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Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge book wins local history award



Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Te Au-rere-a-te-tonga, a History, a book commissioned by Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge

Governance Group and compiled by Michele Frey has been awarded the best local history publication by the Palmerston North Heritage Trust.

Ms Frey says she is honoured to receive the award, which is a recognition of contributions made by the wider Te Āpiti community.

“The book was an eight-year-long journey that introduced me to many people who were so open and willing to share their stories and connections with this truly unique and treasured place,” says Ms Frey.

“It has been fantastic to capture narrative around the unique landform, past and present flora and fauna, its rich Māori and early European history and stories of some of the inhabitants, as well as the history of rail and the construction of the road, and different land use such as farming, wind farms and walking tracks.

“Complementing contributions from iwi, landowners, Horizons Regional Council, Palmerston North City Council, Department of Conservation, local historians, and community members are images from David Lupton and others which helps bring the book to life.”

On behalf of Ms Frey, Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group and Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith and Horizons Regional Council’s community biodiversity advisor Neil Mickleson accepted the Best Local History Book Award at a Palmerston North Heritage Trust function on Wednesday 10 November.

Mayor Smith says the book is a great reminder that there is so much more to

the area than the road.

“The book honours not only the natural environment but people who have called this special place home over the years, those who have contributed to its infrastructure, farmed the land, or enjoyed the reserve for recreational purposes,” says Mayor Smith.

Many years of research and conversations have provided Michele with nuggets of information that she has carefully crafted into this fantastic publication.

“On behalf of the Gorge Governance Group we thank her for her collaborative approach and commitment to completing this important contribution to our region’s history. The award is well deserved.”

Not only has *Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Te Au-rere-a-te-tonga, a History* been recognised for its authorship, \$12,000 profit from sales has been received by the Gorge Governance Group who are tasked with securing finances and putting in place appropriate systems to effectively resource and deliver work programmes to help grow biodiversity, recreational, educational and cultural values within the scenic reserve.

Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Te Au-rere-a-te-tonga, a History is available for purchase at Bruce McKenzie Booksellers in Palmerston North, as well as various i-SITES in the wider Manawatū Region.



Mayor Grant Smith & Neil Mickleson

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**February Issue
Submission Deadline
5.00pm Thursday,
20th January 2022**

Letter from the Editor

As another year draws to a close, we look forward to a summer refresh of our lives and some recuperation from the challenges we have experienced in the past 12 months.

It is a time for families and friends to gather and appreciate the good things in life and support each other.

There will continue to be problems and uncertainty in our lives, so we will need to foster goodwill, care, compassion and community support in the times ahead.

Take care on the roads and stay safe.

Festive greetings and all the best for the New Year.

Harvey Jones—Acting Editor

STOP PRESS

Not a term we read in the newspapers any more, but relevant in this case.

Laura and Mandie announced to the *Ashhurst Chat* community on Facebook in mid-November.

"We are very sorry to announce that due to the current covid developments, we have made the tough decision to cancel this years parade and market day."

We will sadly miss this community event this year and look forward to better luck for the Christmas Parade next year.

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

Our association has been in existence 47 years and the passing of a foundation member is deeply felt. Flo Morrison passed away on Thursday the 18th of December at the grand age of 102 years. She was our much loved patron and gave us years of wonderful service being a member from the beginning. Flo and her husband, Joe, came out from Scotland in December 1952. Joe was a builder and together with Flo and their three children became residents of Ashhurst. Flo is survived by her son Joe, daughters Margaret and Anne and much loved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Our sympathy is extended to the family at this sad time.

At last month's meeting Pru Pim from

the Museum was not able to make it. Shannon Lamballe from the Spinners and Weavers Club was our very interesting speaker. She demonstrated a wonderful range of woven materials and knitted garments. December the 4th is our Christmas function and will be in the Methodist Hall in Bamfield Street at 2pm. Our entertainers will be Liz and Griff Davies. They were residents of Ashhurst for many years and we are looking forward to a wonderful musical afternoon for the festive season. Of course, an enjoyable afternoon Christmas tea, too.

Let's suggest you come and join us and enjoy a great afternoon!

