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### **Unravelling the Giant Snail Origin at Totara Reserve**

Horizons Regional Council are seeking community insight into Powelliphanta marchanti snails found in Totara Reserve Regional Park and how they came to be there.

Horizons biodiversity advisor Ruby Mountford-McAuley says in 2017 several large snail shells were found in the reserve, and last winter a live snail and shell were also sighted.

“To date we’re not sure how the Powelliphanta marchanti may have found their way into Totara Reserve, so we are putting it out to the community to see if anyone knows of events in the past that may have led to their presence,” she says.

“Over the years we’ve heard a few theories including the possibility of a live snail been washed down from the Ruahine Ranges, where they are usually located. There is also the possibility a remnant population is recovering due to increased animal pest control in the reserve, or that someone has left a live snail there at some stage.

“We thought it was worth seeing if anyone had any information to strengthen

these or other theories. We’re certainly keen to figure out how they may have got here and if other sightings occur.”

Ms Mountford-McAuley says the shells found to date were identified by national snail expert Dr Kath Walker.

“Powelliphanta marchanti are one of our most threatened invertebrates and are prone to predation by rats, hedgehogs, pigs and possums. They are a medium sized snail with a maximum diameter of 54mm, and have a yellow-brown shell.

“Winter is the best time for Powelliphanta marchanti spotting, as the wetter weather causes the snails to become more active, so if anyone sees any, please note the location, take a photo and let us know. However, please do not remove them. Powelliphanta marchanti and their shells are legally protected under the Wildlife Act.”

To get in touch with Ms Mountford-McAuley please call Horizons on freephone 0508 800 800.

**Christina Haynes,**  
–Community Engagement Advisor



Photo: Powelliphanta marchanti (credit Anthony Behrens)

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5.00pm Wednesday, 20th  
July 2022

## Letter From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the July Issue of the Village Voice.

Our cover story is regarding the Powelliphanta snail. This genus is endemic to New Zealand and is one of the largest in the world. They are carnivorous and can live up to 20 years. If you do a search on Youtube you can find videos of them eating worms. They also eat slugs.

According to the Department of Conservation there are sixteen species and 57 subspecies of Powelliphanta, 40 of which are ranked as being of National Conservation Concern. Threats to Powelliphanta are habitat loss and predation by introduced species such as hedgehogs, possums, rats and pigs.

Powelliphanta snails lay 5—10 eggs per year. Given the numbers, they are facing an uphill battle.

This is where we can help. Start trapping. By trapping we can give our native animals a chance to not only survive, but also increase in numbers. It is also not difficult.

We have an amazing organisation here in Ashhurst called RECAP and they have a trap library. You can borrow a trap, set it up in your back yard and help catch introduced species that are destroying our native wildlife. This is one of the most effective ways of assisting our community's conservation efforts.

As we go to print The Garden Bird Survey is underway (25th June—3rd July). Everyone is encouraged to take one hour to look and listen for birds and record the highest number of each bird you are able to identify. This helps identify whether predator control is working. While it will be too late to take part by the time you receive this issue, you may like to take a record and then see how that changes after you start trapping.

Until next issue

**Llyvonne Barber—Editor**

## Ashhurst Food Bank—Volunteers Wanted

Your local Food Bank is doing its job so well that we are in need of more volunteers to share the workload! If you enjoy helping people and being part of a friendly, relaxed environment, this could be for you.

The commitment is at most 1 1/2 hours on Thursday afternoons, 1.45pm—3.15pm (1 hour while the Food Bank is open and otherwise stocking shelves). This could be weekly or fortnightly, according to staff

availability and your preference. Other optional tasks are delivering food parcels, assisting with the Community Meals, and helping with the annual Lions Food Drive at the end of November.

For more information or to discuss this further, please contact Marianne on 027 627 2054.

**Marianne Crawford**

## R.S.A. News

I am not sure where the time goes but it is nearly the 20th of June as I write this and that is the Village Voice deadline.

