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Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

The Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway project reached a critical milestone this month with over two million cubic metres of earth moved since construction started last year. At this rate the project is on track for moving close to half the project's six million cubic metre total this year.

Weather conditions through February and March have been ideal for the earthworks crews, who have been able to maximise every fine day. New project records have been set with over 20,000 cubic metres of earth being moved in a day and over 100,000 cubic metres in a week. The earthworks season runs until May and we will be applying for winter works consent to enable earthworks to continue through winter as weather permits.

The late summer sunshine has also been good for the 630,000 native plants growing at a number of local nurseries. Our landscaping team is busy fencing at three ecological offset farm properties in the project area, where stream compensation planting will be kicking off as soon as the temperature drops and we get some much needed rainfall. We are anticipating planting in late April, provided there is enough moisture in the soil.

For those interested in learning some new conservation skills, there are still places on the June intake of the Conservation Work Skills programme. In partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand, Te Ahu a Turanga is half-way through the second intake of the programme after a successful pilot last year. The 12-week programme supports people to re-integrate into the workforce.

Participants will get hands-on experience working alongside our landscaping, ecology and environmental teams, learning about conservation while honing interpersonal skills along the way. The Conservation Work Skills crew will also work with some of the Te Ahu a Turanga landowners and support them with ecological offset works, along with supporting Kaitiaki to carry out some of the iwi aspirations and cultural outcomes for the project.

The programme aims to encourage locals into sustainable employment by providing the opportunity to work alongside potential employers, showcasing their abilities while building on their knowledge and skill sets.

The third intake in early June is targeted to the Tararua District. If you know of someone who would like to apply, please encourage them to send their CV to jobs@teahuaturangi.co.nz. Recruitment will begin mid-May.

To view the latest flyover with commentary from Construction Manager Mike Cassaidy, go to www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/

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**May Issue
Submission Deadline
5.00pm Wednesday, 20th
April 2022**

ANZAC Day Services in 2022

Dawn and Civic services will be held at the memorial opposite the Ashhurst Library. Traffic management plan will be in place which will allow veterans to parade from the R.S.A. to the memorial. Services times are below:

Dawn Service

- 5.55am—Form up outside the R.S.A. at and march to the memorial.
- 6.00am—Service will begin.

Civic Service

- 11.55am—Form up outside the R.S.A. and march to the memorial.
- 12.00noon—Service will begin.

There will be no gun fire breakfast at the R.S.A. however, you are welcome to return to hear stories of yesteryear. New Zealand Covid-19 guidelines will apply.

We are currently working through live stream options and broadcasting over Ashhurst Radio. Details will be posted on the R.S.A. Facebook page, Ashhurst Chat and in the Ashhurst Library.

As more details firm up the R.S.A. will post on Facebook and Ashhurst Chat to keep you all informed.

Ashhurst Village Voice Society Inc A.G.M.

The Ashhurst Village Voice Society is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm, Thursday, 21st April 2022 at the

Anglican Church Hall.

Ashhurst and Pohangina Valley residents are welcome to attend.

RECAP Update

Kia ora, from RECAP.

With many now isolating, a reminder that in Ashhurst and Pohangina we have local community groups you can call on for assistance. We are unable to provide medical advice, but can help with practical support (such as delivering food/medicines) and phone support.

Contact numbers:

Ashhurst—Pohangina Lions Club—Alyn Edwards 3294-833 or 0204 075-3354

R.S.A. Welfare Section—Tim 021 250 7626

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association—Terry Carr 3268 074

RECAP—Chris 021 755 314

Rescued Food Distribution

We give out a free bag of kai from the library back room every Wednesday from 3:30—5.00pm. For more info join us on Facebook: *RECAP Rescued Food Distribution*.

The Seed Library

(within the Ashhurst Community Library)
The seed library is continually stocked with new, seasonal seeds. Sign up and you can take three free packets per month. If you saved any summer seeds, we would very much appreciate donations to distribute once spring rolls around again.

Permaculture Workshops

RECAP and Slow Farm (*slowfarm.co.nz*) are continuing our programme of standalone Permaculture Workshops.

The next two take place on 2nd and 9th April and registrations are open now at *recap.org.nz*.

