



# Ashhurst Village Voice <sup>1</sup>

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### ANZAC Day 2022



*We will remember them*

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20th May 2022

### Letter from the Editor

The Ashhurst Village Voice Society Inc. held its AGM last month at which its committee of Harvey Jones, Grey Smith, Mike Shepherd and Neill Smith were re-elected. Llyvonne Barber remains as the regular editor.

The difficult economic conditions at present are limiting the advertising support which funds this newsletter. While losses over the past years can be covered by financial reserves for now, the committee will be considering options to diversify income in order to continue publishing this newsletter for the local community.

If you are aware of any business who may wish to support the *Village Voice* and reach our circulation of 1870 copies, then please get in touch with Grey via the contacts on the back page.

**Harvey Jones—Acting Editor**

## Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

When we are well past our childhood we often look back and remember those who had wonderful input into our lives, especially if they influenced us to help fashion our futures. Last month Jill White gave us a glimpse of how four folk influenced her life over her early years. Seeing that Jill became Mayor of the city, there must have been great advantages in having such mentors. Jill went on to explain some of the hardships endured in crossing the Manawatu back in the days of the horse and cart and the early

motor car. We did enjoy the insight into the past of the city and the environs. This is what makes coming to our meetings so endearing.

So come along and enjoy what the Bowling Club is going to present us with. They have wonderfully agreed to host a monthly meeting once a year and we do appreciate their input. See you on the 5th May at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street.

**Terry Carr—Secretary**

### Community Comment

Our rates contributions to the City Council are returning in obvious ways to Ashhurst at present. Reroofing of the Village Valley Centre is well on its way to completion. This is part of the regular maintenance required of community centres and follows the interior painting and kitchen overhaul in recent years.

Additional footpath construction in North St completes the circuit around this block east of Cambridge Ave. What was mostly grassed paddocks only a few years ago is now a fully developed residential neighbourhood. Council gardeners have also been tidying up in and around the Village Green and our CBD as befitting the attention in the area during ANZAC Day services.

Repairs to Cambridge Ave between the railway overbridge and the roundabout will create some traffic congestion in the first weeks of May. The heavy traffic associated with the SH3 diversion has taken its toll on this street. Most of Ashhurst streets are based on graded metal roads drawn from our gravel pit beside the Red Cross shop. It is no surprise that the road is collapsing from the combined effects of higher traffic volumes and significantly increased vehicle weights. The cost of these repairs is funded by Waka Kotahi's state highway coffers rather than our rates.

A selection of residents has received an update on timelines for proposed changes

to the District Plan regarding future residential growth areas for Ashhurst. There is pressure to expand residential zones and intensify housing across the city to meet demand. The proposed areas in Ashhurst to rezone to residential status are at Mulgrave St (opposite Durham St), North St (West), the Pit area, and Winchester St (between existing houses and the stream).

The pre-consultation phase (2019-2021) informed immediate neighbours of a meeting where the proposed zone changes were identified. Feedback has been mixed, and while there was support for more housing, there was concern about its effects on Ashhurst. While the 'village character' of Ashhurst has been recognised in some Council documentation, it is not protected in its District Plan. Other concerns identified existing pressure on local schools, along with the increased load on infrastructure associated with more sections and increased population growth. The risk of another flood event as experienced in 2004 was discounted with the claim that these problems had been addressed by flood protection work completed under the Ashhurst West drainage scheme.

Due to staff shortages and recruitment delays, the formal rezoning process is not expected to be lodged until mid to late 2022, with hearings in 2023.

**Harvey Jones**

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The information below highlights how to easily access RATs kits either over the telephone, or online and encourages our older people to ask for help from friends or whānau if they are struggling to pre-order their RATs kits.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or you live with someone who has COVID-19, you can pre-order a free Rapid Antigen Testing (RATs) kit to test yourself for COVID-19 easily at home.

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- Over the phone, call 0800 222-478 and choose option 3
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To make a request through the website, you will need to have access to a mobile phone to validate the order. Requesting

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Alternatively, you can ask a family member or friend to pre-order Rapid Antigen Tests on your behalf online using the RAT Requester website.

