

Advance Ashburton is a perpetual charitable trust dedicated to benefiting the Ashburton region.

### Learning Life Skills

Each year throughout Mid and South Canterbury the Life Education's mobile classroom visits 67 schools. With resources ranging from the high tech to the puppet giraffe Harold over 8000 children learn important life skills such as nutrition, self esteem, making good choices, and drug and alcohol awareness.

Life Education Trust receives no government funding and when faced with repainting the classroom chairman Ray King was grateful to receive a donation from Advance Ashburton towards the costs. He says "Life Education is a preventative approach. We teach children about the wonder of life, themselves, and other people, with the aim of showing them how to reach their full potential. When refurbished, the classroom will be back on the road with our two educators helping children in our district make the right decisions in life."



A year 8 class at Ashburton Intermediate with teacher Mrs Robyn Mears, Advance Ashburton Trustee Anne Fleming, Life Educator Jane Hooper and Harold The Life Education mobile classroom visits 67 schools in our district every year

### My income stopped but the bills keep coming!

Ashburton Budget Advisory Service provides one-on-one, free advice from qualified budget advisors for those struggling to pay the bills and manage debt.

Advance Ashburton with funds from the Tindall Foundation, has helped this service increase opening hours, train six new volunteers and hold budgeting workshops for community groups such as Young Mothers, YMCA and Polytechnic and in schools.

Coordinator Carol Brown reports "By going into schools we teach budgeting skills at an earlier stage in young people's lives."

The Tindall Foundation also provided funds to help Christchurch families sheltering in Ashburton after the earthquakes. The Budget Advisory Service and St Vincent de Paul assisted us to distribute the \$5000 to displaced and needy earthquake survivors.



### Progress

Total funds \$915,000 + \$700,000 held for possible project

Bequests established with an anticipated value of \$13.5 million

Distributions in year to 31st March, 2011 \$33,000

### Celebrating Philanthropy

At a recent meeting attended by over 90 guests, including members of the press, trustees of Advance Ashburton reported on the Foundation's work for the year.

Under a heading "Foundation Turning Lives Around" reporter Sue Newman, for The Guardian, described the Foundation's work "as changing lives and brightening the future of many Ashburton people."

At the meeting grant recipients, donors and legal professionals spoke how the Foundation had benefited the district. Solicitor Gary Fail said there were many people who once they had provided for their own family wished to support charitable causes in our district. The Foundation, he said, was an excellent alternative to individuals setting up their own charitable trust. Mr Fail recommended using the Foundation as it is a perpetual charitable trust and aided by a skilled investment committee.



Gary Fail with Chairman of the Investment Advisory Committee Don Church

## Trustees

Graham Robertson, following his recent move to Christchurch has retired as Trustee. As trustee, advocate and donor Graham has made a tremendous contribution to the Foundation: thank you.

We welcome Trevor Croy, a recently retired director and founder of Croys Ltd, Chartered Accountants and business advisors, as trustee. Trevor is a member of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and NZ Trustee Association. We know with Trevor's background and experience with other charitable and funding agencies, he will be a valuable member of the Board.



Trevor Croy

## Investment Committee

Roger Bonifant, CNZM, MAgSc, MSc (London) has recently joined the Investment Advisory Committee for Advance Ashburton. He is a local man being a 4th generation farmer at Wakanui but with many years' extensive experience as director and chairman in the business, banking, housing and health sectors. In 2005 he was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of services to business and the public sector.



Roger Bonifant

## Alister Smyth Scholarship Fund

Alister, born in Ashburton, owned and worked on a deer and sheep farm in the Lowcliffe area all his working life before retiring to town in 2003. A self-educated man, whose own formal schooling was cut short due to illness, Alister now wants to help others wanting to gain an education with a fund established with Advance Ashburton.

"I want to help a student who doesn't have enough reserves to get through their training or education. Not a top person, but a person who, with a little help will get there and have a pretty good life."



Alister Smyth

## Newsletter

Advance Ashburton produces this newsletter bi-annually. If you would prefer to receive your copy electronically please contact our Executive Officer, Margaret Rickard on 03 302 3858 or by email [advanceashburton@farmside.co.nz](mailto:advanceashburton@farmside.co.nz)

## Web site

We have a new web site. Please visit [www.advanceashburton.co.nz](http://www.advanceashburton.co.nz) to learn more about the Foundation, our trustees, how to make a Grant application and links to other Foundations.

## Donation

If you would like to help Advance Ashburton benefit our region please consider establishing a trust fund, making a legacy in your will or making a donation. Please contact us:

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Charities Commission Registration 28482

## Scholarships and Funds 2011 - Over \$36,000 available



### Jaycee Outward Bound Scholarships

- Up to three scholarships valued at over \$2200 each

Reach your full potential through challenge and adventure in the outdoors. Eight day Discovery Course at Anakiwa.

Applications close 31st October



### UFS Health Sciences Scholarship

- One scholarship of \$4000
- The scholarship is for a full time student at a tertiary institution studying pharmacy, medicine, dentistry or other health sciences.

Applications close 15th of December

### Advance Ashburton Community Foundation

- \$15,000 available
- Supporting families and social services.

Applications close 31st of October

### Tindall Foundation

- Four grants of \$2500 each
- Supporting families and social services.

Applications close 31st of October

### Lismore Community Group Education Trust

- \$1000 available
- To support education of 4-13 year old children particularly remedial and extension programmes.

Applications close 31st of October