Using and modifying microclimates for effective and diverse food gardening.

Saturday, 2nd April, 10.00am—12:30pm at Slow Farm (25 Worcester Street, Ashhurst).

Working effectively with micro climates can extend the growing season and diversify the range of crops that can be grown successfully. While gardeners cannot personally control the climate and weather, they can have an effect on: soil quality, including soil moisture, wind flow and shelter, patterns of light and shade and soil and air temperature.

This workshop will introduce participants to a range of readily accessible and low-cost means to design multiple micro climates into a home garden and to use them effectively.

Understanding and improving your soil

Saturday, 9th April, 10.00am—12:30pm at Slow Farm (25 Worcester Street, Ashhurst)

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RECAP Update *continued*

better outcomes when growing food. Topics will include, for example: soil nutrients, nutrient availability, and pH, together with soil-plant interactions, the importance of soil structure for aeration and drainage, plus how to protect and improve soil structure, bacterial vs fungal soils and the advantages of each within different food systems, how and why to make, grow, and apply compost, green manures, liquid manures, mulch, and biochar.

Attendance does not require a vaccine passport. Please note other public health measures such as wearing a mask or showing a mask exemption and keeping a physical distance may be required. Please do not register if you are not willing to follow these.

There is a fee of \$20 (or \$15 unwaged) for each workshop. If this fee is a barrier to attendance, please contact info@recap.org.nz to discuss.

We will be confirming dates, times and venues for the following workshops soon:

Trees, forests, and foods: an ecosystem approach to perennial food gardening.

A process approach to small garden design.

Social solutions for more sustainable

Community Comment

The long period of a late summer has at last broken with some significant rain to quench the thirsty earth. The cooling weather and advance of autumn will encourage trees to accent the changes, with colour changes and loss of leaves. The autumn colours provide a pleasing entry into the darker periods of winter ahead. However the accumulation of leaves in the gutters and sumps can rapidly turn a heavy rain into a flooding problem. Please help us all by clearing debris from drains as needed until the council truck sweepers do their job.

The City Council has quietly announced its annual plan consultation documents on its web pages under the 'Participate Palmy' tab. A combination or an overall rate rise

living.

We have a one-off workshop for tamariki in the upcoming school holidays: Marolyn Krasner of Sunny Day Cyanotype (facebook: [sunnydaycyanotype](https://www.facebook.com/sunnydaycyanotype)) will be leading a kid's workshop on Saturday, 16th April from 1.00pm—3.00pm in the Ashhurst Community Garden (next to the library).

Cyanotype is a photographic printing process that produces a cyan-blue print. We will be gathering in the Community Garden to collect natural materials and utilize the sun to create beautiful botanical prints to take home.

Ten and over can attend without a guardian, but we ask that nine and under have a guardian present. We can provide hot drinks in the library back room. Masks are encouraged, but not mandatory.

There are 10 places available, and it is \$20 per child. Please register at recap.org.nz. If this fee is a barrier to attendance, please contact info@recap.org.nz to discuss.

To stay informed, we recommend you check our website regularly (recap.org.nz) or follow us on facebook ([facebook/ResilienceAshhurstPohangina](https://www.facebook.com/ResilienceAshhurstPohangina)) as updates will be posted there.

Look after yourselves and others.

Chris Love—RECAP coordinator

of 8.3% across the city, and significant increases of property values in Ashhurst will likely deliver a rate's increase in excess of 10% for local residents. An online tool has been provided to estimate 2022 rates for a given address in the Palmerston North City Council area. Council has altered the mix of annual charges and land-valued rates in an attempt to distribute rates as fairly as possible. Some of the significant items listed for Ashhurst in the 10-year plan, related to urban growth options, have been deferred to later years. You can provide feedback to the Council about this annual budget plan by online form, email, letter or phone. Documents are available at pncc.govt.nz or at the Library. Submissions close Thursday 21 April 2022.

Fine weather has permitted some great progress on Te Ahu a Turanga. Besides the

Situation Vacant

Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Part time bar staff wanted. This is a permanent position. We are seeking a customer service orientated and organised person, to join our team. Training will be given.

