

ASHBURTON TRUST and the LION FOUNDATION REGIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

MEDIA RELEASE

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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 \$224,083 was distributed to 17 organisations with this round of applications.

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

Funding comes under particular pressure when the main sports codes applications are processed each year and recent meetings were no exception. The total of applications received this month came in \$213,000 higher than the funds Trustee's had available and so many organisations received less than the Grants Committee would have preferred. The same position occurred for the July meeting when applications totalled \$264,000 more than the funds available at that time.

Substantial grants were made to the swimming, tennis and football sporting codes and the grant to the Aviation Museum will assist the museum to purchase an historic Simmonds Spartan bi-plane from around 1929. There is a project on at the Menz Shed to repair and extend the garage roof, allowing members to construct a timber rack store and provide a clean dry location for work to cure overnight and weekends. The grant made towards this project will assist volunteer labour who will have their tool belts on for the job.

The grant made to the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust will help fund the newcomer rural driver licensing scheme aimed at reducing isolation and improving community integration for newcomers and migrant rural women.

Funds distributed with this round of applications are as follows:

Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust	12,500	Lake Hood walking/bike track
Ashburton Aviation Museum Society Trust	10,000	Aircraft purchase
Ashburton Menz Shed Inc	15,000	Garage reroofing project
Ashburton Swim Team Inc	25,000	Regional national meet costs
C C S Disability Action Canterbury West Coast Inc	15,000	Service co-ordinator salaries
Community House Mid Canterbury Trust	12,000	Operating costs
Equestrian Sport NZ - Ashburton Area Show Jumping	7,000	Event costs
Lions Club of Ashburton County Charitable Trust	3,484	"Stars in your Eyes" venue hire
Mid Canterbury Emergency Relief Charitable Trust	5,000	Newcomer driver tutoring costs
Mid Canterbury Football Assn Inc	30,000	Football development officer salary
Mount Hutt College	2,000	Electronic drum kit
Phoenix Preschool Inc	11,000	Sleep room construction
Rakaia Bowling Club Inc	3,073	Re-upholster club house chairs
Rakaia Lions Charitable Trust	2,026	Rakaia Salmon Run St John Ambulance and traffic management costs
Royal NZ Plunket Trust Mid Canterbury	25,000	Operational costs and salaries
Tennis Mid Canterbury Sub Assn Inc	35,000	Operational costs and salaries
Winchmore Community Hall Society Inc	11,000	Kitchen upgrade

Grants for the period from 1st April 2018 now total in excess of \$730,000, spread across a wide range of organisations supporting the community, sports, and education and health initiatives.

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