Terry Carr—Secretary

Christmas Celebrations at St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

The Anglican Parish of Pohangina warmly invites you all to our Christmas Celebrations throughout the month of December. All will be according to current Covid level requirements.

Annual Parish Fair: We have not set a date as yet for our Annual Fair – this is normally held on the same day as the Ashhurst Santa Parade – but due to uncertainty around Covid and restrictions on gatherings, we have not confirmed our Fair. If the Ashhurst Santa Parade goes ahead – our Fair may also go ahead at short notice, but at a reduced size from previous years.

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December) offers opportunities to worship together. St Mary

Magdalene Ashhurst will be holding a "midnight" service starting at 11pm.

There will also be an informal Christmas Eve family friendly service at 7pm at St Bartholomew's Church at Komako, at the head of the Pohangina Valley, which is followed by supper.

Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day - 10am service at St. Mary Magdalene Ashhurst - a service for all ages. Everyone will be welcome.

*"Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love."*

Ashhurst Memorial RSA

Another month has passed and Christmas or the Silly Season will soon be upon us.

November saw the RSA run a hugely successful casino evening. Several members of the committee put many hours into the preparation for the night,

and the reports I have received is that everyone had a ball. As I was in the Coromandel, I unfortunately missed the event. The Covid-19 protocols in the form of the traffic lights have been released. The recommendations for the RSA in how we proceed are being investigated and will be presented to the committee in December. It is our hope that everyone

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Ashhurst Memorial RSA *continued*

has had the double job, as that would make any decision a lot simpler. Notices will be posted on our site and Ashhurst Chat regarding functions over the holiday period. Meantime enjoy the holidays. Remember the community Christmas

Dinner on December 25th. And finally a big thank you to the editor and all those who assist in the publication of our fine local monthly paper

Don Barrett - Vice-President

RECAP Update

Merry Kirihimete!

It's been another challenging year, so I'd like to keep this update light and let you know about some of the great things going on in our community for you to enjoy over the holiday period.

Firstly: a big thank you for all of your support with the rescued food distribution. I've had a number of our community (of all ages) help with pick-ups, loading into the library, organising and packing kai, and further offers of help with deliveries. So wonderful to have people here quick to lend practical help and support.

We have started pre packing bags while there has been Covid in the community, and will assess this week by week to see if it's needed/continues to work well. The last one for 2021 is on Wednesday December 22nd, and the first one for 2022 will be Wednesday January 12th. This is open to anyone and there is currently no criteria to receive a food parcel.

Over the summer we'd like to really encourage you to visit The Olsson Community Orchard and McCrae's Bush. We have a group of dedicated and hard working volunteers who have put in an amazing amount of mahi to restore and maintain this beautiful space. It's an excellent spot to picnic in and a lovely short, gentle bush walk suitable for younger children and those with limited mobility who would like to connect with nature. You can access both either the steps from the end of the Terrace, or from River Road (for those keen to avoid the steps!). In February the trees are full of fruit which is available for anyone to

pick and enjoy, just please leave some for others. A new sign has just been erected giving more details of the fruit trees.



I'd like to give a HUGE ngā mihi to Julie, Margi, Lance, Dianne and Peter in particular for their continued efforts as caretakers of this beautiful area, providing us with such a wonderful, valuable community resource and thriving green space.

The Community Garden next to the Ashhurst Library has had summer produce planted (there's a bit of celery there ready to be harvested right now). The plum and pears trees are looking like we will have another good year and we have a berm garden producing kai on North street (thanks to the participants of a recent workshop) that you are welcome to visit and pick from. Unfortunately we have decided to skip the December Crop Swap due to Covid-19, but keep checking the Sharing Shelf (next to the library) and the Seed Library (inside the library) as we will continue to put seasonal seedlings and seeds there.

Keep looking after yourselves and others.

Chris

JustOne Please

Kia Ora, beautiful people in my community. Thank you all for your donations for the Women's Refuge Safe House. This month's item is Glad Wrap or equivalent cling film.

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Community Comment

Progress on earthworks associated with the Te Ahu a Turanga Highway over the hill is astounding. Only 10% of the work has been completed to date and much of that is for the access roads and sediment control. Work has also begun around the new roundabout to be developed in the vicinity of the Napier Rd/Fitzherbert East intersection. Check out progress on video footage from the regular drone flyover on the NZTA web pages for this project.