Firstly, our Kitchen still needs someone to occupy it and provide meals and takeaways for our members and guests, plus other functions that we cater for on an as required basis. In fact, you will if you want, have sole rights to all catering 24/7. Come and have a look at the kitchen, discuss your needs and suggestions. I am sure you will like what we offer.

After much paperwork, our two new gaming machines will be in and operating before these notes are published. These are not additional machines but replacements for two broken machines. We take problem gambling very seriously and our staff monitor users, especially those who are not members of our club but visitors on reciprocal visiting rights.

Our last accounts are with the auditors and the long-awaited A.G.M. will be held in August. The following March will see the A.G.M. and audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022. We are not allowed to differ from March. It has been a

mammoth task to have the books brought up-to-date but now we are there.

We have been offered a new contract by Heineken for the next five years which encompasses all DB products, which will benefit the club.

Bingo is run each Tuesday by Karena and is becoming more popular each week, which means bigger prizes. The starting time is 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

COVID-19 is still around and our latest casualty is a member of the bar staff. Please remember to mask up when approaching the bar.

By the time you get the July edition the shortest day will be behind us and although it is winter, we can look forward to longer daylight hours, spring and summer, as well as several rugby tests all of which will be on the television sets at the R.S.A.

A reminder that the Community Christmas Dinner Meeting is to be held 1st August.

Venue: R.S.A.,

Time: 7.00pm.

**Don Barrett—Vice President**

## Ashhurst and Districts Senior Citizens Association

It is said that the ultimate optimist is a man who goes into a seafood restaurant and eats a dozen oysters in the hope of finding a pearl to pay the bill. With such optimism we did enjoy a fine winter's day, good fellowship, and a fabulous afternoon tea, all as part of our A.G.M. By the end of the day we were able to justify the hope we had in making the day a worthwhile

one. Ric Foxley was able to give us an impromptu resume of what was happening in Ethiopia due to the civil war affecting the village that Bricks for Life has been able to help.

The 7th of July is our 48th birthday celebration. Join us and be part of our great afternoon of fun and fellowship. Julie Chapman, CEO and Founder of

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## Ashhurst and Districts Senior Citizens Association *continued*

KidsCan Charitable Trust, will be with us to tell us all about that wonderful charity that assists young people to attain a great future and assists them into having faith in

themselves. When? 2.00pm on the 7th July at the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street. See you there!

**Terry Carr—Secretary.**

## Kids 'n Motion Twentieth Birthday

Kia ora everyone. Kids just love birthdays! Here is an opportunity to celebrate our twentieth birthday with us. Join us on Friday, 19th July at 9.45am at the Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst. A chance to dress up, have birthday cake and of course...lots of music!

Do come along—past and present families/ whanau including grandparents, all are welcome.

Kids 'n Motion is run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers from the community overseen by the Ashhurst Community Trust. Over the years we have had the pleasure of seeing over 800 children and families/whanau pass

through our doors!

It's all about having fun through music, rhyme and rhythm as well as a great place to come and meet others and support each other. The session is followed by morning tea and play time.

Kids 'n Motion is held during school term time at 9.45am Fridays at the Village Valley Centre. There is no charge for attendance but a gold coin donation is appreciated to cover costs.

We are on Facebook—'Kids 'n Motion—Ashhurst' Our team would love to see you! Nga mihi,

**Cherie O'Leary**

## RECAP Update

Kia ora, from the team at RECAP.

Firstly a big haere mai to our new board for 2022-2023! We're delighted to announce that we have had three new board members join us, so welcome to Stephanie Madgwick, Ellen Wansbrough and Jenna Fisher who will be working alongside Harvey Jones (chairperson) Suzanne Chelius (deputy chair) Anne Van Brunt (secretary) and Aaron Roberts. Very exciting to have some new representatives from our community, and we look forward to another productive year.

