

Bring your appetite to Glow

Visitors to Glow in the Park 2024 are being encouraged to bring a big appetite, as about 20 food trucks have been organised for the event at the Ashburton Domain over King's Birthday weekend.

Asian cuisine, as well as Mexican, Spanish, Indian and American BBQ food, and fried favourites like hot chips and donuts will be available.

Council Compliance and Development Group Manager Jane Donaldson said feedback from visitors to last year's Glow in the Park was that more food offerings were wanted.

"Last year our visitor numbers exploded, so we've listened and organised more food trucks. They'll all be clustered in the central carpark and there'll be tables and chairs so people can sit and enjoy something to eat before or after they set out on the trail of light.



"The food court is being sponsored again by Anzco and it's great to see a local company getting behind the event, we really appreciate them."

Mobile food vendors include Jaeju, Bangkok Wok, Mr Indian Kitchen, Fritz's Wieners, Smoke Ashburton, Aztec Tacos and Café Tango are confirmed, along with others selling burgers, hot chips, hot dogs and spiral potatoes.

The trail of illuminated light will start and finish at the food area, which will also be close to the amusement zone. Entry to

Glow is free, though people can pay for rides, food and items from the Glow shop.

Ms Donaldson said Glow in the Park attractions would also be bigger and brighter than in previous years.

"The original Glow back in late 2021 was to have been held in the Ashburton Domain but was postponed because of covid and moved to Tinwald, where numbers were easier to control. But now we are back at the Ashburton Domain, which will be celebrating its 160th birthday and this will be the perfect event to celebrate."

This year's Glow will be held on Friday 31 May, Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June, and will also feature a low sensory session on Sunday, where people numbers and noise will be reduced.

Onsite parking will only be available for those with mobility issues, on the old netball courts at the corner of Elizabeth and Grigg Streets. Visitors will be able to park on surrounding streets and walk.

SHORT AND SWEET



SEAFIELD ROAD

Rehabilitation work on Seafield Road has reached the final sealing stage. The project, which involves major repairs to 1.2km of road near the Anzco meat plant, is on track to be complete by the end of next week.

TOILETS DAMAGED

A fire deliberately set in the Rakaia salmon site public toilets in March caused \$6500 worth of damage. Plastic fixtures were set alight and the ensuing fire blackened one entire cubicle, contaminated two adjoining cubicles and the cleaner's service duct in behind. An insurance claim has been lodged.

WATER METERS

The installation of water meters on the Dromore, Fairton, Chertsey and Hinds schemes is under way. The contractors are confident they can install the 250 water meters by the end of June 2024.

JACK'S BACK

Winter has arrived, and with it Jack Frost. Pop in to see our Customer Service team at Te Whare Whakatere and grab a free scraper so you can clear the frost from the windscreen and windows of your car if it's parked out overnight.

New fountain for Tinwald Domain



The best parts of a marble fountain that stood outside the old Ashburton Public Library have been given a new lease on life at the Tinwald Domain.

The marble drinking basin and glass salmon have been removed and now feature in a new drinking fountain situated between the children's playground and the tennis courts at the Tinwald Domain.

Four local companies have done the work for free, as the original fountain was donated by the McElhinney family in 1983. Bailey Engineering, Stocker Solutions, Plumbing World Ashburton and ACL's landscape and concrete division have all given time and materials to bring the new fountain to life.

The Tinwald Domain is managed by the Tinwald Reserve Board with Council's help. Read more at ashburtondc.govt.nz

Mayor - Neil Brown Keeping a close eye on three waters model for future



You might have seen in the news that Auckland Council has struck a deal with the Government about future investment in three waters infrastructure ... so what does that mean for smaller councils like us?

Given the history of recent three waters reforms, it is fair to say that we are very interested in the details of the deal and looking to understand how it might apply to councils other than Auckland.

It's going to be quite different across the country and each council will need a bespoke solution to ensure their infrastructure meets higher levels of compliance.

We have had some preliminary talks with neighbouring councils about working together in this space because we all want safe drinking water and

wastewater treatment. But it is very early days, so nothing to report yet.

There are some good examples of Canterbury councils working well together on other big issues, like Kate Valley (which takes the region's solid waste) and roading, so we're all very interested in what the Local Water Done Well model looks like moving forward.

Collaboration and communication are key features of any good relationship and I enjoy my regular catch-ups with local police, where we talk about current and potential issues within our district.

Council will be working with police and NZ Transport Agency during June in a campaign targeting those who drink and drive. Alcohol is a major factor contributing to death and serious injury crashes in our district but some people

still get behind the wheel in an impaired state.

You can expect some enforcement action and some education, but at the end of the day you can't ignore the fact that drinking then driving is not okay.

A recent Council workshop made me pause and reflect on some seriously good work that is being done in our district by passionate groups, many run by volunteers, running assets like rural libraries and swimming pools or services helping newcomers or young people.

We had about \$300,000 to grant, though the requests for financial help were double that. We've done our best to help as many groups as we can and thank all those who applied for their work in our community.

TALK IT UP TUESDAYS

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

Bouncy castle rules aimed at keeping all users safe

Planning on hiring a bouncy castle for that special birthday party or event?

If the event is on Council-owned land or in a Council-managed hall or venue, then the bouncy castle will need to be inspected and given a tick of approval before it can be used.

Compliance and Development Group Manager Jane Donaldson said bouncy castles or inflatable devices used on private land did not need authorisation to operate, but those on Council property did.