Please send your application and CV to: Lynne McDonald, Secretary, Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A., 74 Cambridge Street, Ashhurst

JustOne Please

Thank you all so much for your kind donations so far this year. The Palmerston North Refuge is very grateful.

The April item is Coffee.

You can drop these off at the Ashhurst Library. Contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128 for more information.

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Wednesday: 3.00pm—9.00pm
Thursday: 2.00pm—9.00pm
Friday: 2.00pm—midnight
Saturday: 1.00pm—9.00pm



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Pohangina Community Church

10.30am 3rd Sunday

Contacts:

Parish Office—323 4127
Heather Fairless—326 8355



Ashhurst Bowling Club

67 Stanford Street.

Season starts end of September through to mid April.

If you would like more information on lawn bowling please call or email:

Adrienne Harding 326 8972/027 283 6317
ashhurstbowlingclub@gmail.com



Community Comment *continued*

ever-increasing scar on the hills above us, work is continuing at a number of sites along the new road. The green farmland between Fitzherbert East Road and the Gorge carpark has been stripped bare to enable drainage, sediment control and foundation work to begin for the new

roundabout and associated service roads. A drilling rig is making progress on the centre pier of the main bridge across the Manawatu River. Work is also underway for pier three on the far side of the river. Check out the latest flyover to see recent progress.

It was great to read of the new health centre to be established in our town

again. Ashhurst is slowly regaining the services, shops and commercial activity which used to exist here twenty years ago. A self-supporting community will become increasingly important as our population grows and transport costs increase.

Harvey Jones



Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A.

By the time this edition is printed Daylight Saving will be over for the summer period, the bowls will be finished for the season, and hopefully COVID-19 will be well past the peak. The long-awaited A.G.M. is set for May, the exact date will be announced by the President when the 2021 accounts have been returned by the auditor. It has taken a battle to get the books up-to-date but the delay is no fault of the committee, we just had to do things differently. Shortly, nominations will be called for the various officers and committee. We will

have two reconditioned gaming machines installed shortly. These are to replace the ones that were damaged by an electrical fault and does not increase the number of machines.

Easily noticed is the partial sealing of the entrance to the car park. This was the result of an extraordinary gesture of a member who has since passed away and prior to passing wanted to do something for the Club. We are very grateful to this member.

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In Memory of Brenda Leigh

30th September 1954—18th March 2022

Brenda passed away on the 18th March after a courageous battle with cancer.

Only three short months ago, Brenda was being farewelled into retirement having spent over four decades in education. Initially at St Anthony's Catholic School (Pahiatua) and Eketahuna School, the majority of Brenda's teaching career was at Pahiatua School (17 years), where she rose to Deputy Principal, and Hiwinui School (20 years) as Principal.

In her most recent role at Hiwinui School, Brenda has made a positive impact on not only the school but also the community. Hiwinui School, and by extension the Hiwinui Community, is now thriving, with Brenda bringing together all walks of life with her engaging and caring personality, never without a smile and a kind word.

Brenda was a positive light in so many lives. Brenda's values of empathy and kindness were always at the fore. She had a genuine interest in engaging with people. Brenda was authentically herself as a leader, and the combination of her values and devotion to her work both achieved incredible results, and gained respect far and wide.

Brenda's impact is far better summed up in the words of the children from Hiwinui School:

Mrs Leigh,

Everyone that has ever known you will remember you as the nicest lady they have ever met—someone they can turn to for help or advice.

Words cannot, and will never be able

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Don Barrett—Vice-President

to describe how amazing you were.

You have helped so many people grow from little new entrants to confident Year 8's. You have taught us to face our fears and never hide away or give up.

We will never forget that "seeds planted today will flourish and blossom tomorrow".

Thank you Mrs Leigh for helping us blossom.

Arohanui,

Your Hiwinui School Tamariki

Brenda has a loving family, and our condolences go to Colin, Kelly-Jane, Anna-Maree, Betty and the wider Leigh whanau for the loss of a truly remarkable lady.

*Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa
pounamu te moana,*

kia tere te karohirohi i mua i to huarahi.

*May peace be widespread, may the sea
glisten like greenstone,*

*and may the shimmer of light guide you on
your way.*



The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project

The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project was officially launched on 24th February at an event attended by over 60 members of the environmental and public sector communities. Attendees included local farmers, Department of Conservation staff, environmental volunteers, Federated Farmers representatives, project staff and elected representatives including the Chair of Horizons Regional Council and media.