We have another public clean up as part of the Ashhurst Library's July School Holiday Programme on Thursday, July 21st from 10.00am—12.00midday. We will be joined by Nelson Harper of Environment Network Manawatu 'Source to Sea' and 'Palmy Plastic Pollution Challenge' projects to help keep Ashhurst beautiful and lunch is on us! Registrations are helpful, so if you and your tamariki would like to join us head to our website: [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz).

We have now booked in the remaining

Crop Swaps for 2022. Bi-monthly, on the last Saturday of each second month (July 30th, September 24th and November 26th) 11.00am—1.00pm at the Ashhurst Community Library. Bring any excess produce, seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies to share. You do not need to give in order to take and vice versa, and everything is free. Phil Stevens will be along for each one to korero about a number of topics such as energy conservation, warm/dry tips, passive solar, solar electric, how to cut your household emissions with simple and achievable tweaks, gardening topics, water harvesting, fruit trees and other perennial edibles, designing sections for resilience, soil health and more.

On Wednesday, August 10th, 6.30pm—8.30pm we have the seminar 'Designing and retrofitting homes for energy efficiency and water conservation' at the Village Valley Centre. Participants will learn how they can have a lighter footprint and reduce spending on household energy and water with permaculture principles and design techniques such as: passive solar and appropriate technologies, low-impact

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Thursday:	2.00pm—7.30pm
Friday:	2.00pm—11.59
Saturday:	2.00pm—9.00pm



## Manawatu Rangitikei Methodist Parish Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe and Pohangina Congregation

### Ashhurst Devonport Worship and Community Centre

10.00am 1st and 2nd Sundays

### 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](mailto:ashhurstbowlingclub@gmail.com)



## RECAP Update *continued*

and earth-friendly building materials and capturing and storing energy and water when they are abundant for use when they're needed. There will also be a practical component, where participants will be able to make simple items to take home to assist with keeping your home warm and dry. Registrations for this are open now at [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz).

Our Seed Library within the Ashhurst Community Library, Sharing Shelf in

## Community Comment

The review of speed limits on Napier Road has been completed with new speed limits taking effect on 23rd June 2022. Please do take note of the altered speed signs and don't rely on the habits of decades of driving the same route. The 80kph limit now extends from the city to

the library grounds and Rescued Food Distribution (Wednesdays 3.15pm—4.15pm) from the library back room are all ticking along. All three services are free for anyone in our community to access. We also still have a wide range of specialty pest traps available. To access the traps, please contact Ian at [irassy64@gmail.com](mailto:irassy64@gmail.com).

Take care of yourselves and others

Noho ora mai

**Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator**

Whakarongo. The area outside the school at Whakarongo is to have a variable speed limit down to 60kph. From Hacketts Road to the Manawatu Bridge is to drop to 60kph and then 80kph across the bridge. The speed limit outside the BUPA rest home on Napier Road is still under review with a proposal to extend the 50kph speed limit past Roberts Line.

A bit of excitement at the Ashhurst Domain the other day as a tornado or wind funnel touched down and created havoc. A mangled trampoline in the ditch outside the Domain was a signal of the damage incurred. The viewing area overlooking the football field at the rear of the changing rooms lost its roof with debris scattered around. A quick cleanup of roofing iron was required, along with some other



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**Community Comment** *continued*  
 damage in the Domain, but the damage was limited to this small area of the town in an unpopulated area.

City Council arborists have been busy in our reserves. An overgrown plum tree at the Library was trimmed down to size and a cherry picker was needed for the bigger job of pruning the phoenix palm at the Plunket Park. The playground equipment



at the Plunket Park is also undergoing repairs and maintenance. This includes replacement of timber and slide on the fort, a bigger new slide to challenge youngsters and a spinner to make them giddy with excitement. Parents will also be happy to hear that the playground will also be fully fenced.