“New rules came into force last year and Councils throughout Canterbury deal with inflatables in much the same way. If you’re having a birthday party and hiring a bouncy castle for your back yard, then you don’t need authorisation.

“But if you’re running an event in a Council park or reserve, or in a community hall, then the inflatable will need to be inspected and the operator will need to provide paperwork proving its compliance to accepted standards and safe operation.”

Operators need to apply for authorisation at least 10 days out from an event to allow the application to be processed and an inspection time agreed. From 1 July 2024, a fee of \$100 will be charged, though that could be waived for community events.

Examples of land-borne inflatable devices include inflatable tents, bounce houses, bouncy castles, inflatable slides, and other temporary or portable structures designed for recreational, promotional, or shelter purposes on land. They are often made from durable materials such as PVC or nylon and can be inflated using pumps or air blowers for easy setup and deflation for storage or transport.

Operators need to supply evidence that the inflatable complies with standards approved by WorkSafe and



how it will be operated on the day. They must also supply an emergency plan in the event of sudden gusts or deflation.

Ms Donaldson said the new rules were all about safety.

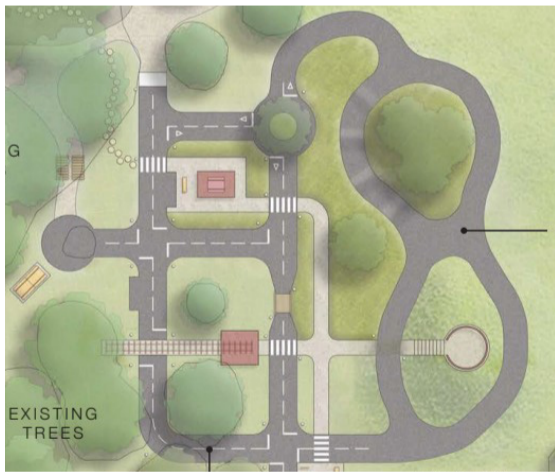
“We’ve been working with inflatable operators, and will continue to do so, to help them understand what they need to do to be compliant when the inflatables are on Council land.

“There was a case in recent years where a Council was found liable when an inflatable slide collapsed and people were injured. The council was found to have failed to keep people safe on the slide, despite it being operated by another party.

“We all have a responsibility for health and safety.”

Information about Land-borne Inflatable Devices and applications for authorisation can be found on Council’s website, ashburtondc.govt.nz

Bike skills park plan approved



Council has approved the concept design for a new bike skills park at the Ashburton Domain and now the park’s Working Group will seek feedback from youngsters and others who might use it to improve their cycling skills and road safety awareness.

Approval also means the Working Group can start applying for grants to fund the \$404,000 project.

The bike skills park will be developed without ratepayer funds, though Council will take care of maintenance predicted to be around \$25,000 a year.

Local service groups, Safer Mid Canterbury and Sport Canterbury are leading the project and fundraising.

Read more about the bike skills park on our news pages, ashburtondc.govt.nz

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

Ashburton District Biodiversity Advisory Group, Monday 13 May, 1pm

Council meeting, Wednesday 15 May, 1pm (live-streamed)

Long Term Plan submission hearings, 13-16 May (live-streamed)

Long Term Plan deliberations, 20 May

WORKS NOTICES

Seafield Road - Work is planned for Seafield Road, between Christy Road and Stanley Road, from 12 February to 19 May. Traffic management will be in place and will include detours from 4 March.

Blands Road - Blands Road, between State Highway 77 and Thompsons Track, will be closed on 18 May for the Ashburton Car Club’s Standing Mile event. The closure period is from 7am-6pm. Detours will be available.

For full details of road closures, see our website ashburtondc.govt.nz

Public Notice

Dog Registration Fees 2024-25

	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025
Dog registration fees		
Disability assist dogs	Free	Free
Micro-chip fee per dog	\$19	\$20
Rural dog (1-2)	\$66	\$70
Rural dog (subsequent)	\$31	\$33
Late registration penalty - rural	\$31	\$33
Menacing dog - rural	\$66	\$70
Dangerous dog - rural	\$99	\$105
Urban un-neutered dog	\$99	\$105
Urban de-sexed dog	\$66	\$70
Responsible dog owner - urban	\$60	\$64
Late registration penalty - urban	\$46	\$49
Menacing dog - urban	\$99	\$105
Dangerous dog - urban	\$148	\$158
Licence to keep 3 or more dogs - urban	\$54	\$57
Replacement tag	\$12	\$13
Impounding fees - dogs		
First offence	\$94	\$100
Second or more offence	\$233	\$250
Daily sustenance fee	\$18	\$19
Impounding fees - stock		
Stock call-out fee	\$135	\$144
Impounding fee per head	\$112	\$120
Daily sustenance fee	At cost	At cost

Jane Donaldson
Group Manager – Compliance & Development



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Glow in the Park 2024

This community event is returning bigger and brighter on King’s Birthday weekend and we need your help to make it a success.

Last year, we had over 17,000 people attend and we need around 30 volunteers each night to help with safety, directing visitors and answering questions.

The following sessions are available:

- Friday 31 May: 5.30pm – 9pm
- Saturday 1 June: 5.30pm – 9pm
- Sunday 2 June: 4.30pm – 9pm

Volunteering at Glow is fun and a great way to give back to the community. Hot food will be provided.

For more info or to register your interest, email hr@adc.govt.nz



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)