end of 2025.

The project will be managed by Council with support from Logic Group and the contractor is BP Construction, who built Terrace View retirement village in Tinwald.

“We are pleased to note that the majority of all subtrades working on this project are all locally based contractors from the Ashburton District,” Mrs Macdonald said. “This includes earthworks contractors, builders, plumbers, drain layers, painters and decorators, building merchants and the like.”

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Work gathers momentum as new year speeds along

With the new financial year in full swing and elected members' calendars quickly booking up, the momentum of getting work done is gaining a rapid pace.

Not long after budgeting \$250,000 for water quality improvements in Lake Hood, we have already started work on the new channel to improve water flow.

Work has begun on rebuilding 16 of the 51 housing units at Friendship Lane, in Ashburton, to provide modern and warm accommodation for elderly persons.

The \$4.6 million Mount Somers drinking water treatment plant has been supplying membrane-treated water to the township for a few weeks now and is in the final stages of commissioning.

The community is invited to come along and see their new water treatment plant on 29 August. It will be opened by the Mayor in the

morning and then it will be open to the community from 2-4pm the same day.

Also for the community, we’re hosting Career Fest with Mayors Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development.

Employers will be at the Hampstead sports grounds on 24 August, from 10am-2pm, to inspire those looking for work or to upskill or find a new job.

Our new Parkinson’s Play exercise class is proving popular at EA Networks Centre, every Thursday at 1.30pm, and is aimed at improving mobility.

Also busy is our grants team. Our August grants and funding round is open throughout August for local community groups across three categories: Heritage, Trail Maintenance and Creative Communities.

Whilst momentum is great, it’s also worthwhile reflecting on progress.

We received the results of our annual residents’ survey last week which is

seeing a continued increase in residents’ overall satisfaction, having reached 70 per cent this year.

I’d like to acknowledge our hard-working team of council staff.

Residents’ satisfaction in staff performance rose from seven points to 90 per cent, a very pleasing result showing that the vast majority of our community appreciate the expertise, effort and attitude staff show as we go about our work.

I’m pleased to see satisfaction with local infrastructure continue to show improvement year-on-year and in some cases remain steady because that’s where we continue to have a strong focus.

It was great to see a modest lift in satisfaction with our roading, let’s hope the dry weather continues to support us in keeping on top of our work programme.





Representatives of the Hakatere Working Group met onsite on Tuesday to discuss which bollards could be removed if Council adopts the group's recommendation next week. Removing the bollards, for a recommended trial period, would allow visitors to drive onto the Upper Hakatere Reserve and park beside picnic tables; camping would be in the Lower Hakatere Reserve.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a proposal to temporarily close roads to ordinary vehicle traffic to enable the holding of an upcoming event.

Road proposed to be closed:

- **Baring Square East from Havelock Street to Cameron Street**

Period of closure:

- **From 12pm to 4pm on Friday 27 September 2024**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e)).

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge a notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton by 4pm, **Friday 30 August 2024**.

NEIL MCCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Meeting agendas are online at ashburtondc.govt.nz

Council Meeting, Tuesday 20 August, 1pm (live-streamed)

Ashburton Water Zone Committee, Tuesday 27 August, 1pm (live-streamed)

WORKS NOTICES

Walnut Avenue - Kerb and channel renewal continues between Oak Grove to West Street. Traffic should not be affected, but watch for changes.

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

McNally and Robinson Streets - McNally Street, between Range and Robinson Street, and Robinson Street, between McNally and Watson Street, will be closed on 1 September for the removal of poles and aerial conductors.

Watson Street - Closed between Range and Robinson Street on 25 August for the removal of poles and aerial conductors.

Anne Street - Closed between Lagmhor Road and Melcombe Street on 17 August for pole removal.

Baring Square East and Cameron Street - Closed on 7 September from 10am for the Hakatere Noodle Festival.

Taverners Road - Closed between Stanley Road and Chertsey Kyle Road on 23 August for replacing cross arms.

Le Bretons Road - Closed between Christys and Denshires Road on 14 September for the Ashburton Car Cub's shingle sprint event.

Full road closure details are available at ashburtondc.govt.nz

Rep review amends board numbers

Council has indicated it will retain five elected members for the Methven Community Board, after considering submissions from the community on its representation review for the Ashburton District.

Council's initial proposal was to lower community board representation from five to four, to promote contested elections; there were two other proposed changes to extend ward boundaries.

Mayor Neil Brown said most submitters preferred that the Methven community had a board with differing skillsets at the table and more people to express their concerns to.

"The community and board gave compelling reasons why they should

remain five members strong and now that Council has heard and considered their reasons, we have changed our view.

"We had previously thought by reducing members we would increase election contest to the board, but their submission pointed out that having four members increases chances of the casting vote sitting with the chairperson, meaning decision-making could be less democratic."

Councillors also factored township growth into their decision with Methven's population estimated to increase by 220 people to 2230 over the next 10 years.

The initial representation proposal was out for five weeks of consultation from 13 June until 21 July and followed early talks

with the community last year.

It also proposed that the boundary for the Methven Community Board expand to include properties on the south-western periphery of the current Methven Community Board boundary.

The Council will retain this change as it is in line with Statistics NZ areas and aligns with the direction of the town's development.

The Ashburton Ward boundary will also be expanded to include newly-developed residential areas off Trevors Road, on the eastern side of Ashburton.

The final proposal will be brought to Council for adoption on 4 September and it will be able to be appealed until 12 October.

HAKATERE NOODLE festival

SAT 7 SEPTEMBER
3pm–9pm
Baring Square East

Celebrate our multicultural community with noodles from around the globe.

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- ✓ Increase opportunities for local participation in the arts
- ✓ Support the diverse artistic expressions of our local communities
- ✓ Enable young people to engage with the arts

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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)