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To find a Rapid Antigen Test collection site near you, please call 0800 222 478 and choose option 3, or visit [www.healthpoint.co.nz](http://www.healthpoint.co.nz)

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## Ashhurst Memorial RSA

April has been a busy month for the club. We have received the 2020 audited statement and it shows a marked improvement over the previous years. The 2021 auditors report which we had hoped to receive has been delayed and will now not be received until some time in June [fingers crossed].

We have commissioned a full building report that will tell us the state of the premises. This report will give the next committee a plan to work to and enable them to budget accordingly. This report will be available in about ten days' time. [April 30].

On the good news, we have supplied funding from the gaming machines for RECAP to purchase an upright freezer to install in the library. This will mean that when they are offered frozen food for re-distribution, they will not have to seek private freezer space. We have also sealed our remaining handicapped

car park; thanks go to the Women's RSA section and the RSA Welfare for paying for this. Please remember these parks are for vehicles displaying a handicap sticker. If you are loading or unloading you may park there for the amount of time you need to complete your task. If you have a temporary handicap, you may be given permission to park there.

There are still some people with subscriptions outstanding. Please pay these as soon as possible as we do not like declining service to longstanding members because of a memory lapse.

Remember this is your club. Please let us know if we can improve things to make it more user friendly.

The kitchen has still not been contracted out. There is a great opportunity for somebody to start and operate a catering business. If interested, please contact the R.S.A. and we can discuss it with you.

**Don Barrett - Vice-President**

## Ashhurst Darts

Looking to have a fun night out after a busy week?

Come on down to the Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. and play some Darts (301). Meet great people, have a laugh, and a fantastic night. You don't have to know how to play; we can help with that. We can also lend you Darts for the evening.

Where: Ashhurst R.S.A.

When: Friday, 7.30pm

COST: \$2

For more information contact

[ashhurstsadarts.ahcdn.net.nz](mailto:ashhurstsadarts.ahcdn.net.nz)

**Jonelle Cocks—Darts Committee**



## JustOne Please

Kia Ora, beautiful people in my community. Thank you for the donations for the Women's Refuge Safe House for April. The Women's Refuge really appreciates the generous donations.

The item for May is Sugar.

You can drop these off at the Ashhurst Library. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128.



## RECAP AGM 2022

Forward notice of the upcoming RECAP AGM to be held 7:30pm, Wednesday 8th June 2022. Venue yet to be confirmed.

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## Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc

74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

Ph: 326 8296

### Hours (From 6th October)

Sun/Mon: 3.00pm—6.00pm  
 Tuesday: 2.00pm—6.00pm  
 Wed/Thurs: 2.00pm—9.00pm  
 Friday: 2.00pm—11.59pm  
 Saturday: 1.00pm—9.00pm



## Ashhurst Yoga Classes

Gentle beginner to intermediate yoga classes are on every Wednesday, during school term time, 9.15am at the Village Valley Centre.

Cost \$7.50 and bring your yoga mat.

Working to your own level, the classes are 45 minutes long and we work on building and maintaining core strength and flexibility—you don't need to have either to start yoga!

Phone Vanessa, 06 359 5386, 027 243 0187, Email: [vlbphotography@inspire.net.nz](mailto:vlbphotography@inspire.net.nz)



## 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)



## Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

Members were welcomed back to a new bowling season on 24th March. A great opening night turnout with nearly all members present.

Tim Veale was endorsed as Club President, a very popular appointment.

We managed two club nights at the Village Valley Centre before shifting to the school hall, as the Village Valley Centre is undergoing roof repairs for the next two months. A big thank you to Ashhurst School for allowing us to use their hall. A real homecoming, as the Indoor Bowls Club played in this hall for many years before moving to the Village Valley Centre.

Several players travelled to Hawkes Bay for the Easter tournament with some very

good results. Bruce Meyer skipped the winning Triples team and Tim Veale and Phil Clinch placed third-equal in the Pairs event.

The Manawatu Centre Ladies representative team had a good win against the Hawkes Bay Ladies. Congratulations to Gloria Hall, Marion McKenzie and Jennie Veale, chosen as members of the Manawatu team. Well done to you all.