Residents will be surprised to hear that the City Council has approved the consent of a new pet crematorium on the edge of residential Ashhurst. With access from Mulgrave St, it will sit beside the stream to the rear of Kilmarnock Nurseries.

The consent process has been underway for some time, with commissioner hearings held in October 2021 and the planning process stretching out over 18 months. The consent application had limited notification to the owners of the eight neighbouring properties, who all opposed the proposal.

Any challenge to the PNCC consent would be handled by the Environment Court. However, Horizons Regional Council is responsible for air quality and granting consent to discharge contaminants into the air. This consent is in its final stages of approval. There may be some challenges here as the technical assessment predicts any air pollutants

would fall in an "area of pasture to the west of the site".

Owner Simone Morrison of Soul Friends Pet Cremations, has been involved with the pet cremation service for 12 years. It has been using the furnace facilities at Massey University, but this lease expires in 2022.

The site will be developed with a large shed to house up to four cremators, each associated with a 10.5 metre high chimney, and workshops, along with a chapel or quiet room and memorial garden for pet owners to grieve.

This is the time of the year to remind residents to help keep trees on street verges and in reserves alive in their formative years during dry conditions in the months ahead. Most of the trees are planted with novaflow pipes heading down around their roots, so it is an easy matter to pour a bucket of water down the hole and give them a drink when they look thirsty. Fruit and nut trees will reward their neighbourhood in the future once they are established and producing. Just visit the Olsson Orchard beside McCrae's Bush in coming months and have a taste of the bounty as it ripens on the trees.

Harvey Jones



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Ashhurst-Pohangina Lions Smallholders Auction

The Ashhurst Pohangina Lions with the help of local clubs and volunteers are holding their annual Smallholders Auction. The event will be on Saturday 29 January 2022 and the venue will be at the MacDonald's farm, 685 Pohangina Road, about seven kilometres north of Ashhurst. Gates open at 9am for the general public and the auction will get under way at 10am. Chattels drop off is from 1pm to 7pm on Friday and Saturday from 6.30am until 9.30am. As we are on a working farm, there is a "no dog" policy that will be strictly enforced.

Lock-down has many things we can be thankful for and time to clear out those unwanted items is one of them. This is a great opportunity for lifestyle block owners and local farmers to buy and sell all manner of farming equipment and livestock. There have been some very interesting articles go under the hammer in past years and we never know what will turn up on the day. There are always the sheep and small animals, chickens, ducks, geese and others birds to get the locals discussing the pros and cons of livestock ownership. For our rural community, there will be a free health check.

This year we're looking forward to having plenty of rides for the kids, food and craft stalls and coffee and ice-cream vans. Sunscreen will be available and we're hoping for another perfect summer's day. Don't forget your hat!

Local community groups will also be volunteering to help make the day successful. Our local Scouts group will be manning the food tent to keep the general public and the Lions fed and watered. They will also provide an undercover seating area for those who need to put their feet up after they've had a good walk round of the auction items. Our major sponsor this year is Property Brokers with



Adrian Hickey

supporting sponsorship from Totally Vets.

From funds raised on the day, the Lions make donations to the local community clubs who assisted and the Gold Coin entry donation goes to local charities.

The members, partners and families of the local Lions are always involved in the running of the day and the behind-the-scene set-up of the site and office. Many of these people have been volunteering for years, and this year, local Ashhurst resident, Adrian Hickey, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Smallholders coordinator, Ron Farrugia, on behalf of the club for his contribution to this and other Lions events over the years.

If you're interested in having a stall, or have any questions about the event, please contact me via email smallholders@aplionsclub.org.nz and you can help make this a great start to 2022. If you'd like to join the local branch of Lions, you can either email me on this email address or have a chat to one of the Lions members on the day.

Ron Farrugia
Smallholders Coordinator



Anglican Parish of Pohangina

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst

8:00am: 5th December 2021 &
6th February 2022

NB: no 8:00am service in January.

