

Step Ahead Ashburton - Oketopa / October 2026

Rāhina - Monday	Rāapa - Wednesday	Rāmere - Friday
Bookings for October open on Monday 21st September at 9am Bookings for November open on Tuesday 27th October at 9am		2 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 South Island Pony Club Champs - watch local riders compete in this prestigious horse event 10:30 Open Craft or Mosaics - decorate boards with tiles \$4.00 1:00 Visit Bookarama - look for books and puzzles 1:00 Open Craft or Card Making with Janet \$2.00 
5 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Ashburton Domain Walk 10:30 Open Craft or Pottery - make clay flowers or glaze items already made \$2.00 1:00 Open Craft - bring your own craft project to work on 1:00 Mini Golf at EA Networks Centre - enjoy a friendly game 	7 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Open Craft or Sewing Group - sew a pencil case or work on a previous project \$2.00 10:30 Walk on Ashburton River Trail - from Melrose Road 1:00 Felting - wet felted cushion cover or work on previous projects \$2.00 1:00 Metal Detecting - at nearby locations	9 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Open Craft or Picasso Portraits - have fun drawing each other without looking at the paper 12:00 Lunch - Homemade Burgers \$3.50 1:00 Swim at EA Networks Centre - swim or walk lengths then relax in the spa 1:00 Open Craft or Indoor Gardening - learn to grow your own herbs \$2.00
12 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Walk at Wakanui Beach - enjoy a cuppa by the sea 10:30 Open Craft or Pottery - make dipping bowls or glaze items already made \$2.00 1:00 Ashburton Library - guided tour of Ancestry and Local History sections 1:00 Open Craft - bring your own craft project to work	14 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Ice Breaker Games - get to know each other through fun games 1:00 Music Appreciation - songs from the great musicals Day Trip to Step Ahead Art Exhibition Leaving Ashburton at 10am Return by 3:30pm, bring lunch	16 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Next Step Forum - have your say about our future direction 11:00 Housie - bring a \$2 prize or play for fun 1:00 Swim at EA Networks Centre - swim or walk lengths then soak in the spa 1:00 Intentional Peer Support Overview - A Lived Experience Group 
19 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Puzzles and Games - play Bananagrams, Yahtzee or try a new puzzle 10:30 Day Out to Waipuna Gallery in Hinds - see arts, crafts and polished stones followed by an agate hunt. Return by 2:30pm 1:00 General Knowledge Quiz - test your knowledge 	21 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Cooking on a Budget - Homemade Pizza \$2.00 10:30 Ashburton Domain Walk - view the spring blooms and feed the ducks 1:00 Walk and Devonshire Tea at Trotts Garden \$5.00 	23 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:00 Horse Therapy - Dayboo Clydesdale Stud \$5.00 10:30 Open Craft or Pottery - make forest scenes or glaze items already made \$2.00 1:00 Open Craft or Decorate Rocks - paint or decorate rocks to place around Ashburton Hospital 1:00 Walk around Argyle Park
26 Step Ahead Closed for Labour Day	28 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Recycle and Repurpose - tea light holder from a tin can \$2.00 10:30 Visit Arofa Cafe - neurodivergent hub and sensory experience. Bring \$\$ 1:00 Pet Photo Quiz - bring your past or present photos 1:00 Op Shopping - collect items for our Reuse Recycle projects	30 10:00 Coffee Morning - socialise and have a cuppa 10:30 Ashburton A&P Show - a great day out with hundreds of stalls and exhibits \$10.00 