We are starting our Club Championships with the Triples being held on 21st April, with finals to follow and the Fours being played in May.

Most of our members are entered in the Centre League events which start on 27th April and run through to September.

Good luck to all.

**Margaret Grant—Publicity**

## Consultation Processes

### Freshwater

Horizons Regional Council seeks input into shaping the region's freshwater future

What would you like for our freshwater in 50 years time? Horizons Regional Council is asking people for their vision for the future of freshwater in the region.

We have presented data and information on a new website called Oranga Wai – Our Freshwater Future, where information about the region's waterways and feedback options are available.

To see the new site, head to <https://freshwater.horizons.govt.nz/>.

### Speed safety on SH3 - Napier Rd

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is seeking feedback from people on proposed new safer speed limits designed to save lives and prevent serious injuries.

A reduced speed limit down to 60 kph is proposed for the stretch of SH3 beside Whakarongo School and inside the Ashhurst boundaries. No suggested changes for Stoney Creek Rd to Hacketts Rd, but the remainder is likely to be reduced to 80 kph.

Search for "SH3 Napier Road speed consultation" on the [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) web pages.

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## RECAP Update

Kia ora. A quick update on all things RECAP.

### Berm Gardening/Beginner's Workshop May 2022

We ran this workshop in the spring of 2021 and we're back for a hands-on opportunity where you will learn how to create raised beds and prepare existing beds for the winter growing season. We've had a high volume of requests for beginner gardening workshops, so this is for those just starting out, with additional info on best practice berm gardening (now allowed without permission from the Palmerston North City Council).

Facilitated by Beth Lew of Growing Gardens and Communities - Manawātū and Suzanne Chelius from RECAP/ Palmerston North City Council's Sustainable Living Programme, we'll be covering: general site analysis, the benefits of a no-dig garden bed/raised bed, soil health/building soil, seasonal planting/companion planting and more as well as providing some easy grow seeds to take home to start your own māra kai (food garden).

This workshop is on Saturday, May 14th, from 10.00am—1.00pm. You can register for this at [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz).

### Crop Swap and Drop-in Session with Phil Stevens of Slow Farm

Our second Crop Swap for 2022 is on Saturday, May 28th, 11.00am—1.00pm inside the Ashhurst Community Library. All are welcome and everything is free. Bring any excess produce, seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies. You do not need to give in order to take and vice versa. No registration is needed for this event.

We will be joined once again by local permaculture expert Phil Stevens offering free expert advice and guidance. This is an excellent opportunity on the cusp on winter to learn tips about how to keep your home warm and dry over the colder months, keep your garden growing and trees healthy during winter. You can bring any questions you may have for Phil on energy conservation, warm/dry tips, passive solar, solar electric, how to cut your household emissions with simple tweaks, gardening, water harvesting, fruit trees and perennial edibles, designing sections for resilience, soil health and more.

### Ashhurst School Working Bee

We have a working bee in the Ashhurst School māra kai (food garden) during the school holidays to get the beds ready for the return of the school Gardening Club in Term 2. We will be meeting there on Tuesday, 26th April at 10.00am. No need

to register interest, just turn up on the day. If you have gloves/tools to bring, please do; but we will have some available. Masks are not required, but strongly encouraged, not only for COVID-19, but we will be using compost which can contain harmful bacteria when inhaled. Kids are more than welcome (but with a parent or caregiver, please).

### Rescued Food Distribution

We give out a free bag of kai from the library back room every Wednesday from 3.30pm—5.00pm. We appreciate the continued use of masks at the door. For more info—join us on Facebook: *RECAP Rescued Food Distribution*. As we are getting busier, we'd like to remind you that the Ashhurst Foodbank is open on Thursdays, 2.00pm—3.00pm at the Methodist Church on Bamfield Street. If you wish to donate time, kai or money to the food rescue, please contact: [chris@recap.org.nz](mailto:chris@recap.org.nz).

### The Seed Library

The Seed Library (within the Ashhurst Community Library) is continually stocked with new, seasonal seeds. Sign up and you can take three free packets per month. We always appreciate donations, so if you have any seeds to share, please contact us.