10:00am: every Sunday

Christmas Eve: 11:00pm service

Christmas Day: 10:00am service

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako

10.00am: 12th December 2021

Christmas Eve: 7:00pm - community

Christmas Eve service including supper

No services during January 2022

Officiating Priests — Rev Michael Russell,
Rev Pam Barnett

Contact the Parish office for further
information on phone 326 8543 or email:
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www.parishofpohangina.net

St Mary Magdalene Church—Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from 23rd December 2021. Re-opening 25th January 2022.



Little Kiwis Playgroup

Little Kiwis Playgroup is currently on hold.



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If you require assistance with Ashhurst History or Genealogy research

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Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, it's Ross here. This is our last article for 2021, and as for every one of you, it has been a challenging year. The current situation we all find ourselves in has greatly affected the many programmes and events we do, and we hope to have them back in 2022 when it is deemed safe.

We were very sad – read “devastated” – to lose Beth this year. Not only was she so absolutely loved and trusted by everyone and so great at her job, she is also a very close friend. We are regularly in touch, and it might seem a little mean and completely childish but to hear her talk of the responsibilities of now being a manager, I can't help but laugh a little. Ask any manager, the work phone going in the morning just as you are getting up is a dreaded sound.

We had several friends who passed away this year. They left an indelible mark on our library and we miss them greatly. On the other side of that, we have met many new ones with many new families to Ashhurst being signed up.

I must acknowledge Chris Love of RECAP for all her work and support this year, whether it be through the garden, events or the foodbank work she does in our library. You won't see all the meticulous and hard work she does behind the scenes, but it is incredible what she has managed to achieve – thanks Chris.

Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers throughout the year including all the kids who are always so willing to

help out in any capacity, it really makes a difference and contributes greatly to making this place so special.

A big thank you to the Village Voice committee through 2021 and to all the volunteers who have delivered it throughout our village. They perform an excellent community service.

Have a great Christmas and New Years and an awesome summer break.

Christmas Hours

The Ashhurst Library will close on Thursday 23rd December at 12 midday. We will reopen on Wednesday 5th January at 10am.

Ashhurst Library Garden

We have to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the recent garden working bee on our grounds, they look fantastic. As always, keep an eye out over the summer for any produce that is ready to pick, you are most welcome.

Summer Reading 2021-2022

Our summer reading programme that promotes reading enjoyment is currently up and running, and we hope the kids are enjoying the online option. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updated news on the programme.

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”. Merry Christmas everyone.

Ross Meads - Librarian

Village Voice - A thank you!

This year has been difficult for everyone, but the *Village Voice* has managed to get published on a monthly basis despite the problems.

Our editor, Llyvonne, has done an outstanding job chasing down content, assembling the issues, sharing with our proofreader and managing the printing process ready for delivery.

The *Village Voice* is delivered by a set of reliable volunteers to their routes around the village and by rural delivery drivers further afield. A huge thank you to them

all for their efforts.

Content for each issue arrives from already busy people in organisations and clubs. A special mention for our contributors of the rainfall statistics and history columns. A small committee manages this process, with a special thanks to Grey for managing advertising and accounts.

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The bittersweet moment has come for us at Hiwinui School to farewell our beloved Principal, Brenda Leigh.

After 46 years working in the NZ education system, with the last 20 of those leading Hiwinui School, Brenda is taking her well-deserved retirement.

Brenda started out as a Wellington Teachers College graduate in 1974. She had a wide and varied teaching history, including roles within new entrants classes, as a music and technical teacher (cooking and sewing) and directly prior to Hiwinui, spending 17 years at Pahiatua School, most of these as their Deputy Principal.

Brenda was delighted to accept the position of Principal, Hiwinui School where she was welcomed with open arms.

Already with ties to the area (Brenda's great-grandfather and his siblings had farmed in this area), it was meant to be.

When Brenda arrived at Hiwinui School in 2001, there were 47 students, three classrooms, an office, a resource room and a tiny library. Fast forward 20 years, and Hiwinui School is a thriving school with 151 students, six classrooms, a large library and a beautiful Open Learning Environment. All school buildings have either been completely refurbished or built. Under Brenda's watch, the school purchased 'Lot 9' Melford Lane in 2011, doubling the school's footprint and providing much needed playground space. In her time, Brenda has been a living testament to the school's motto of 'Seeds planted today will flourish and blossom tomorrow'.

