



Our Legends.

A world of toys at your fingertips

Taking the chill off

For so many, letting their child loose in a room with shelves stacked high with toys and saying pick whatever you would like is an unlikely dream. However, the Ashburton Toy Library makes this a reality for our local community.

The Ashburton Toy Library has been operating for more than 31 years and now boasts more than 1000 toys in their collection, which will be growing even further thanks to a grant from the Braided Rivers Community Trust, in partnership with the Lion Foundation.

The grant of \$14,107 will go towards the purchasing of new large toys such as a slide, jungle climber and castle. It will also help fund the operation of the library, including rent, electricity and the running of the library software that tracks the toys.

The grant will contribute a "huge amount" to the running of the library according to volunteer committee chairperson Anthea Read.

"We're very grateful for it because that is helping a huge amount with our operational costs for the year" Read said.

"It is also for the three brand new toys which are larger toys which is really cool because a lot of people don't want to buy large toys."

Read said the library was always looking to increase the size of their collection to enable even more range to those families that join the library.

"It can be a bit overwhelming when some people first join because they are like 'what do I choose' because you can literally tell your children to go choose whatever they want" Read said.

The library is located in Tinwald, and is run by a volunteer committee with two-part librarians employed to bring consistency to the operation of the library. The committee handles the behind-the-scenes work, applying for grants and funding, and getting involved in other community projects.



11 month old Oakley climbing on new soft play toy from the Ashburton Toy Library

"The Toy Library Committee always takes some of our toys to Children's Day" Read said.

"We've also been involved in the Ashburton Model Train show every two years.

"We take some of our train sets to that and have a little play area for the children which is pretty cool"

Cooling off in the Mayfield Community Swimming Pool will not have quite the same chill thanks to a new project to heat the pool.

The group has received a \$60,000 grant from the Braided Rivers Community Trust, in partnership with the Lion Foundation to go towards swimming pool covers, reels and the all-important heat-pump.

Organisation president Nick Vernon said the project was about creating a real asset for the community and extending the opening season for the pool.

"The main aim was to just give a bit more life to a key asset in the community," Vernon said.

"It is great on a hot day at 25 or 30 degrees, but it gets sort of average when it is like 21, 22 degrees."

The pool is located at Mayfield Primary School, and when the kids jump in in February, the temperature is too cold.

Vernon said the committee had done a great job keeping the pool open and getting it up to scratch, ready for this next stage.

"Best case scenario it will be done by February, but to be fair it will probably be next summer we are up and running" Vernon said.

With the nearest heated pools being in Methven, Ashburton or Geraldine, the pool gives better access to the ever growing and diversifying Mayfield community.

The next steps include setting-up a shed to store the heat-pump for the pool, with the organisation still actively looking for sponsorships to complete the project.



The Mayfield Community Swimming Pool will be warming thanks to a new heat-pump and equipment.

Working Together to Support the Community

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BRCT Grants - September	
Ashburton District Family History Group	\$250
Special Olympics Mid Canterbury	\$2,000
Canterbury Latin American Assn	\$750
Ashburton College – Senior Girls Basketball.....	\$1,000
	\$4,000
BRCT Grants - August	
Ashburton Petanque Club	\$1,000
Ashburton Society of Arts Inc	\$1,500
Whatever With Wiggy Charitable Trust.....	\$3,500
Altrusa International of Ashburton	\$2,000
Ashburton Senior Citizens Inc.....	\$5,500
County Lions of Ashburton Charitable Trust.....	\$2,000
Mid Canterbury Tennis.....	\$3,000
Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury Inc.....	\$3,500
Birthright Canterbury Trust	\$2,500
Hampstead School.....	\$3,500
	\$28,000

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 - September	
Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support Incorporated.....	\$15,000
Methven Golf Club Incorporated.....	\$15,000
Ashburton Golf Club Incorporated	\$6,500
Tennis Mid Canterbury Sub Association Incorporated.....	\$45,000
Mayfield Community Swimming Pool Incorporated.....	\$60,000
Ashburton Area Jumping and Show Hunter Group.....	\$14,000
Blue Brothers	\$2,940
Ashburton Sailing Club Incorporated	\$7,000
Ashburton Toy Library Incorporated.....	\$14,107
	\$179,547