### TrAP

With the colder weather, you may be noticing more pests on your property. We have free traps available for Ashhurst and Pohangina residents for a number of pests/predators as part of the TrAP project (Trapping regional Ashhurst Pohangina). Please contact coordinator Ian Rasmussen at [irassy64@gmail.com](mailto:irassy64@gmail.com) to find out more.

### Chris Love—RECAP coordinator

[chris@recap.org.nz](mailto:chris@recap.org.nz)

[www.recap.org.nz](http://www.recap.org.nz)

facebook: *ResilienceAshhurstPohangina*

Instagram: *recap\_ashhurst\_pohangina*



## Berm Gardening beginner's workshop

Saturday May 14th 10am-1pm

A hands on educational opportunity

For those new to gardening

\$5 Register at [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz)



## 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 & 5th 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) [www.parishofpohangina.net](http://www.parishofpohangina.net)

*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

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### Ashhurst Music Club

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**When:** Monday mornings, 9.45am—10.45am

**Cost:** \$6 per class.

**Enquiries:** Maria, phone 329 4166



## Ashhurst Budgeting Service

Thursday 9.30 am — 1.00 pm

Operating from St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, 67 Cambridge Street, Ashhurst.

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](mailto:whizjoy@inspire.net.nz)



## 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 Library

Hi everyone, we hope you are all well. With the lifting of restrictions, you will see this month the first steps towards the return of some of our normal programmes. It has been many months since we have been able to host events, so we are looking forward to this greatly. Please check our Facebook page as we will update as plans are made. Our new staff have been made very welcome by everyone and I will let them introduce themselves.

Kelly—Hi everyone, thanks for welcoming me to the Ashhurst library, really enjoying being based here. Some things I am into are local bush walks, biking tracks, plus yoga when I can make it and cooking too.

Jill—Hi I'm Jill, you're most likely to see me around town with kids and dogs. Come in and see us at the library and say hi.

## Jumping Jellybeans Returns in June

Our preschool programme of music, stories and crafts will return in June and we will give more details as they come.

## 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 know. The sessions will be occurring fortnightly on Thursday afternoon. Please check the Facebook page for upcoming sessions.

## Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

We are thrilled to be in partnership with MHBS 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.

## Talk with Mayor Grant Smith Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 5.00–6.00pm

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 [www.facebook.com/AshhurstLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/AshhurstLibrary) and click "Like"

## Ashhurst Community Trust

Can we please make an acknowledgement to the Ashhurst Community Trust for all the incredible work they do in the village. We would like to give them special recognition for what they have achieved in the establishment of Ashhurst's new medical centre which is opening soon. Their dedication and drive to initiate new community projects is an absolute tribute to their energy and forward thinking, and we want them to know how appreciated they are.

*Ross Meads - Librarian*



*Crop Swap  
& drop in session  
w/ Phil Stevens  
of Slow Farm*



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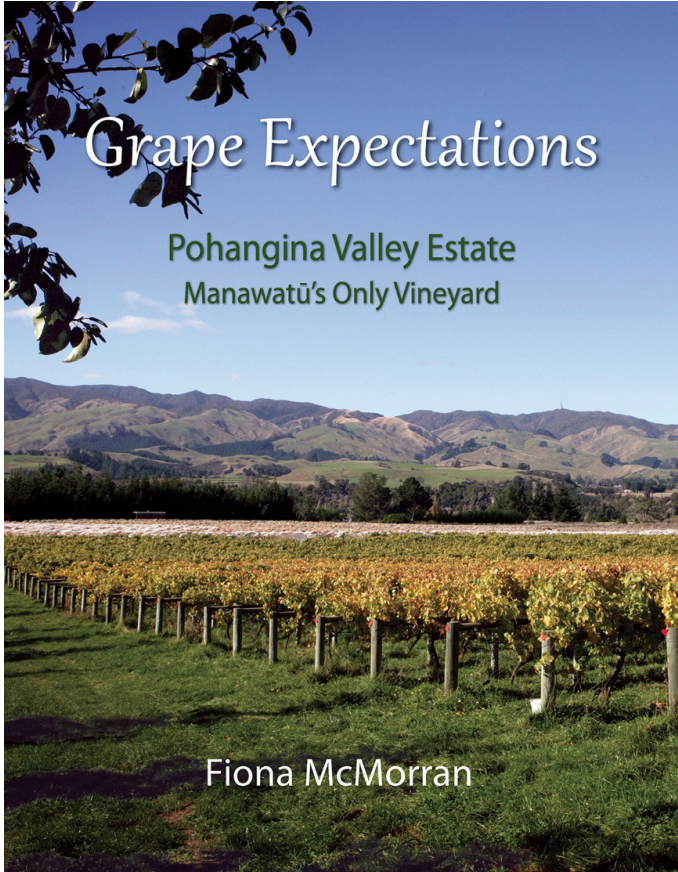
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## Book Review: Grape Expectations

