

ASHBURTON TRUST LION FOUNDATION REGIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

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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 operating in Ashburton Trust premises and \$172,398 was distributed to 8 organisations with this round of applications.

The largest grant went to Mid Canterbury Netball at \$55,000 with the majority earmarked for stadium hire and wages and the committee was very pleased to be able to grant \$40,000 to the Methven Historical Society's library/museum fit out project, plus \$40,000 to Ashburton Borough School for computer and other equipment.

Support once again went to a wide range of organisations supporting the young and the old, and all points in between.

Funds distributed with this round of applications are as follows:

Age Concern Ashburton Inc	2,000	Hall hire, exercise class instructor fees
Ashburton Borough School	40,000	Computer Equipment
Hampstead Rugby & Allsports Club	14,626	Softball equipment and rugby uniforms
Lions Club of Ashburton Charitable Trust	3,300	Berwick Outdoor Experience for 6
Methven Historical Society	40,000	Library/Museum fitout
Mid Canterbury Netball Inc	55,000	Stadium hire, wages
Rakaia Rugby Club Inc	4,972	Jerseys and shorts
Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains Inc	12,500	Spirit of Adventure trip for 5

Grants for the period from 1st April 2017 now total in excess of \$1.2m, spread across a wide range of organisations supporting the community, sports, and education and health initiatives.

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