The event took place at the Pohangina Department of Conservation base which is nestled at the edge of the Ruahine Ranges. The launch was an important opportunity

to talk to involved parties about the project and what it is, celebrate its beginnings and look forward to a future where kiwi are able to be reintroduced to the area by 2026.

About the project:

The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project is managed by Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) via a collaboration between Manawatu River Source to Sea and Te Kauru Eastern Manawatu River Hapu Collective. The project is funded by The Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature initiative and aims to control predator pests in 13,000 ha of the Southern Ruahine Ranges, with the

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Our services at present are held based on the COVID-19 alert levels. Please keep an eye on our notice board and/or website for current updates.

St Mary Magdalene Church—Office Hours

(subject to change at short notice):

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 2.00pm—5.00pm

Wednesday: 2.00pm—4.30pm

Thursday: 2.00pm—5.00pm

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Little Kiwis Playgroup

Little Kiwis Playgroup is currently on hold.



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For Appointments Contact: Manawatu Home Budgeting Service.

Phone: 358 2279; Cell: 0800-228 343



Ashhurst Genealogy

If you require assistance with Ashhurst History or Genealogy research Phone Heather Smith on 326 9989 or email whizjoy@inspire.net.nz



Ashhurst Yoga Classes

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Cost is \$8.50 and bring your yoga mat.

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The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project *cont*

dream of returning kiwi to the area by 2026. The project is delivered in alignment with neighbouring predator control projects in the area, presenting a fantastic opportunity to return a taonga species to a significant proportion of the Ruahine Ranges. Over 600 traps have now been set in the area by a team of 60 people who work tirelessly to ground truth, set and monitor them.

You can find out more about the project

Native Leaf-veined Slugs

Everybody is familiar with slugs and snails in their gardens which often wreak havoc with vegetable and flower seedlings if preventative action is not taken. These slimy creatures have all been introduced to New Zealand. What few people realise though, is that New Zealand has many native species of slugs and snails that evolved here and none of these feed on our garden plants. In this article I thought I would let you know about our native slugs.

There are about 30 species of native slugs in New Zealand and most of them are not found anywhere else in the world. Many of them have a flattened (as opposed to a round) body shape and they usually have a characteristic leaf-vein pattern on their upper surface. As a result, they are collectively referred to as Leaf-veined Slugs. Related slugs are found in New Guinea, eastern Australia, New Caledonia and Vanuatu.



by checking out the Ruahine Kiwi Facebook Page (@ruahinekiwi) which is regularly updated with pictures and stories as the project progresses. You can also donate traps towards the project by clicking on the front page of the ENM website at enm.org.nz. Contact ENM on comms@enm.org.nz 06 355 0126 for more information.

Helen King

In contrast to the introduced slugs, which have four tentacles at the front end, our native slugs have only two. Another difference is that the native slugs do not feed on plant leaves, rather they are thought to feed on fungi and algae on the surface of plants. Hence they pose no threat to garden plants. They have a breathing hole near the front end; though not always obvious in slugs, it can be clearly seen in the first photo.

Although they evolved in the native forests that blanketed New Zealand prior to the arrival of mankind, some species have adapted to living in non-native habitats. I have on occasions seen numerous leaf-veined slugs moving slowly about on agapanthus leaves on cool, damp nights. I have even found them under wood lying on the ground in a grass paddock. If you ever have the good fortune to discover one, please treat it with the respect our native species deserve.

Grey Smith



Photo: Left—*Athoracophorus* species; Right—*Pseudaneitea* species.

Book Review: National Identity by Simon Bridges

I had just finished reading this memoir on a friend's recommendation when the news of Simon Bridges' resignation from the

National Party came through. This made the book seem all the more interesting and relevant and, after reading his comments

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on how being in politics had impacted on his family life, hardly surprising.

Simon Bridges grew up the son of a working-class Baptist preacher and stay-at-home mother in Auckland, the youngest of six children. He had a typical Kiwi upbringing—freedom to explore and friendships from every kind of background. Even so, he often mentions feeling like an outsider while growing up and later as a young politician. He never identified as a typical strong, laconic, rugby-playing young man and was quite introverted.

