

ASHBURTON TRUST LION FOUNDATION REGIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MEDIA RELEASE

July 2017

Grants made by the Ashburton Trust Lion Foundation Regional Grants Committee this month have again provided substantial support to many local groups within the community. Funding for the grants comes from gaming machines operated in Ashburton Licensing Trust premises and \$366,000 was distributed to 17 organisations with this round of applications.

The largest grants went to the Mid Canterbury Rugby Union to purchase portable seating, to assist with costs of hosting the Ranfurly Shield Challenge and for salaries. Next highest was to the Ashburton Collegiate Rugby Football club for an upgrade to their clubrooms and kitchen. Support went to a wide range of organisations supporting the young and old and all points in between.

Funds distributed in July are as follows:

Ashburton Collegiate Rugby Football Club	60,000	Clubrooms upgrade
Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service	20,000	Office rent and salary
Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support Inc	15,000	Annual salary
Ashburton Golf Club	20,000	Mower
Ashburton Mackenzie Community Group Inc	10,000	Annual salaries
Ashburton Parents Centre Inc	20,000	Operating costs
Ashburton Seniors Centre Charitable Trust	15,958	Painting and air conditioning
Ashburton Society of Performing Arts Inc	411	Venue hire
Ashburton Swim Team Inc	28,000	Travel
Community House Mid Canterbury	9,000	Office construction
Lions Club of Ashburton County Charitable Trust	3,208	Venue hire
Mid Canterbury Childrens Theatre Inc	16,500	Venue hire and fees
Mid Canterbury Rugby Union Inc	80,000	Portable seating and annual salaries
Tinwald Golf Club	35,000	Mower
Waireka Croquet Club Inc	9,000	Lawn Maintenance
Young Mens Christian Assn of South & Mid Canterbury	15,000	Purchase of a van
Youth Institute of Ashburton Inc	9,000	Salaries

Grants for the year to 31st March 2017 totalled in excess of \$1.6m, spread across a wide range of organisations supporting the community, sports, education and health initiatives.

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