

ASHBURTON TRUST and the LION FOUNDATION REGIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Ashburton Trust is pleased to announce that grants have now been given to over 480 local organisations since 1992, from the Ashburton Trust Charitable Foundation and the Ashburton Trust's relationship with the Lion Foundation, and the total given is in excess of \$23.5m over that time. Decisions about these grants have been made by local people elected by the community to the Ashburton Trust board and co-opted Trustees, ensuring that all the funds have directly benefited the mid Canterbury community.

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 \$311,533 was distributed to 21 organisations with this round of applications.

Support once again went to a wide range of organisations with funds going to a mix of operational costs and long-term infrastructure.

The big winners were Ashburton Celtic Rugby Football Club and Mid-Canterbury Rugby Union.

Other successful applicants include Rakaia Community Assn which will use its grant to clear unused land along the town boundary which has been over grown with gorse, broom and blackberry for many decades, to become a walking and biking trail extension. Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy is a strategic youth facility for at-risk male youth who need support, direction, mentorship and discipline, and it received support towards costs of a head coach. Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust's time bank learning exchange received seed capital to help people share skills with the general public.

Funds distributed with this round of applications are as follows:

Ashburton Celtic Rugby Football Club Inc	45,000	Building repairs
Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support Inc	12,000	coordinator salary
Ashburton Highland & National Dancing Assn	2,000	Ribbons and Rosettes
Ashburton Intermediate School	14,000	Laser Cutter
Ashburton Racing Club Inc	6,000	Course running rail
Ashburton Seniors Centre Charitable Trust	17,033	Air conditioner, painting and other operating costs
Ashburton Speedway Assn Inc	5,500	Digital radios and race day ambulance
Basketball Mid Canterbury Inc	17,500	Fees, insurance, equipment and uniforms
Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust	3,500	Insurance, equipment, printing, uniforms
Hampstead School	25,000	Trampoline course
MC Childrens Theatre Inc	15,000	Venue hire, director and choreographer fees
MC Rugby Union Inc	60,000	Rugby goal posts and expenses
MC Youth Charitable Trust	20,000	Coach salary
Our Lady of the Snows School	10,000	IT equipment
The Physics Room Trust	2,000	Art Gallery exhibition costs
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	18,000	Community Family Worker salary
Rakaia Community Assn Inc	6,000	Clearing land
Southern Rugby Club (MC) Inc	9,000	Wide area mower
Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury Inc	4,000	Coordinator wages, rent, equipment
Waireka Croquet Club Inc	10,000	Lawn maintenance and new lawn
Young Men's Christian Assn of South & MC	10,000	Youth Development Facilitator salary

Grants for the period from 1st April 2018 now total in excess of \$513,000, spread across a wide range of organisations supporting the community, sports, education and health initiatives.

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