A book telling of one family's vision to create Manawatū's only vineyard (to date!) has been published.

Fiona McMorran was one of the co-owners of Pohangina Valley Estate and is the author. The vineyard has closed now



but Fiona and her sister Bronwyn still live on the property on which the vineyard was established. Fiona has retired from full time employment and now she has the time, she has written a history about the establishment of the vineyard. She started writing the history just for the family initially but was encouraged to get it published.

The book is 124 pages and has over 135 colour photos. It covers the original decision to set up the vineyard, the initial sprouting of the vines and the development of the first wines. It takes the reader through the growth of the business to the point where major events were being hosted on the property, and some of the trials and tribulations of hosting these events.

It is an entertaining and interesting memoir of a unique part of the Manawatū's history.

Enquiries about ordering or buying the book can be made to Fiona McMorran [mcmorranfe@actrix.co.nz](mailto:mcmorranfe@actrix.co.nz) or phone 021 322 871. The price is \$39.99.

### 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](http://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 11.00—12.00noon.

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!



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To register contact Narrelle 021 2673676



### 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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Wyndham Street—326 7434

## Ashhurst Bowling Club

Thursday, 21st April was not meant to be terribly flash weather according to the forecast, but the sun shone brightly, there was a slight breeze, and it was truly a lovely day for the final one of this season. Closing Day is always a bit sad because it marks the end of programmed club events and signals that winter is around the corner. The usual challenge of North versus South was held and again the players from the North were the winners. Then it was inside for afternoon tea and prizegiving. It is a time to again celebrate the winners of club championships and give them their trophies. Some extra, and very important trophies are also presented to club members for things other than championships – service and achievements within the club:

- The Bayley Trophy for an Outstanding Woman Player went to Jen Brown.
- The Bill Neale Memorial for Best Club Member went to Wayne Poppleton.
- The Mick Wilkin Memorial for Most Improved Player went to Jacqui Poppleton.
- The Windmill Trophy went to Margie Rogers for her attendance at Twilight.
- The Presidents Award went to Lee Slack.

There was a group photo of the Elizabeth Walker ladies, this time with the trophy, which until very recently had been misplaced! Now it holds pride of place in the Ashhurst Clubrooms until next year's eventual winning club.

On 5th May the Bowling Club is hosting the afternoon tea and speaker for the Senior Citizens Association. Max Grant will talk about his kayaking adventures and I am sure this will be informative and entertaining. There will be a scrumptious afternoon tea to follow. Venue is the

Methodist Church Hall in Bamfield Street and starting time is 2.00pm. All welcome.

The Champion of Champion events are soon underway and we are looking forward to supporting our players who will be aiming to keep Ashhurst Bowling Club to the forefront of everyone's minds. We are a small club but have a huge number of really competent and competitive players.

The A.G.M. is on 26th June this year and so members will be thinking about what positions within the club they would like to be nominated for. We found last year, that by detailing just exactly what needs to be done to keep things running smoothly, it meant even the smaller and often overlooked roles were filled.

The off-season is also a time for renovations and work on the green and so plans are being made for this. Until the work actually starts there will still be members having a practise. Club Day is on Tuesdays and so the green is available until it is closed.


Next report will have an update of the Champion of Champion events and anything else that may have happened.