However Brenda's contribution to Hiwinui School and the community simply can not be summed up with facts and figures. Brenda has left Hiwinui with so much more. She has instilled the school values of Respect and Honesty for Self, Others and the Environment, and lives them every day.

Current Board of Trustees Chairperson, Duncan Baker says of Brenda, "We are fortunate and forever grateful to have had such a professional and passionate leader who has been instrumental to the growth and identity of our school today. We can never thank Brenda enough for her

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Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association Inc

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Contact: Terry Carr, 326 8074



Ashhurst Clay Target Club

(claybird shooting)
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Anyone welcome to join us
Queries: Ken Simonsen, Phone: 329-4800



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Hiwinui School *continued*

devotedness and kindness over her term, but we sincerely wish Brenda, and her husband Colin, all the best for the future."

The words from one of Hiwinui's students, Isabella Pryde, sums up Brenda's contribution: "Whether it's on the sidelines, in the driver's seat or at her desk, Mrs Leigh is always supporting her students. Whenever you walk past her office she is there with a smile and a helping hand ready to make the impossible possible. Mrs Leigh does so much for our school and we are so grateful to have had her for as long as we have."

As an extension of her Principal role, Brenda has served on the Hiwinui Community Committee since its inception. She has been the backbone of the community for her time as Principal, connecting with past and present school families, and community members alike, never without a smile and a kind word.

Says Brenda of her time as Principal of Hiwinui School - "It has been a real pleasure to have been a Leader in

the Hiwinui School Community and along with my family we have felt most welcome. We are going to really miss the people of the community but know that we'll always have a really special place in our hearts for Hiwinui."

Brenda leaves Hiwinui School in great shape, with a clear focus, dedicated staff, and most importantly, thriving kids. Brenda, from all the staff, students and families both past and present, from the numerous Boards of Trustees that have served with you, and from the Hiwinui Community, thank you does not seem enough. We wish you a long and happy retirement, one filled with family, friends and laughter.

Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,

kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi.

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

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


Ashhurst School

Tēnā koutou katoa e ngā whānau o te hapori.


We are now moving our way to the end of the year very quickly. We have had a very successful 2021, ensuring that our planned school camps have gone ahead. It has been great being able to see our children participate in camps. A huge thanks to all of our staff and parent helpers for their time and effort to ensure that our children had a great end to the school year.

We have some very exciting news on staff. Congratulations to Emma and Ben Parkinson. Emma is expecting a baby at the end of Term 1, 2022 therefore she will be not in a classroom at the start of the year. We will also be farewelling Mrs Toni Bradley at the end of the school year. Earlier in the term, Mrs Kelly Jones took maternity leave, and we wish her all

the best with the twins due in December sometime. Ashhurst School has made two appointments and will welcome Jordyn Hasson and Eva Lay to the teaching team in 2022. We will need to have a big shuffle of classrooms to accommodate the numbers we currently have in our school. We have completed all the class lists for 2022 and are providing excellent teacher to student ratios for 2022, but it will mean that we are going to need to move the teams around as we will have five Year 5/6 classrooms and five Year 3/4 classrooms. We are proud of this teaching lineup that we have, and our class size numbers are looking great, with around 25 children from Years 3-8, low 20s in Year 2 and up to 18 in the New Entrant to Year 1 classes. A special congratulations to Mr Grayson Marsh. Grayson has been promoted to a team leader in 2022, replacing Mrs



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Kelly Jones, who is on maternity leave. Congratulations Grayson!

Congratulations to Reece Brosnan, Nicole Thessman, Jesse Fallon on representing the Manawatu Men's Touch team, Manawatu Women's Cricket team and Central Women's National League team.

I want to thank the school staff, board, PTA, community and our students for another fantastic year here at Ashhurst School. We have some big plans for the 2022 school year, including housing our technicraft programme, completing the cover on the blue court and hopefully the beginnings of an upgrade to the Whārite block later in the year.

Please have a wonderful break, and a reminder that I am on sabbatical Term 1, 2022 and will be back on site in Term 2 next year.