The City Council is looking to extend its residential zones to match the city's demand for more housing. Under consideration is the land west of the city to Longburn, an extension of housing along Napier Road and in and around Whakarongo, along with a big increase of space to the east of the Aokautere village. Ashhurst is still in the mix with a rumoured increase of up to 400 sections in the four new residential zones proposed for the village. More information on the Council's web pages can be found under a search of 'rezoning' or Ashhurst's 'plan change F'.

**Harvey Jones**

**Ruahine Kiwi and RECAP TrAP Library Update**

**Ruahine Kiwi update**

Great progress is being made on the project with over 1,000 traps deployed. A great run of weather has helped the two teams of three spend a large amount of time out in the field. The number of hedgehogs caught at the start was mind boggling. With Winter upon us, their numbers have dropped off, and the rat numbers are catching up. Mustelids (ferret, stoat and weasel) are the project's main target species, and the monitoring needs to show that the mustelids are at

low levels before we can reintroduce kiwi. Thanks for the support from the local farmers.

The project's aim is to reintroduce kiwi to the Southern Ruahine in 2026.

**RECAP TrAP Library Update**

Seventy residents have over 300 traps on loan. Materials have arrived for a further 60 traps and the library will have over 450 traps once they are ready.

The project also has three traplines that are regularly serviced—Deerford Loop,

Ruahine Kiwi Trapping			RECAP TrAP		
Traps	1259		139		
Monitoring Stations	39		2		
	30 Days	365 Days	30 Days	365 Days	Total#
Hedgehog	8	353	1	101	142
Rat	78	322	9	153	207
Mustelid	10	41	3	42	69
Possum	4	8	5	73	85
Other	10	113*	13	254	306
Total	110	837	31	623	809

\*—Other—84 of the 113 is from resetting trap counters with species unknown. The remainder are mice and feral cats.

#—Total based on data recorded using TrapNZ app since trapping began.

**Anglican Parish of Pohangina**

**St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst**  
 8.00am: 1st Sunday of the month  
 10.00am: Every Sunday  
**St Bartholomew's Church, Komako**  
 10.00am: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Officiating Priests — Rev Michael Russell, Rev Pam Barnett  
 Contact the Parish office for further information on phone 326 8543 or email: [info@parishofpohangina.net](mailto:info@parishofpohangina.net)  
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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  
 Friday: 2.00pm—5.00pm

**Little Kiwis Playgroup**

Little Kiwis Playgroup is currently on hold.

**Ashhurst Music Club**

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## Ashhurst Budgeting Service

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## Ashhurst Genealogy

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## Ashhurst Yoga Classes

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## Ruahine Kiwi and RECAP TrAP Library Update *continued*

Pohangina DOC Base Reserve and Branch Road Walkway. Thanks to the many volunteers in assisting with checking and rebaiting the traps.

### Catch Data

For catch data, we are using TrapNZ. The "Trapping Regional Ashhurst Pohangina" project area has been set up and is available to join on request. There are currently 20 members. This is an easy app

to use on your phone/ computer to record your catches.

If you have a trap, please remember to replace the bait regularly. If you would like a trap or have any issues with a trap's function, please contact me on 027 224 8014

**Ian Rasmussen—Coordinator  
RECAP Trap Library**

## Council Nominations Open in July

Candidates who wish to lead Palmy over the next three years can now officially put their hands up. Nominations to stand as a Councillor or Mayor for Palmerston North City Council open on Friday, 15th July and close at 12.00pm on Friday, 12th August.

Candidates will be able to choose whether to stand for Mayor, or as a Councillor in either Te Puaio ward (Maori ward) or Te Hirawanui ward (general ward).

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be a New Zealand citizen, on the electoral roll (18 years or older) and nominated by two people who are also on Palmerston North's electoral roll.

Anyone wanting to find out what it's like to be a Councillor or the Mayor and to learn more about the City Council's role, can come along to one of the candidate information sessions:

- Wednesday, 6th July at 6.00pm  
Te Whare Wairua Mererikiriki, Te Hotumanawa Marae, Maxwells Line.
- Friday, 8th July at 6.00pm  
Mezzanine lounge at the Central Library.