In the meantime, keep healthy, safe and ensure you are organised for colder weather. Hard to believe it is coming after the warm days we have had for such a long time—gardens are needing more rain! Keep smiling.


**Adrienne Harding—Secretary**



Thumbs Up from the Elizabeth Walker Ladies. Absent is Lee Slack.



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## Ashhurst Athletics Club Ends Season

The COVID-19 virus affected our latest athletics season in several ways. Fewer children competed than usual and our annual prize-giving had to take place outdoors, in spitting rain, at Lincoln Park. Nevertheless, a solid core of young athletes produced some noteworthy results and many personal bests were achieved at our club nights, at various competitions around the region, and at the Colgate Games.

Our prize winners are listed below but special mention should be made of several athletes who broke club records. Adalyn Cooksley broke the eight-year girls' high jump record that has stood since 1986 and the 100 metre sprint record that has stood since 1984. She also won all five of her events at the Manawatu-Wanganui Teams Championships and was awarded the trophy for the club's most promising athlete.

Race walking has long been neglected by the club but young athletes from the Bennett family trained seriously for walking events, with Emma, Finn and Ari all breaking club records. 14-year old Ari won two silver medals in the Colgate Games, and also competed in the under-18 division of the NZ Track and Field Championships where he did not look out of place among the other, much older, race walkers.

Other records were broken by Shaye Ormsby, Ari Bennett and Gemma Passey (all 80 metre hurdles), and Zoe Grace (800 metre run and 1200 metre walk).

On Prize Day, cup and trophy winners in the three—five-year age groups, included Isabella Moratti and Jake Thirkell (fastest runners), Katelyn Lutrell, Asher Purdy-

Hodge, Violet Smith, James Moratti, Otis Morrell and Cassidy Kelly.

Cups and trophies for the most outstanding in the six to nine year age groups were awarded to Adalyn Cooksley, Tabitha Jones, Oliver Brock and Benjamin Jones, who also was the most improved athlete. Parker Dyason, Peyton Child and Rorie Jones were awarded trophies for endeavour, Tianna Mildon for consistency, and Alex Carr won a Committee's choice award.

Cups and trophies for the most outstanding in the ten—fourteen-year age groups were awarded to Sophie Thirkell, Lexi Hills-Brown and Ari Bennett, while Katelyn Thirkell and Finn Bennett were awarded improvement trophies.

Ari and Finn Bennett were acknowledged for running the warm-ups on club nights.

Our committee, especially Laura Bennett, Bevin Thirkell and Rangilique Laing, are thanked for guiding the club through a difficult year, as are the many parents who willingly assisted on club nights.

Finally, the club acknowledges the generosity of Blair Alabaster (Property Brokers), Dwayne Woodhead, and Bevin Thirkell (Draft It).

**Mike Shepherd**



Photo: Bevin Thirkell

## 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.

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## 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!



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### Pohangina Rubbish Collection

Rubbish is collected every Monday. Bags out by 7.30am.

### Taekwondo

Taekwondo / Self defence class for all levels and abilities, men and women, boys and girls. Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 5.20pm—7.00pm during term time at the Lincoln Park Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Clubroom in Ashhurst. Come and see what it's all about.

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



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

or 021 0270 4400, [www.hauorayoga.co.nz](http://www.hauorayoga.co.nz)

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## Police Update

I would like to address a recent spate of vehicle crime over the last few months in Ashhurst and the wider Manawatu area.

Recently I spoke to the Sergeant of the Tactical Crime Unit regarding these crimes and he provided the information below.

Since the beginning of 2022, approximately 350 vehicles, as well as a number of trailers, have been stolen in the wider Manawatu area. Ashhurst has not been exempt from this type of crime.

We believe a number of these thefts can be attributed to a comparatively small number of offenders. Since the start of the year, six offenders have been positively identified as collectively committing over 80 vehicle offences in the region.

Police are committed to actively investigating vehicle theft and holding offenders to account. However, Police cannot be everywhere at once and cannot deter opportunistic thieves on their own.

Detective Sergeant Carl Newton says "While the vast majority of stolen cars are recovered by Police, they are often damaged, and the theft of a vehicle is not

only disruptive but upsetting for many people. Ensuring your vehicle is secure will cost you nothing and can help to avoid the distress and cost associated with car theft."