This is the teaching team for 2022.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Room	Teacher	Year Group
Whārite		
1	Lizzie Ash - Team Leader	7/8
4	Reece Brosnan	7/8
3	Sarah Ashcroft	7/8
2	Katelyn Herbert	7/8
Tararua		
20	Ashlee Phillips	5/6
21	Alicia Schreiber - Team Leader	5/6
22	Kate Reweti	5/6
19	James Lowry	5/6
18	Eva Lay	5/6
Ruahine		
11	Megan Wilson	0
12	Sarah Bush	1
7	Brooke Weel	1
8	Julie Cranshaw - Team Leader	0/1
6	Emily Johnson	2
10	Ange Morriss	1
9	Michelle Pearce	2
Tūranga		
13	Nicole Thessman	3/4
14	Grayson Marsh - Team Leader	3/4
15	Jordyn Hasson	3/4
17	Scott Larsen/Amy Law	3/4

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, ashpho-squashclub@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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Dennis Moore (Secretary) 357 5651

dmoore@inspire.net.nz

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741

forlong@inspire.net.nz

Alyn Edwards (Media) 329 4833

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 18th 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!

Local support for Covid-19 isolation

The Covid-19 pandemic is expanding outside of Auckland and Waikato borders. There are now cases in our own neighbourhood, where people are isolating at home as they recover.

While the health system will continue to provide informed support for those ill with Covid-19, some people who are self-isolating may want a little more support. Members of local organisations are volunteering some time to provide additional support of a telephone check in if wanted. This may be as simple as a daily call to make sure you are OK, or perhaps a food drop-off at your door.

If you are isolating at home as a positive Covid-19 case, and want a regular call, then please phone one of these club contacts. They will then arrange for one

of their members to make contact and determine how to best support you.

Contact points are:

~ Ashhurst-Pohangina Lions Club

Alyn Edwards 3294-833

~ RSA Welfare Section

Tim 021 250-7626

~ Ashhurst Senior Citizens Assn

Terry Carr 3268-074

~ RECAP – Chris 021 755-314

Our community can help support each other by checking in with neighbours when you know they are ill. If you have some spare volunteer time, call one of these numbers and offer your services if the need arises.

Harvey Jones - RECAP



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Check out our Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/ashhursttkd/>



Pohangina Yoga Classes

Mondays 6.00pm—7.00pm

\$10 per class or \$50 for six classes

Suitable for beginners and those with more experience of yoga.

Contact Catherine: hauorayoga@gmail.com or 021 0270 4400, www.hauorayoga.co.nz

Facebook: Hauora Yoga



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Ashhurst Clay Target Club

Great day for our October shoot with seven squads (35 shooters) participating in good weather after suspect early morning conditions.

It was really nice to see on Sunday a lot of people from other clubs, including some from the Waitarere Club who sent a team up - and the Tangimoana people who always support our club and loaned us the use of their ball trap. Good to see a couple of new shooters there too.

The club shoot was 25 DTL and this was won by Ken Simonsen with a "possible" (25 out of 25).

The next shoot was a fun shoot called a Ball Trap which means the claybirds are coming out in all directions, either 2 feet off the ground or 30 feet in the air. This shoot certainly sorted out a few people ! It took some of the older members back 10 years or so when the club used to have a permanent ball trap and back in those days, our trapper boy was a young kid named Brad Turner who operated the ball trap by hand. Now of course Brad has become our top club shooter.

Also thanks to the club members who came and helped at a fun shoot the day before which was organised by one of our club members for his mates.

And at a mid-November shoot at the Tangimoana Gun Club, one of our members from Tangi, Dave Rigby, four years ago put up a trophy (an old, mounted shotgun) and this is contested annually. Ken Simonsen won this for the fourth time on Saturday.

