

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 \$199,305 was distributed to 8 organisations with this round of applications.

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

The big winners were Mid-Canterbury Cricket, Mid-Canterbury Hockey and the Mid-Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club.

The Vintage Machinery Club's grant will assist the cost of building new club rooms, display sheds and training facilities on the Ashburton A&P site. The new build will mean the display sheds can be opened to the wider public when events are being held at the show grounds and gives the opportunity for the public, schools and tourists to visit the facility and learn more about how agriculture has changed the Mid Canterbury plains into the diverse region it is today.

Funds distributed with this round of applications are as follows:

Ashburton Community Alcohol & Drug Service	20,000	Rent and salaries
Ashburton Indoor Bowls Assn Inc	15,652	Venue hire
Ashburton Squash Rackets Club Inc	9,383	Squash balls and coaching
Fairton School	20,630	Swimming pool liner
Mid-Canterbury Cricket Assn Inc	45,000	Salaries, insurance
Mid-Canterbury Hockey Inc	40,000	Salaries, turf rent, coaching
Mid-Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club Inc	40,000	Building club rooms
Olympia Gymnastics Sports Inc	8,640	Acromat floor strips

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