The Electoral Officer will be at these sessions and will cover everything one needs to know about standing, the election process, and the dos and don'ts of campaigning. These are also set out in the Candidate Information Handbook on the Council's website.

Those who are considering standing can familiarise themselves with major projects which are underway and the current challenges Palmy is facing. Check out key Council documents such as the 10-Year Plan, Annual Plan and also the Pre-election report, which will be released in the next few weeks. This will all help potential candidates decide whether they can represent community voices and will also help them make good decisions on the community's behalf if they're elected.

During this period, nomination forms will be available from:

- Customer Service Centre, Palmerston North City Council
- The Council Website—[pncc.govt.nz](http://pncc.govt.nz)
- The Electoral Office—0800 922 822.

## Lacewings—The Gardener's Friend

Lacewings are small, winged insects that are good friends of the gardener because they prey on a range of plant pests, including aphids, white fly and psyllids. Most of the lacewings found in New Zealand belong to the family known as Brown Lacewings which have semi-transparent wings. They account for more than 60% of the New Zealand-wide lacewing observations on

the iNaturalist website. More than 80% of my own lacewing observations in and around Ashhurst have been Brown Lacewings.

Because they are rather small, often less than 10 mm long, they are not easily seen on plants. Most of the ones I have observed have actually been in our house porch, perhaps attracted by lights at night.



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## Lacewings *continued*

There are several species, most of which have arrived here from Australia and further afield. Two examples of introduced Brown Lacewings, *Micromus tasmaniae* and *Psectra nakaharai*, both of which are common locally, are shown in the photos.

We do have one native species of Brown Lacewing called *Micromus bifasciatus* but it is not at all common. I have found it only twice, both times on native trees, and there are only six observations of the species nationally on iNaturalist. In appearance, it looks similar to *Micromus tasmaniae*.

The next most common family of lacewings in New Zealand are the Green Lacewings which also have semi-transparent wings. However, they do not



### Grey Smith



Photos: Left—*Heteroconis ornata* (credit MP Navest); Top Right—*Micromus tasmaniae*;  
Bottom Right *Psectra nakaharai* (credit G Smith)

appear to be common locally (I have never found one). I have found several Dusty-winged Lacewings, however, of which there are two species in New Zealand, both introduced. One of these is *Heteroconis ornata* (see photo). Dusty-winged Lacewings are white or white with dark grey markings on their wings.

### 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.  
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### River Church

Meet at 131 Cambridge Avenue each Sunday at 10.00am. All welcome.  
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### 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.

Welcome to new and existing members. Come along and find out how challenging this game can be!

## Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Though the wet winter months will provide some challenges for the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway Alliance team, there is still plenty of work to do across the alignment during this

time.

One of the most affected teams is the project's earthworks crews, who get the majority of their work done in the drier summer months. However, they

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## Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association Inc

Meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street, at 2.00pm. We invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and entertainment.

Contact: Terry Carr, 326 8074



## Ashhurst Clay Target Club

(claybird shooting)  
Meets the last Sunday of every month from 9.30 am at 651 Valley Road  
Anyone welcome to join us  
Queries: Ken Simonsen, Phone: 329-4800



## Ashhurst Red Cross

Secondhand Shop, Cambridge Avenue.  
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.Monday—Thursday 12.30am—2.30pm  
Friday 10.00am—1.00pm  
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### Mr JC Culling

Pohangina Road—3294825

## Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update *continued*

will continue to move earth whenever weather permits following the approval of the project's winter works consents by Horizons Regional Council.

Winter works consents are common practice on infrastructural projects featuring significant earthworks, such as Te Ahu a Turanga, which has a total of six million cubic metres of earth to be moved over its duration. The consent allows for certain earthworks activity to take place over winter, with appropriate measures in place to prevent erosion and maintain sediment controls during times of increased rainfall.