Karen Pawson—Secretary



Winners on the Ashhurst club day: Ken Simonsen and Brad Turner

Ashhurst Rainfall

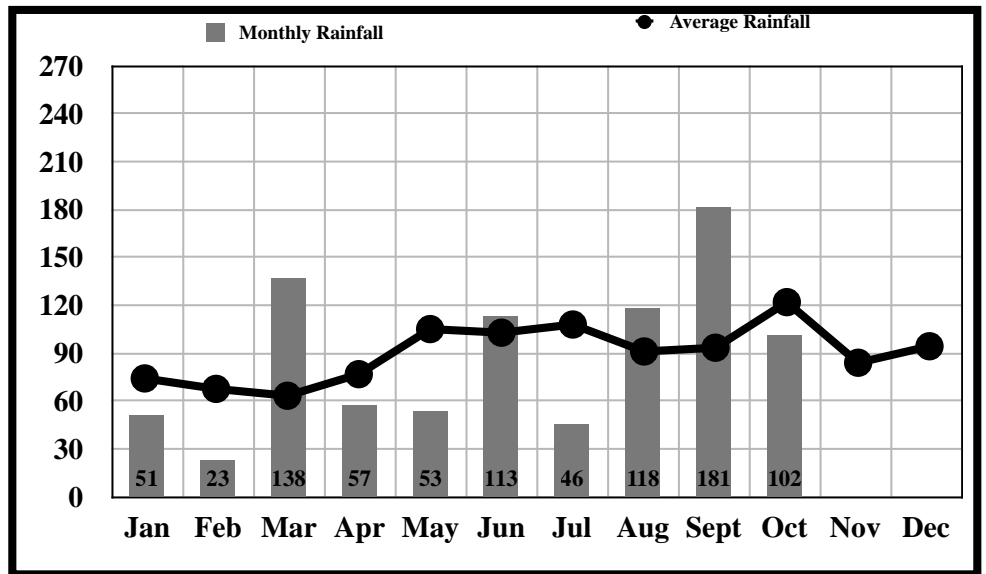
101.75mm of rain fell in October 2021, below the monthly average of 124.8mm.

Rain was recorded on 23 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 14mm on the

28th October 2021

Total annual rain fall is 882.25mm. This is below the annual average of 936.8mm.

Quang Mai & Margaret Pemberton



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Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford

Kia ora tātou

On behalf of Mayor Grant and my City Council colleagues, let me begin by wishing all Ashhurst residents a fun festive season, a great holiday break and a New Year free from the uncertainties that have plagued 2021.

It's hugely disappointing that the Village Christmas parade and market had to be cancelled this year, and I want to acknowledge the Christmas parade team who had to make this difficult decision.

We are a resilient, creative and close-knit community who will get over this setback and go on to make the most of the summer months.

You can help summer shine and keep our community protected by making sure you and your whānau are double vaxxed, and I commend Ashhurst residents on the high level of vaccination uptake that's been reported.

At time of writing, Palmy's pre-Christmas and New Year celebrations are continuing as free ticketed events at CET Arena and Regent on Broadway, with details and updates on Council's Facebook page.

2021 in review

I wrote my first Village Voice column as Deputy Mayor in the December edition a year ago, and despite the interruptions and restrictions, a great deal has been achieved in those 12 months.

The biggest impact on Village life has been commencement of the He Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Tararua Highway project as it spans the mouth of the Manawātū Gorge and sculpts the hillsides above Ashhurst.

In March this year, highway earthworks uncovered moa bones.

In May the Visitor Centre at the Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency Napier Rd project office opened.

It's well worth a look to grasp the mammoth scale of the works and keep tabs on progress, with public access from 10am – 4pm during the week, making it an addition to the summer 'things to do in Ashhurst' list.

Ashhurst has been also identified as an area for city residential growth, with four local sites tagged for development, and proposed changes to the district plan notified.

Council work

During the year, Council worked alongside Waka Kotahi and the Ashhurst community steering group to identify

layout issues with roading and follow up on related ideas.

Roading upgrades included improvements to the main Village entrance at the intersection of Napier Rd and Cambridge Ave, while street pavements, traffic calming work and landscaping continued.

There is a real commitment from Council to maintain, improve and develop Village infrastructure, facilities and assets, with further work on the Village Valley Centre – including a new roof - being carried out over summer.

Even with central government's Three Waters reforms pending, Council is proceeding with the upgrade and integration of Ashhurst into Palmy's existing networks for fresh, waste and storm water.

Anzac Day

With the return of Anzac Day commemorations, it was a real privilege for me to speak at this year's civic service in front of the Village Green cenotaph.