In *National Identity*, Bridges brings personal thoughts and opinions on New Zealand politics and the country he loves. He talks of his love for politics, food, music and nature. He also says he sees himself as an outsider—being Maori and yet “not properly” identifying as such; having British heritage but not comfortable

in that camp either. He often mentions “not fitting in”.

This is a very honest book, touching on his starting out as a young lawyer and then breaking into politics, all the while observing changes happening in society at the time.

Divided into chapters on—Race, Nationality, Class, Masculinity, Marriage, Fatherhood, Introversion, Politics, Education, Crime, Food, Music, Nature, Social Media, World View and Religion, you get his opinions on many subjects and, by the end you get to know quite a lot about the person he really is (he’s not afraid to trumpet his best achievements and also to admit to his biggest mistakes).

A well-balanced, honest and absorbing read from one of our best-known politicians.

Robyn Dare

Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association

Would it be superfluous to say that a drama can be dramatic? Of course it would—wouldn’t it? The dictionary defines ‘drama’ as being a composition in verse or prose intended for performance by actors—a play! We were presented with a delightful performance of ‘Daisy and Gert’ tasting the rum for the cake mix at our March meeting. The folks from the Drama Group entertained us wonderfully and that is what we enjoy each month when the local groups come and host our members.

Our April guest will be Jill White, a past mayor for Palmerston North, who will recount past experiences and give us anecdotes of her time on Council. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and a cuppa. ‘Senior’ means any age after 35 because by then we’re middle aged—aren’t we?

2.00pm, then, at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Ashhurst Plunket

Every Monday and Tuesday. Providing family health and wellbeing; child growth and development checks. For more information call Plunket Area Office—0800 692 445 or 06 357 4844

Ashhurst Foodbank

Open 2.00pm — 3.00pm every Thursday. Methodist Church, Bamfield Street, Ashhurst. Contact: Zosha 027 446 7769 or Marianne 027 627 2054

River Church

Meet in the Village Valley Centre each Sunday at 10.00am. All welcome. Contact: Pastor Doug Stewart, Phone 022 565 1213 www.riverchurch.nz

Steady As You Go

Steady As You Go exercises at 131 Cambridge Street Ashhurst.

If you are 65+ years and would like to take part in light exercises, call in on Thursdays 10.00am—11.00am.

Contact Age Concern phone 355 2832

Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

Weekly Club bowling starts Thursday, 18th March—30th September. We meet in the Village Valley Centre and games start 7.30pm.

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Awahou School

Kia ora from Awahou School! Term 1 2022 has flown by so far and the weather has treated us well. There are a number of Term 1 highlights to share with you all.

Our first Term 1 highlight was meeting with all our wonderful parents/caregivers to share each students 2022 goals. It was awesome to catch up with everyone and to discuss aspirations for each student.

The second highlight was having Tim and Harold the Giraffe from Life Education come and visit us on Monday, 21st and Tuesday, 22nd February. Tim and Harold taught us all about resilience in the Life Education classroom. Having Tim and Harold visit is always a highlight and we can't wait to have them back next year.

We were able to swim in



the school pool up until mid March, which was great. Our school swimming sports event on Friday, 4th March was a highlight! All our students competed and did their very best. See some photos provided.

Another highlight was the Awahou Tough Kids Try-athlon organised and run by our Senior Leaders (Year 8 students) on Friday, 11th March. Participants gave it their all, running, swimming and biking/scootering to glory! See photos provided.

Our next Term 1 highlight will be the Awahou Tabloid Sports Day, again organised by our Senior Leaders later on this term.

We can't wait to share next term's highlights with you all!

Nga mihi,

Trudi Rei—Principal



Ashhurst School

Kia ora e te whanau

We are over halfway through Term 1. It has been great visiting classrooms over this time and seeing how settled the children are and how engaged they are in their learning. Maintaining our routines and expectations has really helped create a calm and safe environment for the children. The Tararua team have been doing some great science investigations looking at chemical reactions with dry ice, germination, activities investigating the five senses and conservation of the Maui dolphin.

