



Save The Dates

and book your holiday to the beautiful Mid-Canterbury town of Ashburton and the surrounding district.

There is so much to see and do while you are here that you will need more than the weekend to take it all in.

Just an hour from Christchurch airport, it is an easy and straight-forward 85 kilometres south west. There is a list outlining some of the car rental companies, located at/near the airport on page 2 of this newsletter.

Here are just some of the things that the area has to offer:

- **Mountain Biking:** Mt Hutt Bike Park offers a range of trails for all levels.
- **Lakeside Activities:** Lake Hood, Lake Heron, and Lake Emma offer opportunities for boating, fishing, and enjoying scenic views.
- **High Country Exploration:** The Hakatere Conservation Park and Mt Somers area provide access to rugged landscapes, with options for tramping, horse treks, and fishing.

Cultural and Historical Experiences:

- **Ashburton Aviation Museum:** Discover a collection of historic and modern aircraft.
- **Ashburton Art Gallery:** Explore a vibrant and growing cultural facility.
- **Trotts Community Garden:** A renowned garden showcasing a variety of blooms.
- **Local Cuisine:** Enjoy a range of eateries from traditional to pub grub, and quality coffee.

Unique Experiences:

- **Ballooning Canterbury:** Take a scenic hot air balloon ride over the Canterbury plains.
- **Skydiving:** Experience the adrenaline rush of a tandem skydive.
- **Golf:** Several well-regarded golf courses are located throughout the region.
- **Opuke Thermal Pools:** Relax and soak in the hot pools at Opuke in Methven.

Accommodation Options

There are a number of accommodation options available:

The Suites	Phone: +64 3 307 0399 E-mail: stay@thesuites.nz	https://thesuites.nz
Bella Vista	Phone: +64 03 307 7505	https://www.bellavista.co.nz/our-motels/ashburton
Regency Motel	Phone: +64 03 308 8266 Email: admin@regencyashburton.co.nz	https://regencyashburton.co.nz
Taylor's Motel	Phone: +64 03 308 9119 0800 33 9119 Email: info@taylorsmotel.co.nz	https://www.taylorsmotel.co.nz
Commodore Motor Lodge	Phone: +64 3 308 8050 0800 108 006 Email: office@commodoreashburton.co.nz	https://www.commodoreashburton.co.nz
Ashburton Holiday Park & Lodge	Phone: +64 03 308 6805 Email: office@ashburtonholidaypark.co.nz	https://www.ashburtonholidaypark.co.nz
Coronation Park	Phone: +64 3 308 6603 0800 101 965 Email: info@coronationpark.co.nz	https://www.coronationpark.co.nz
NZMCA Allenton		Members Only

Convention Venue:



HOTEL ASHBURTON

The Hotel Ashburton

Located in Ashburton, New Zealand, Hotel Ashburton offers Accommodation & Function Facilities amid tranquil, beautiful Mid Canterbury gardens. Family Friendly venue with ample space for the children to enjoy playing with the lawn games and free to utilise the outdoor area.

Mid Canterbury's most comprehensive conference venue specialises in corporate meetings, exhibitions, product launches and seminars.

Hotel staff take great pride in providing guests with warm sincere South Island hospitality. Hotel Ashburton boasts a variety of excellent facilities for our guests including;

- 250 free off-street car parks
- Free WiFi facilities for guests
- Clearwater Restaurant
- Turf Bar
- Heated outdoor swimming pool (November to March)
- Over 4 hectares of gardens for relaxing, wedding ceremonies, photo shoots, picnics, outdoor bbq and more

Vehicle Rentals

Hertz Car Rentals Phone: +64 03 358 6730 https://www.hertz.co.nz/p/car-rentals/new-zealand/christchurch/christchurch-airport	Budget Car Rentals Phone: +64 03 357 0231 https://www.budget.co.nz/en/locations/nz/christchurch
Thrifty Car Rentals Phone: 0800 737 070 https://www.thrifty.co.nz/locations/new-zealand/christchurch/christchurch-airport	Economy Car Rentals https://www.economycarrentals.com
GO Rentals Phone: +64 09 974 1598 https://www.gorentals.co.nz/rental-car-locations/christchurch	Avis Car Rentals Phone: +64 03 358 9661 https://www.avis.co.nz/en/locations/nz/christchurch/chc
Omega Car Rentals Phone: +64 03 360 2885 https://www.omegarentalcars.com/car-rental-christchurch-airport	RaD Car Hire Phone: 0800 736 823 https://www.radcarhire.co.nz/branches/car-rental-christchurch



Keep an eye out for future newsletters that will outline everything you will need to know about MD202 Convention 2026.



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Past District Governor Function

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Convention Secretary

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PDG Robyn Walker

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Lion Barry Vessey

Publicity

PDG Tracy Henderson

Convention Committee:

PCC Graeme Edge (Ashburton); PDG Christine Stewart (Ashburton County); Lion Barry Vessey (Ashburton); Lion Malcolm McCormick (Ashburton Pakeke); Rab McDowell (Mayfield); Lion Tracy Cameron (Rakaia); SVDGE Richard Watson (Methven); Lion Richard Paterson (Ashburton); PDG Garth Bateup (Ashburton); Lion Ian Ridge (Methven); Lion Chrissy Milne (Ashburton) PDG Tracy Henderson (NZ Motorhoming Lions Club).