Our environmental teams are a crucial component of this work, as they manage the monitoring and maintaining of the many sediment control devices along the alignment, and help to stabilise areas where work won't be happening over winter to reduce the risk of erosion and sediment run off.

Throughout winter last year, our earthworks team were able to move about 400,000 cubic metres of earth. They'll be aiming to get as many cubic metres moved as possible this winter but they'll also focus on maintenance work on equipment in preparation for the construction ahead.

Te Ahu a Turanga has two onsite

workshops along the alignment where a team of mechanics conduct maintenance on more than 180 pieces of machinery operating across the site. Rain days present our mechanics with the chance to do maintenance and repair work while the machinery isn't required onsite.

Work on the project's six structures will largely continue across the winter. Two of the minor structures, Bridges One and Ten, are structurally complete and piling works on the Parahaki Bridge and the Eco Vaiduct are well advanced. Work is underway on the Bridge Five underpass and planning is ongoing for Bridge Seven.

As mentioned in the previous edition, our landscaping teams are in full swing as winter is the time when they do the bulk of their work. We're looking to plant more than 530,000 plants this season to complement the 250,000 planted last year. Multiple helicopter flights will take place over the next few months, as the teams transport the plants across the multiple planting properties.

For more information, please head to <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/>

## Grant Kauri

## Ashhurst School

What a fantastic day we had recently at the school cross country. It was great to get out as a community and be in the sun enjoying our cross country and everyone celebrating a great day. A tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes organising the day and I am very thankful to our staff and Mr Harris for their very hard work including the 7.15am setting up protocols to ensure that we had a very smoothly run event. Congratulations to all of our competitors that had the courage to stand on the starting line.


The inter-school cross country was held recently and we all had a great day. All of our children ran very well and can be proud of their efforts. We had some

notable individual and team successes in what were very large fields (100 runners per event). Our Year 7 girls team was placed 3rd overall (they count the top 4 runners places combined). Other results were—Year 6 girls were 5th and the Year 6 boys were 4th. In the intermediate section the Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls and Year 8 boys all finished 5th in their events.

The inter-school cross country also doubles as one of our Year 7—8 Elite Sport events. This year our team won this event. A fantastic achievement. A big thank you to Emma Hopkins and Property Brokers for sponsoring the Elite Sport Competition again. It is fantastic that we are getting these events up and running again.

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## Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we hope you are all well. July marks a return to many programmes and events for us and we can't wait to start up again. Also, a big thank you to everyone for making Jill and Kelly feel welcome in their new roles.

### Jumping Jellybeans Returns

Thursday, 28th July 10.30am

Jumping Jellybeans, our preschool programme of stories, songs and crafts is back, and we are thrilled. As this is the first session for some months, there may be a few special treats on offer as well.

### Ashhurst Library July Holiday Programme

#### Reading to Dogs

Monday, 11th July 11.00am—12.00 midday

Our friendly local canines have volunteered to listen to stories read by children. They are great listeners.

#### Card Making Chaos

Tuesday, 12th July 10.30am—12.00 midday

Come along to make some fun, colourful, awesome cards and decorate in your own style.

#### Virtual Reality, Robotics and Lego Day

Wednesday, 13th July

It's Devices Day in our library. Check our Facebook page closer to the date for more details.

#### Bird Feeders Craft

Thursday, 14th July 10.30am—12.00 midday

Give the birds in your backyard a treat by making your own birdfeeder.

#### Dingleberry the Clown

Friday, 15th July 10.30am—Ashhurst School Hall

Come along for a re-enactment of Bad

positive responses from other schools that are running the app and know that parents will really appreciate the convenience. There are almost 500 schools who are using Kindo countrywide.

### Heath Chittenden—Principal

Jelly the Witch with Dingleberry the Clown. Get ready kids—you are going to be asked to help with the acting.

#### Story Building Fun

Friday, 15th July 2.00pm—3.00pm

Come along for a session of storytelling and building your own stories with Alan Dingley, a New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults judge for two years in a row.