The next rotation of T.E.C.H has started with students in Rooms 3 and 4 beginning their sessions. We are looking forward to

seeing the fantastic work they produce over the next four weeks.

We were fortunate to get a massive delivery of Lego from Countdown recently. A huge thanks to one of our new school community members who works at Countdown, for organising this for us. Much of this Lego will be getting shared out to all of the classrooms to be used during wet lunch breaks.

We have had a few busy weeks at the school. A big thanks to all of our community who have been very understanding knowing that parts of our school are running light staffed as we manage our way through the Red Level requirements.

Netball and summer hockey are now well underway. It is great to see so many children

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Ashhurst School *continued*

registered to play in both of these sports. Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers and staff who are supporting these teams and making these opportunities possible.

A number of sporting events and competitions are coming up. Changes to the rules around children over twelve years and three months needing a vaccine pass are coming into effect in the near future. Manawatu Netball are making amendments to their procedures in anticipation of these changes coming into effect. We have contacted a number of different providers highlighting the changes and have asked for clarification on their processes so that they are up-to-date. We will also make sure that our registration forms reflect this. We are expecting further changes in this space.

I am hoping that parents received information recently concerning protocols for COVID-19 for both contracting the

virus and also being a household contact. It is important to remember that the first day of symptoms is day 0, and then after that, there are seven days of isolation. This creates a window of eight days. I want to remind the community that we are following the protocols as set out by the Ministry of Health. If your child is ill, they should not be attending school.

It was great to see our children competing at the inter-school triathlon recently. Our school sent groups of children in Years 5/6 and Years 7/8 to Palmerston North. All of our children did a fantastic job. A big well done to everyone. Thanks to Mr Harris for all the organisation and Mrs Ash and Miss Thessman for their supervision on the day and all of our parent helpers. I am hopeful we will get our elite sports competition running in Term 2 onwards. I have been in touch with other schools confirming our commitment to the tournament.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

We are thrilled to be in partnership with Manawatu Home Budgeting Service who are conducting budgeting sessions in our library on Thursdays. If you would like to talk to their wonderful staff or need some excellent budgetary advice and guidance, please let us know.

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre

The new roof will be installed over the months of April and May. The centre will be closed weekdays. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Talk with Mayor Grant Smith

Tuesday, 26th April 5.00pm—6.00pm

Come in for an informal chat with our Mayor Grant Smith who will be available to talk to you about any issues and concerns. Refreshments are provided, you are all most welcome.

Ashhurst Library Facebook

Just a reminder that if you want to keep up to date with all our latest news, events or announcements, just visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/AshhurstLibrary> and click "Like". Happy Easter everyone.

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

Club night is Monday, from 6.00pm. Come along and give squash a go!

All members and newcomers welcome. Courts are located at the rear of the Village Valley Centre on Guildford Street

Contact Braydon on 027 390 5611, ashpohsquashclub@inspire.net.nz, or find us on Facebook.



Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

The Ashhurst Pohangina Lions meet every second Thursday of the month at the R.S.A. Clubrooms at 6.30pm.

This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

Contacts:

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standishzwart@gmail.com
 Dennis Moore (Secretary) 357 5651
dmoore@inspire.net.nz

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741
forlong@inspire.net.nz

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diawlbach@inspire.net.nz



Reiki Group Meeting

Welcome to all Reiki Practitioners, of any level, from any lineage!

Meetings will be at 7.00pm on the first Sunday of every Month at the Ashhurst Library. (June being the exception, when it will be the second Sunday due to Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Contact: Tricia Kirkwood
 Phone: 326 7279 or 022 184 1968
 Email: 2activatehealth@gmail.com



Kids 'n Motion

Kids 'n Motion is now in its 20th year of providing music and movement for 0-5-year olds within Ashhurst and the surrounding community.

When: Every Friday 9.45am—11.15am during school terms.

Where: Village and Valley Centre, Guildford Street, Ashhurst.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

Contact: Cherie O'Leary, Ph: 326 9688

Check out our Facebook page and like us! Kids 'n Motion is such a great group to come along too—see you there!