Let's hope this community tradition of 'meeting to remember' is able to continue next year.

Summer Reading

With its theme 'Galaxies of Imagination' the popular Summer Reading programme has kicked off again at the Ashhurst Community Library with 90 participants.

Involvement in this annual reading encouragement and enjoyment programme among Ashhurst children has always been high.

Even though this time it's based online, there are still reading and activities badges to earn and prizes to win.

Ashhurst Community Library is planning a special celebration to mark the finale of the programme towards the end of January.

Meet the Mayor

The first Meet the Mayor for 2022 is set for Tuesday February 22 in the Ashhurst Community Library between 5 – 6pm.

Meri Kirihimete.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Aleisha



ASHHURST COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Open days

Monday	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday - Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm
Sunday	closed

The Library will close on Thursday December 23 at 12 midday and reopen on Wednesday January 5 at 10am – normal hours.

Closed Monday January 24 – Wellington Anniversary

Closed Monday February 7 – Waitangi Weekend.

Access the full range of library digital resources at: citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz

SPLASHHURST COMMUNITY POOL

06 350 0849

Pool will close for painting and maintenance on December 19, reopening Tuesday January 11, 2022

Normal hours

Tuesday - Friday	6am - 9.30am + 1pm - 7pm during school term. All-day during school holidays.
Saturday	8am - 6pm
Sunday - Monday	closed

Contact tracing at the pool and online: clmz.co.nz/splashhurst

ASHHURST RUBBISH + RECYCLING

Rubbish bag collection Tuesday morning. Bags out by 7.30am.

Glass Crate

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28 December
11 January
25 January
8 February

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7 December
21 December
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18 January
1 February

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Village Voice Deadline

Deadline for articles and advertising submissions for the next edition is:

5.00pm Thursday, 20th January 2022.

We cannot guarantee your submission will be included after this date.

Ashhurst Bowling Club

It has been a really busy time with some positive weather allowing things to go ahead, but being a typical Spring, there have also been some challenges.

Club Days and Twilight are both well underway and attracting a good number of seasoned bowlers and also some who are newer to the game. Twilight continues through December so plenty of opportunity to come along and have a go. Everything supplied so turn up about 5.30 on a Wednesday evening for a fun time and you may even be in the winning team for chocolate prizes. There's a BBQ sausage and a social drink in the RSA after the game of an hour.

Interclub continues and again there are some wins and some losses but a great experience for all players.

Similar results from both the Mens Skogs and the Ladies Elizabeth Walker competitions. Ashhurst players are doing well.

Another good win to the Ashhurst Men's team who played Bowls Palmerston North for the Harris Sars and Stansell Shield 21—5. Next challenge is against Johnston Park, sometime to be confirmed, in December.

One of the major highlights at the club is the Women's Gala. This is always a fun day where players get to catch up on news, win some of the 30 plus raffles or maybe something in the auction. Plenty of goodies on the sales table and a tasty afternoon tea. On the green there is fierce competition and this year we played in morning showers and afternoon brilliant sunshine. Winners were Joyce's team from Ashhurst with Carla's team second and Adrienne's third.

Club Championships are underway with the Men's Triples completed and won by Tony's team. The Men's Fours is also completed with again Tony's team being the winners. The Ladies Triples and Fours are underway but wins and losses so far have been the same for each team and so the battle continues.



Triples Winners—Max, Tony, Wayne



Fours Winners—Bob, Dave, Tony, Max

Coming up on December 1st is the Julia Wallace 2x4x2 pairs. A big event will be the Ashhurst AEG BBQ Triples which is on December 28th starting at 1pm. This is always a hugely fun day. Then the next major event is 26th January for the Nissan Any Gender Triples.

So, plenty happening and the weather is starting to settle, and yes, I do say this very hopefully!! Take care of yourselves and help keep us all safe by following the Covid protocols. Keep smiling and I won't mention how close we are to Christmas and another year over. Wow they go by so quickly.

Adrienne Harding – Secretary



*Gala Winners
—Joyce, Margaret, Barbara P.*



*Gala Runner Up Team
—Carla, Tania, MJ.*