

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 \$347,371 was distributed to 16 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, events and long-term infrastructure.

Through support to the Multi Cultural Trust, the committee was able to help bring together a community of different nationalities and support migrants to feel welcome and the Parents Centre is now better able to provide pre and post-natal parent education programmes, support and social opportunities for family with children aged from birth to five years.

For other applicants, support will help enable community sports facilities to be maintained or upgraded and assistance was given to operating expenses and equipment for a number of different organisations.

Funds distributed with this round of applications are as follows:

Ashburton Golf Club Inc	30,000	Club house upgrade
Ashburton Multi Cultural Trust	13,600	Event Coordinator salary
Ashburton Netherby School	16,000	Class room furniture
Ashburton Parents Centre Inc	14,529	Wages and property expenses
Ashburton Performing Arts Theatre Trust	20,000	Sound equipment
Ashburton Senior Citizens Inc	30,000	Rent and salary
Ashburton Volunteer Fire Brigade	6,000	Stage decks, lighting and sound equipment
Birthright Canterbury Trust	23,000	Rent, parking, salary
Caninspire Charitable Trust	7,000	National Coordinator salary
Hampstead Rugby & Allsports Club Inc	8,980	Seating, equipment, entry fees
Mid Canterbury Netball Inc	55,000	Insurance, stadium hire, fees, wages
Mid Canterbury Newcomers Network Inc	8,000	Newcomers Network Coordinator
Mid Sth Island Womens Refuge & Family Safety Svcs	26,000	Case worker salary
Mt Somers Community Pool	42,000	Pool cover, concrete repairs
Tinwald Golf Club	45,000	Course Superintendent Salary
Zonta Club of Ashburton	2,262	International Women's Day Breakfast costs

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

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