

Luxurious lakeside living

Leaving work at five in the afternoon to then be fishing from your own private boat ramp at five thirty may sound like a fairytale from a land far far away, but for the residents of Mid Canterbury's Lake Hood, it is a daily pleasure.



Nestled amongst acres of quiet country land, you wouldn't know there was a lake and residential area there if you weren't looking for it, but as you cruise down Huntington Drive a spectacular lakeside living panorama with manicured canals unfolds. The majestic snow-capped Southern Alps create a breathtaking backdrop as you gaze across the sparkling lake, its crystal clear waters fed by natural spring water bubbling up from the earth and waters flowing from the surrounding alpine environment.

Lake Hood is situated 6 km South East of Ashburton

with entry from State Highway One just to the south end of the Tinwald township, and is open for all to enjoy.

Lakeside residents wake to the serene sounds of water dappling gently on the shore, just meters from the breakfast bar as they enjoy their morning coffee. A brisk morning walk around the shores of the lake, breathing in crisp mountain air revives the senses. This is walking in paradise. Living at Huntingdon Park on the shores of Lake Hood, you can be a passive spectator or an active participant in the best sporting and lifestyle development in Canterbury.

Lake Hood has grown from the dream of one man who dared to imagine that such an astonishingly beautiful environment could be created. Windsurfer Ken Kingsbury had the vision to build a lake on the Canterbury Plains, close to the township of Ashburton, reminiscent of Ruataniwha in the McKenzie Basin.

In 1987 it was just a dream, and the challenge was to engage the imagination of the lake's potential users to also believe it could be achieved. A test lake was dug as fundraising began, and in March 1990 the first waterskier skimmed the surface of the trial lake. Twelve years and 32 land consents later, on April 28, 2002, MP Jenny Shipley triumphantly cut the ribbon to signal the official opening of Lake Hood.

In the 10 years since Lake Hood was officially

opened, it has become an established part of the lifestyle of Mid Canterbury. Luxurious houses line the shores of the quiet canals, recreational and competitive sportspeople use its gentle waters and family's picnic and paddle on its shore.

A lakeside restaurant was opened to provide an elegant dining facility, which has become a popular destination for functions and weddings, or a picturesque environment for a quiet wine or coffee.

In excess of 80 hectares in area (approximately the size of North Hagley Park in Christchurch), 2,300 metres in length and over one kilometre wide; the lake comprises an eight lane international rowing course, a separate water skiing area, as well as a

separate jet skiing area, plus sailing and kayaking, which can all be enjoyed on or around the lake simultaneously.



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▲ A top class lakeside restaurant provides opportunity for luxurious weddings, impressive functions and romantic dinners. Dine waterside in the afternoon sun, or beside the warm fire on chilly evenings.

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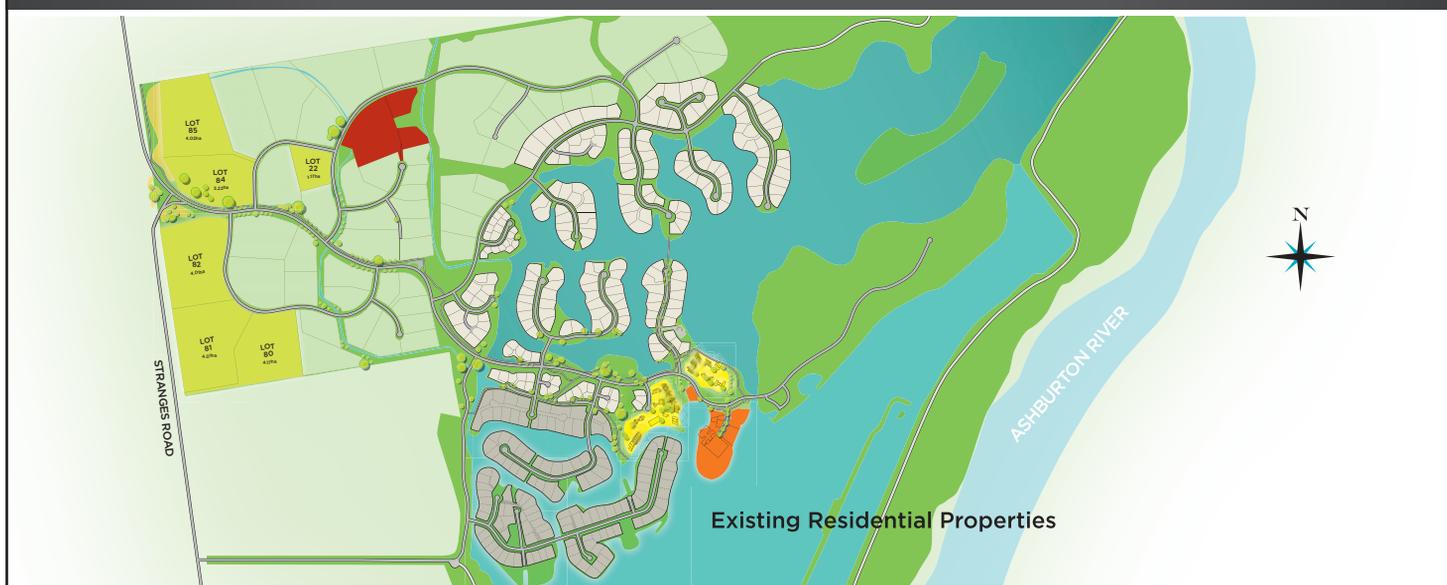
Each of these five lifestyle blocks, ranging in size from 3.22 to 4.17 hectares, offer stunning panoramic views and a unique connection to the Lake Hood lifestyle resort.