#### Bath Bombs

Tuesday, 19th July 2.00pm—3.00pm

It's time to make a tremendous tangerine tempter bath bomb. Come along for the messy fun.

#### Pop Up Play Session with Sport Manawatu

Wednesday, 20th July, 2.00pm—3.30pm  
Ashhurst Village Valley Centre

Join us in the Ashhurst Village Valley Centre with the crew from Sport Manawatu. Fun and games for the whole whanau to enjoy.

#### Family Quiz Night

Wednesday, 20th July 6.00pm  
—Bookings Required

One of our favourite nights. Register your family to join in the fun, and as ever, be prepared for the blindfold taste test.

#### Ashhurst Clean-Up Community Session

Thursday, 21st July—11.00am

It's time for us all to gather in an Ashhurst location to do a big community clean up. We will let you know the location closer to the date so, please check our Facebook page.

#### Model Competition Prizegiving

—Friday, 22nd 10.30am

It's model making time and the theme is sea creatures. Grab an entry form for all the details from our library.

## 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, ashpoh-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:

Jack Zwart (President) 326 8958

standishzwart@gmail.com

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 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

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



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## Ashhurst Library *continued*

### Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

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

### Rescued Food Distribution—Winter Hours

Just a reminder about our Winter hours for our food distribution afternoon—every

Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm—4.15pm. The work that goes into this from Chris of RECAP and all the volunteers is huge, we are so appreciative of their efforts.

### 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".

### Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

## Ashhurst Indoor Bowls Club Report

The Indoor Bowls Club has had a very busy past six weeks. A big thank you to Gloria Hall who has listed all of the happenings.

Club Championships held have been Triples, with the winners being Tim Veale, Jennie Veale and Margie Rogers. Runner-up Bruce Meyer, Gloria Hall and Max Grant.

The Fours Championship was taken out by Tim Veale, Gloria Hall, Joyce Williams and Jill Wood.

Singles qualifying has been held with finals coming up shortly.

The Manawatu Centre Champion of Champion Triples held over from 2021, was competed for with the Ashhurst team of Bruce Meyer, Sue Cowley and Ewen Morrison finishing runner-up to the Takaro champions.

Several Centre events have been held.

Mixed Fours—winners Tim Veale, Bruce Meyer, Sarah Meyer and Anne Marie Redmond. Third equal Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Margaret Fisk and Jennie Veale.

Open Triples—Runner-up Bruce and Sarah Meyer and Danny Moore.

NZIB Masters Fours—Runner-up Wayne Cockburn, Alan and Sue Cowley and Diane Davies.

Ladyman Pairs third equal Tim and Jennie Veale.

Henselite Singles was won by Tim Veale.

Several club members have been

selected in Rep teams.

Alan and Sue Cowley and Joyce Williams played B Reps against Horowhenua resulting in a good win.

Tim Veale, Phil Clinch, Alan Cowley and Jennie Veale played A Reps against Taranaki and also had a large win.

The New Zealand National Championships held at Porirua, have just been completed with some very good results.

Phil Clinch and Tim Veale each qualified in the Open Singles with Tim losing out in the quarter finals. Gloria Hall made it through to the last 32 in the Masters Singles.

Qualifiers in the Pairs were Tim and Phil in the Open and Greg and Jennie Veale in the Masters.

Gloria, Marion Mckenzie and Joyce Williams qualified in the Triples and a real highlight being Greg and Jennie, along with Wayne Richards and Margaret Fisk placing third equal in the Masters Fours. A fantastic achievement.

The Manawatu team competing in the District Challenge placed third. This team included Tim and Gloria from the Ashhurst Club.

Phil Clinch was chosen in the Academy team for the North Island to play the South Island.

Huge congratulations to Tim for being selected in the North Island team to play the South Island in August. Go Tim!!

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Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford

## Kia ora tātou

### This is most likely my last Village Voice column.

You may have heard that after nine rewarding years serving our community, I have decided not to seek re-election in the upcoming election. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in Ashhurst for their support, encouragement and feedback.