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we hope you are all well. With the lifting of restrictions, we can plan ahead for the return of programmes and events which we are very excited about. As of writing, there will be no full April holiday programme, instead we will have packs to pick up and take away. We are aiming to be back to our normal timetable in Term 2. Thanks to everyone once again for their understanding and patience over this time.

A Big Welcome

Can we please welcome our new support staff who many of you already know—Jill and Kelly. They started their training in March and are now very much part of our library scene. We are thrilled and lucky to have them with us so, please come in anytime to say hello.

Digital Help

We have been arranging some digital help sessions for people who need IT assistance with Jocelyn. If you would like some help with any of your devices, please let us know and we can book you in. The sessions will be occurring fortnightly on Thursday afternoons.



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Ashhurst Clay Target Club

Our February shoot was also our club championships so there was quite a bit of action and intensity across the six squads on the day. Thanks to everyone in the club who helped make it a successful day, including Simo after his recent op, who took the role of scorer/referee for the day.

A Grade:

- 1st: Brad Turner (with a "possible")
- 2nd: Joby Stella
- 3rd: Alan Ives

B Grade:

- 1st: Andre Taylor
- 2nd: Mike Romley
- 3rd: Tyler Ives



C Grade:

- 1st: Jason Nitschke
- 2nd: Phil Brooks
- 3rd: Amanda Hocken

Also on the day our annual trophy winners for 2021—2022 were announced:

- Top Gun Mens:** Brad Turner (scored 98% over the year)
- Top Gun Womens:** Amanda Hocken
- Top Handicap Mens:** Joshua Reeve
- Top Handicap Womens:** Amanda Hocken
- Most Improved:** Amanda Hocken

Karen Pawson—Secretary



Ashhurst Rainfall

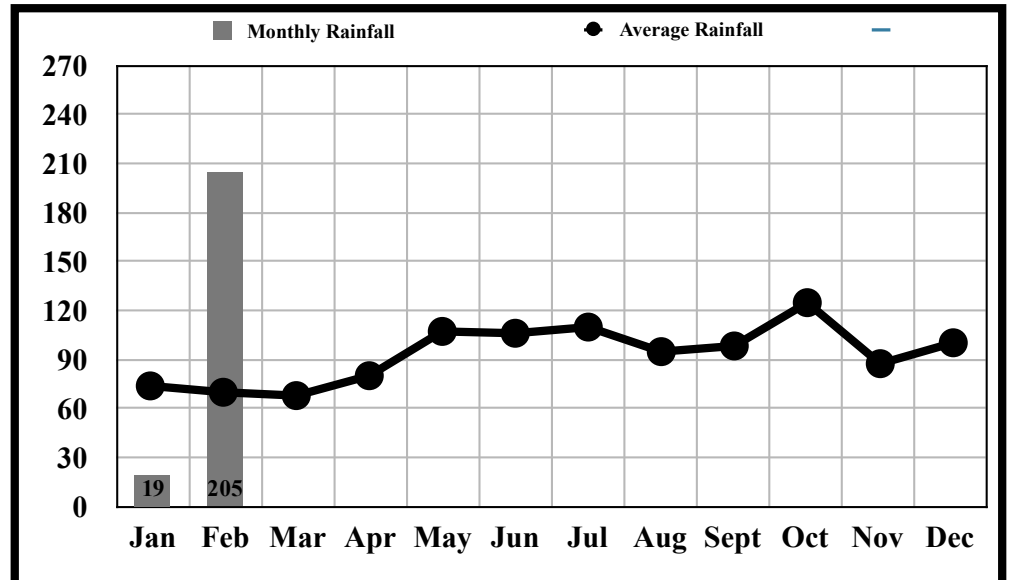
204.5mm of rain fell in February, above the monthly average of 70.8mm.

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Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

Let me begin by extending my thoughts to Village residents and families who are self-isolating for the good of the community.

Thank you all for your consideration and concerns for community welfare. If isolation is giving you an opportunity to catch up on some reading, the Ashhurst Community Library is able to put together book packs for affected families.

Do remember wherever possible, to support local businesses with your goods and services purchases to help them get through these uncertain and unsettling times.

New medical centre

Unfortunately, these 'times' have contributed to construction delays on the much anticipated Ashhurst Community Trust Medical Centre.

It was hoped that the centre would be up and running this month, saving Ashhurst residents the time and travel costs.