We urge people to take simple steps in order to prevent their car from being stolen in the first place. Taking measures such as ensuring that when your car is unattended, it is locked and all valuable items are removed or concealed from view is important.

If possible, park your vehicle in a garage. If it must be parked on the road, try to park in a well-lit, busy area. There are also anti-theft devices that are available for trailers that will help prevent theft. By making your vehicle more challenging to steal, opportunistic thieves will be more likely to leave it alone.

If you notice suspicious activity around cars, please contact Police on 111 if it is happening, or 105 after the fact.

We would also like to thank the local community for their continued support and vigilance in reporting anything out of the ordinary.

**Ashhurst Police**

## Ashhurst Rainfall

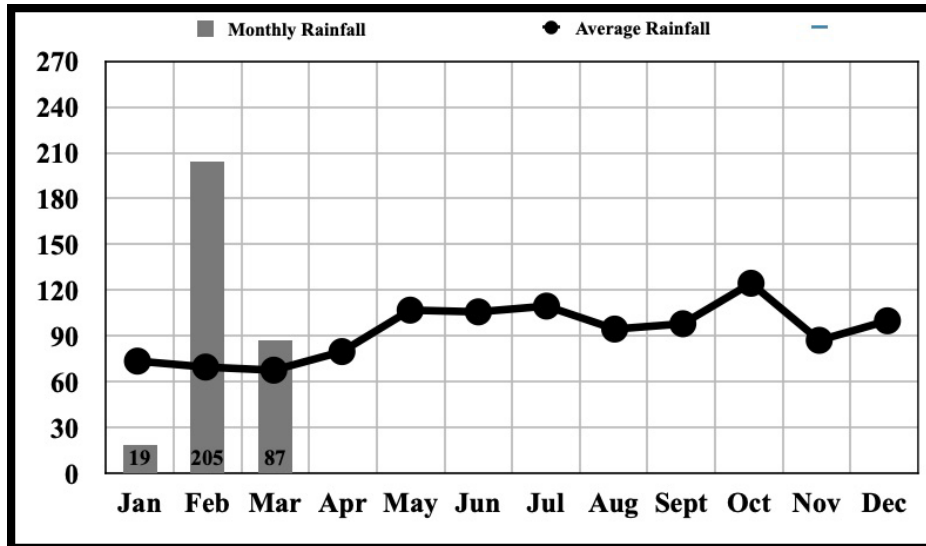
23rd of March 2022

87.0 mm of rain fell in March 2022, just above the monthly average of 68.8 mm.

Rain was recorded on 8 days with the highest one day rainfall of 38 mm on the

Total cumulative rainfall for 2022 is 310.1 mm. This is above the cumulative average for the year to date of 214.2 mm.

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Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford

## Kia ora tātou

I hope everyone made the most of having two long weekends back-to-back – Easter followed by Anzac Day, augmented by the school holidays and the Orange Traffic Light setting.

I also hope that everyone managed to enjoy some quality whānau time during the extended holiday period despite the ongoing outbreaks of Omicron in the community.

Thank you all for your continuing patience, consideration and concerns for our wider Ashhurst community welfare.

Covid information is available via [Healthpoint.co.nz](http://Healthpoint.co.nz), on the 0800 358 5453 Covid-19 Healthline and MidCentral Facebook page.

A reminder that the Ashhurst Community Library is able to put together book packs for families affected by isolation requirements

Local businesses still appreciate your support with purchases and services to help them ride out this Covid wave.

### Anzac Day

It was a privilege to speak at the Anzac Day Dawn Service on the Village Green.

Despite the absence of uniformed Defence Force personnel, it was important for us to publicly reaffirm our gratitude, respect and pride in those who served and those who serve.

Thanks to everyone who made the dawn and midday services.

### Annual Budget consultation

Thanks also to those who made submissions to the annual budget consultations.

Elected members will be considering submissions made in writing and during the hearings as we juggle the balance between Council expenditure, property values and rates affordability.

### Village Valley Centre

Progress continues on the Village Valley Centre reroofing project.

