



Our Legends.

New turf for the home of hockey



Brand new lights are blaring down, and soon, Mid Canterbury's hockey players will be duking it out on a brand-new turf at the Ashburton Domain Hockey Turf.

The Ashburton Sports Turf Trust has received a grant of \$56,400 from the Braided Rivers Community Trust, in partnership with the Lion Foundation to go towards the replacement of the turf carpet.

The overall facility has been upgraded in stages with stage 1 completed in early 2025, with the installation of 24 LED lights, with the next step being the new turf carpet being laid around February next year.

For trustee Chris Watson, the grant is a "big help" in getting the project done.

The turf is made in Germany and will be shipped to New Zealand before being installed

by installers based in New Zealand, and weather depending, will take approximately 10 to 12 days.

"It's the same surface that was used at the last Olympic Games," Watson said

With the turf in use for official matches most days of the week, and with training sessions thrown in as well, the existing turf has seen plenty of use since it was last replaced in time for the 2011 hockey season.

"It is definitely showing its age and wearing out, and it is great to have this support," Watson said.

This will be the third turf put down at the facility since it opened in 1993, with earthquake damage leading the replacement of the original turf in 2011.



A day of fun and celebrations

For more than 20 years, Mid Canterbury Children's Day has delivered a day of activities, fun and laughter for the Mid Canterbury community.

Held annually at the Tinwald Domain and The Plains Railway Complex on the first Sunday in March, the day sees a wide range of activities put on to celebrate National Children's Day.

For Mid Canterbury Children's Trust committee chairperson Alice Czerski's perspective, the day would not be possible without the support of the Braided Rivers Community Trust, in partnership with the Lion Foundation.

The Children's Trust have been granted \$10,299 for the event, and Czerski says the event would not happen without their support.

"This grant from the Trust is obviously a massive help in making the event happen," she said.

The event typically attracts around 5000 attendees, who next year will experience some exciting new activities, as well as the same good things from previous years.

"We'll have rides, we'll have activities, we'll have events, and we'll have games."

The event would also not be possible without the support of many local service groups and businesses, who throw their support behind the event, alongside a team of 100 volunteers.

"Particularly Rotary, they do our parking, and they do the sausages," Czerski said,

"And then we have local businesses like Talley's that do the hot chips.

"So yeah, local businesses and service groups really support us on the day."

Working Together to Support the Community

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November - Quick response

Ashburton College	\$500
Danielle Stevenson	\$500
Ashburton Borough School	\$500
Hospice Mid Canterbury	\$500
Mania-O-Roto Scouts	\$1,000

October - Quick response

Ashburton Bowling Club	\$300
Coldstream Cricket	\$1,000

Somerset Ashburton Trust

Kai For Kids	\$10,000
Salvation Army	\$10,000

(These grants are the second instalment of a three-year grant)

We provide the funding - but the real LEGENDS are the one who turn it into something magical!

Braided Rivers Community Trust and the Lion Foundation proudly support local people, teams, and groups with funding to help them grow and give back.

We're regularly inspired by the impact of this support and look forward to sharing more if their stories of success.

Lion Foundation - November

Ashburton Railway & Preservation Society Incorporated	\$29,231
The Youth Institute of Ashburton District Charitable Trust	\$13,000
The Chris Ruth Centre Trust	\$13,000
Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Trust	\$8,750
Community House Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust	\$61,200
Bikemethven Incorporated	\$9,000
Mid Canterbury Community Wellbeing and Safety Enhancement Trust	\$115,000
Ashburton Aviation Museum Society Trust	\$67,800
The Ashburton Agricultural and Pastoral Association	\$31,200
Ashburton Sports Turf Trust	\$56,400
Ashburton Senior Citizens Incorporated	\$27,100
Allenton Rugby Football Club Incorporated	\$28,800
Zontia Club of Ashburton Incorporated	\$2,000
Community Preparedness Trust Limited	\$24,000
Volunteering Mid and South Canterbury Incorporated	\$9,000
The Coronation Target Shooting Club Incorporated	\$19,800
Mid Canterbury Children's Trust	\$10,299
Total	\$525,580