However, the delays have now pushed the opening back until June.

Annual Budget consultation

We're now consulting on our Annual Budget. Recent revaluations mean some people will face significant increases. Please find out what this means for you, and have your say by the 21 April at pncc.govt.nz/annualbudget

Village Valley Centre

The Village Valley Centre reroof project is underway, meaning the well-utilised facility will be out of action until the end of May.

Hopefully, we will be able to carry out this reconstruction without too many delays.

When completed, residents will be able to hold their functions and events in a completely redecorated and refurbished amenity, with all bookings via the Ashhurst Community Library.

Ruahine kiwi

Through our Strategic Priority Grants programme, Council supports Environment Network Manawātū (ENM), an umbrella group for 60 local environmentally focused organisations.

The organisation recently oversaw the launch of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project at the Pohangina Department of Conservation base.

In partnership with DoC, Manawātū River Source to Sea and Te Kāuru Eastern Manawātū River Hapū Collective, the project

aims to return taonga kiwi to 13,000 ha of the Southern Ruahine Ranges by 2026.

ENM hopes to achieve this by stepping up the control of predator pests, and I commend the commitment and passion of those involved in setting and monitoring the trap lines.

Anzac Day

Planning is underway for Ashhurst's annual April 25 memorial service, though it is still too early to say what form this will take, or where it will be held.

Council services

Council's customer service centre on Te Marae o Hine - The Square is still on limited hours. The service desks now operate between 9am-2pm Monday to Friday.

You can continue to call us 24/7 on 06 356 8199, and by using the Snap Send Solve app to report anything that needs attention or fixing.

Meet the Mayor

This month's Meet the Mayor session is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, between 5 – 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library.

However, as with everything else under our Covid red light settings and with the outbreak of Omicron in the community, this could change.

Kia kaha

Mayor Grant Smith JP



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Ashhurst Bowling Club

It is hard to believe it is nearly the end of the season and we are now into final club events but the Champion of Champion challenges are the next big thing. Because of COVID-19 these have been moved to the end of April, May and even June. Watch for more information on our Facebook page as provisional dates may yet change.

The final night of Twilight was played and then a fish n chip tea was enjoyed by all.

The school students are still coming until the end of term—Fridays from about 2.00pm. All welcome to cheer them on.

Skogs is finished and while the teams were not eventual winners, players enjoyed themselves representing the club.

And now for the **best news**—the ladies played the final game and, yes, won the Elizabeth Walker competition. This is an absolutely huge success as it is the first time Ashhurst has won it. For a little club with only 13 ladies, it is stunning. There was a celebratory lunch out enjoyed by us all. Roll on 2023 and defending our title.

The R.S.A. triples and the Cotton Triples were played in fine weather, full green and hugely enjoyed by all.

The R.S.A. Triples was taken out by an Ashhurst team of Max, Margaret and Joyce and the event was once again superbly organised by Wayne Poppleton and his team.

Winners of the Robert J Cotton Triples were from Woodville, second from Palmerston

North and third from Dannevirke. Kylie presented the prizes and so again thank you to our sponsors—without you the Bowling Club could not run these hugely successful events.

Players come from far and wide to play in Ashhurst Open Events as the club has a well-earned reputation for doing things extra well.

The club Over 65 years pairs was won by sisters Fay and Jen with Margaret and Margie as runners up and the Over 65 Singles, after a well fought final, was won by Jen with Eddie as runner up.

Club Days continue on a Thursday starting at 1.15 for names in.

A “pop up” event was organised for Saturday the 19th March and this was hugely successful. Drawn pairs for three games of 2x4x2 was played in great weather. A barbecue superbly cooked by Mike Hale and a shared lunch meant no one was hungry. A huge amount of fun and members have said a definite yes to more events like this. Winners were Max and Margie, Joyce and Moggy second and Tony and Jonah third. Then we went to the R.S.A. for a social drink and chocolates.

Closing Day is April 21st with our ever-popular North vs South challenge.

Autumn is usually a time of mild weather, beautiful days and chilly nights and mornings so keep warm, healthy, safe and above all, keep smiling.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary



Photo: Players in the 2x4x2 Challenge on 19th March