Barring any construction or materials delays, it should be reopened by the end of the month.

Meanwhile plans are being made for the opening of our new health centre in June.

This is exciting because we've not had a service like this in the Village for 15 years and this will be positive for local healthcare accessibility and outcomes.

### Cambridge Ave

By now, weekday road users should be aware of the repair work being carried out

by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on Cambridge Ave.

The work closed the eastbound lane after Anzac Day, with stop-go controls on the westbound lane and access restrictions into Hillary Cres, York St and Custom St.

Please be patient, observe all speed restrictions, or avoid the area by following the detour signs.

### Te Ahu a Turanga

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is bringing a drive-thru simulation of the completed highway to the Ashhurst Community Library this month.

The simulator will enable library patrons to take a virtual drive across the \$650million project due to open by the end of 2024.

It was astonishing to learn that the moa bones uncovered by earthworks in March 2021 on the hillside above Ashhurst were between 180,000 and 345,000-years years old.

The bones have been 3-D scanned with replications to be made available for future viewing at Te Manawa.

### Meet the Mayor

This month's second Meet the Mayor session (April's was held over until May 5) is scheduled for Tuesday May 31 between 5 – 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library.

We may be under Covid orange light settings but keep an eye on the Council website [pncc.govt.nz](http://pncc.govt.nz) and our Facebook page for possible changes and further information.

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

Kia kaha

Deputy Mayor  
Aleisha  
Rutherford JP



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### Normal hours

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

Contact tracing at the pool and online:  
[clmnz.co.nz/splashhurst](http://clmnz.co.nz/splashhurst)

## ASHHURST RUBBISH + RECYCLING

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

(Glass collection suspended until further notice – check [pncc.govt.nz](http://pncc.govt.nz))

Recycling Bin	Glass Crate
10 May	17 May
24 May	31 May
7 June	14 June

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### Village Voice Deadline

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

**5.00pm Friday, 20th May 2022.**

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

## Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Community update

Steady progress continues to be made on the construction of the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

To date, more than 2.4 million cubic metres of earth has been moved across the entire project site. The project's total amount of earthworks is about 6 million cubic metres, and the team is on track to move half of this by the end of 2022.

Considerable progress has also been made across the structures along the alignment. Of the minor structures, Bridge 10 is structurally complete, and Bridge 1 is nearing completion. Piling work is well under way on the Parahaki Bridge across the Manawatu River, and the main causeway on the Eco Bridge Viaduct is also nearly finished.

More than 250,000 native plants have been planted by landscaping teams so far as part of the project's ecological offset programme. A further 573,000 natives are expected to be planted this year. In total, almost 2 million native plants will be sowed throughout the wider region and along the alignment during the project.

From an employment perspective, Te Ahu a Turanga is contributing to the local economy, with between 250 and 350 people, including subcontractors, employed on the project at any one time. Currently, 80 per cent of these staff live locally and 35 per cent of these are of Māori or Pasifika descent.

Like all large construction projects in New Zealand, Te Ahu a Turanga has been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Since the emergence of the Omicron variant, there have been significant increases in absenteeism on the project, as workers have been required to

isolate due to positive tests or being close household contacts to positive cases. The impact extends beyond direct project employees, with subcontractors and workers employed in the extended supply chain also impacted.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed the delivery of key construction materials due to the disruption of overseas supply chains affecting the delivery of materials.

Unexpected wet weather conditions and storm events during the traditionally drier period between December 2021 and March 2022 have also hampered the project's progress. The earthworks teams have made considerable progress when work has been possible, recording a record day of 24,000 cubic metres in one day, but the wet weather has inevitably caused delays. To mitigate these delays, winter works consents have been lodged with the Regional Council to allow us to continue with earthworks during the winter months.

In other project news, preliminary scientific analysis of the moa bones discovered by the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway team in the Ruahine Range in March 2021 has found they may be between 180,000 and 345,000 years old. Further results are expected later this year.

The current completion date for the highway remains December 2024.

For more information about Te Ahu a Turanga, please head to [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/)

**Grant Kauri, Owner Interface Manager,  
Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency**



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