Over the past three terms, I've had many highlights.

I have truly enjoyed representing our community, particularly as Deputy Mayor. But I am really looking forward to spending more quality time with my family and investing in the charitable organisations that are near and dear to my heart.

With Ashhurst undergoing a growth spurt, the Te Ahu a Tūranga Manawatū Tararua Highway development, and the release of the Te Āpiti Masterplan with its exciting prospects for local tourism, there is plenty to look forward to.

I hope that someone else from our community will stand for Council when the nominations open on July 15 so that Ashhurst will continue to have a strong presence in city decision-making.

Nominations are open until August 12 with details on the [pncc.govt.nz](http://pncc.govt.nz) website.

Postal voting begins on September 16, with polling day on October 8.

Council is a great way to serve your community and I offer my successors every encouragement.

### Te Ahu a Tūranga

Being hosted last month by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency over the huge highway site was a real eye-opener.

The expanse of the project, the work that has been done and the work still to do is mind-boggling, but when it is finished the highway will be much more than a transport corridor.

Native plantings, landscaping, cycle and walking trails, not to mention the windfarm and views, will make this road a major attraction in itself.

The completed project will also be transformative for Ashhurst, while there's been plenty of interest in the highway simulator relocated from the Waka Kotahi visitor centre to the Community Library.

Even though the visitor centre has reopened, the simulator will probably stay at the library over the school holidays.

### Community Library

The holidays also see the return of kids' programmes to the library for the first time in quite a while.

Among the activities is an intriguing event called Reading to Dogs.

On Monday July 18, youngsters will be given the opportunity to read aloud to an audience of friendly 'non-judgemental' dogs in a bid to boost their confidence as readers.

It sounds adorable.

### Ashhurst Domain

Last month's weather (literally) raised the roof of the Cambridge Ave windfarm viewing shelter.

Council's Domain caretaker Jack was quickly on-site to assess and clean up the wreckage.

While the park's damaged grass surfaces can be repaired relatively quickly, restoration of the shelter will take a little longer as we and our partners work through the insurance claim process.

Council will also take this as an opportunity to spruce up some signs around the Domain.

Work has been underway on making a clearer delineation between the cemetery and the camping ground, with fencing erected and rubbish bins relocated, along with other ground repairs.

Since reopening, the campground has enjoyed good patronage, though campers should be aware there are limits to the length of any stay.

### Meet the Mayor

Due to the Local Government New Zealand Conference, July's Meet the Mayor session has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 2 between 5 – 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library.

The Council website and Facebook page will post any changes.

Council's 24/7 contacts are 06 356 8199, the Council Facebook page, and the Snap Send Solve app to report things that need attention or fixing.

E noho rā

**Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford JP**



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**Ashhurst Clay Target Club**

Who would think of such a beautiful, sunny day (no wind) at the end of May? That's what seven squads of shooters (35 people) had the benefit of on Sunday, 29th May!

Our shooters included someone from Taupo who reckons he will be back next month and, of course, the Pongaroa Club guys again.



Photos—Left: Paul Jones Memorial Trophy winners—Craig Hocken and Ken Simonsen; Right: Club Shoot winners—Craig Hocken and Ira Martinac

Results were:

**Paul Jones Memorial Trophy (gun down)**

**Top Gun:** Ken Simonsen  
**Top Handicap:** Craig Hocken

**Club Shoot DTL**

**Top Gun:** Ira Martinac—after shoot off with Joby Stella and Alan Ives  
**Top Handicap:** Craig Hocken—after shoot off with Alex Hall

**Karen Pawson—Secretary**

**Ashhurst Rainfall**

161.5mm of rain fell in May, above the monthly average of 107.2mm.

Rain was recorded on 15 days with the highest one day rainfall of 52mm on the

15th May, 2022.

Total rain fall so far this year is 493.1mm. This is above the average for this period of 401.6mm.

**Quang Mai**