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⌄ Sit back and relax or choose to become an active participant in the abundance of water sports and recreational facilities on offer.

A cycleway from Lake Hood to Ashburton paralleling the Ashburton River provides a pleasant off-road experience for walkers and cyclists. The well-maintained track and lake combination has become a popular destination for multi-sport events, with the relatively flat terrain making it suitable for all levels of fitness and experience. The vast reserves surrounding the lake offer a number of other cycleways and recreational opportunities.

For the ultimate experience, Lake Hood is under one hours drive from majestic Mount Hutt, featuring one of the largest and highest ski areas in the South Island. The ski field has varied terrain for beginner through to expert, so it is a fun adventure for the whole family. Where else can you go from jet skiing to snow skiing in under an hour?

The thriving lakeside community has steadily grown with less than 20 sections remaining in the final stage of development. As user demands have grown as the popularity of the lake and demand for lakeside living has increased, action has been taken to enlarge the lake and create additional housing canals and lifestyle blocks.

Construction on the extension has already begun, and completion of the ambitious project is targeted for completion within 15 years. This will double the spread of water to an area rivaling the entire size of Hagley Park and introduce a further 350 living options, increasing residential waterfront to a total of more than 7km. The residential and recreational asset will be unparalleled in New Zealand and will add to the charm of living in Mid Canterbury.

Beautiful Lake Hood is open to everyone to enjoy, featuring relaxing lake side grassed

recreation areas with picnic tables and a boardwalk track with many bench seats to stop and admire the view. Take the opportunity to stop for a top quality restaurant meal, wine or coffee at the Lakehouse Restaurant in Rotary Bay where boats or kayakers moor right outside the restaurant during lunch and dinner.

Situated only an hour drive south of Christchurch, Lake Hood awaits for a day of recreation and relaxation. Perhaps you will feel so comfortable; you may be enticed to stay.



⌄ Residents at Lake Hood enjoy a friendly community, nestled amongst a beautiful panorama to enjoy nature and friendship at its best.

What's On

- ON NOW - JUNE 4 Methven Heritage Centre – Art Exhibition
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- ON NOW - June 9 Ashburton Society of Arts - Autumn Show
- ON NOW - June 10 Ashburton Art Gallery - Painting the Land Janet de Wagt
- MAY 10 RSA Mobility Scooter Race "What's in your Garage?"
Ashburton Car Club
Scrutineering for Street Sprints
Jokers Social Club Show and Shine
- May 12 Ashburton Car Club Street Sprints
- May 12 - 13 Learn to skate with Cheapskate – Skate Skool
- May 13 What a Woman Wants! Style evening for charity
- May 14 An evening with Jason Greig – Artis
- May 16 The Great Debat Event Centre – theatre performance – Just the Boyz are back!
- May 18 Big Toys 4 Big Boys Contracting & Truck Display
- May 18 - 26 The Big Ashburton Indoor Market
- May 19 Standing 1/4 mile Sprint
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Methven - Assembly Required
- May 20 Mid Canterbury Mountain Bike River Track Race & Ride

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- Aviation Museum (donation)
- Mid Canterbury Food & Wine Trail
- Lake Hood Picnics & Boating
- Mid Canterbury Heritage Trail
- Rangiatea Jewellery & Gardens
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- BMX Race Track
- Walks & Mountain Bike Trails

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