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

The Te Ahu a Turanga: ManawatuTaranui Highway has completed its first earthworks season, with over 650,000 cubic metres of earth moved since construction began in January. Thanks to a relatively mild winter and a seamless COVID-19 shutdown and restart, the project began its second earthworks season this month in a strong position.

During Level 4 the site had to close except for essential maintenance. With stringent safety plans in place, Te Ahu a Turanga was one of the first major projects to resume construction in Level 3 and the site is fully operational in Level 2.

Lonnie Dalzell, Regional Manager Infrastructure Delivery Central North Island, says a big focus this year has been creating access for construction. A lot of this work is nearing completion and with access largely in place across the site, the coming earthworks season is about moving a lot of dirt.

“Over 10% of the project’s total earthworks has been completed and we are working towards having half the project’s total earthworks moved by the end of the current season, in May 2022.”

Te Ahu a Turanga is one of the largest earthworks projects in the country and has around 120 pieces of large machinery onsite, including a Wabco 353 elevating

scraper—one of the biggest scrapers in the world.

Mr Dalzell says pleasing landscaping progress has also been made. “The landscaping team has been out in all weather and has met their goal of getting close to 250,000 native plants in the ground at two farm sites before the warmer weather arrives. Around 630,000 plants are growing at a number of nurseries for planting next year.”

The project team has grown to around 220 people, including subcontractors, and there are a number of jobs to be filled. There are opportunities for labourers, apprentices, field technicians, diesel mechanics, and multi-skilled earthworks machinery drivers. Job vacancies are listed on the *Te Ahu a Turanga website: nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/jobs*.

Mr Dalzell says that while earthworks production is business as usual, the project’s Visitor Centre on Napier Road in Ashhurst is closed for the time being due to COVID-19. “We are monitoring the situation and will reopen to the public as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, you can see the latest progress by checking out our latest flyover online.”

For the latest flyover and project information, go to [nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/)



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**December Issue  
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5.00pm Saturday, 20th  
November 2021**

## Letter from the Editor

It is now November, so welcome to the penultimate issue of the Village Voice for 2021.

It is hard to know what will be happening over the summer, as we are unsure as to the status of COVID-19 restrictions. However, if there are any events that are being planned, please feel free to send them through to the Village Voice with a guide on how and when things will happen. For example, only happening under Level 1 conditions etc. You can send these through to *ashhurst.voice@gmail.com*.

As we do not publish an issue during January, please include any events happening (or potentially happening) through January and into early February.

Those who received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on Super Saturday in October will soon be due for their second dose (6th November—21 days after the first vaccination). A reminder that you can travel for free on the Ashhurst—Palmerston North bus when attending a vaccine appointment. There will also be a mobile vaccination clinic in Ashhurst on Saturday, 13th November.

**Llyvonne Barber—Editor**

## Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

It has to be an experience you will not forget. What is, you might ask? Being on the Wahine when it ran aground on Barrett's Reef on the 10th April 1968. Mrs Lynne Young gave us a very very interesting resume on her experience of being aboard the Wahine when it went down. The speakers and the musicians we also invite to entertain us, make for the wonderful afternoon meetings we enjoy each month.

November's meeting will be addressed by Pru Pim from the Museum. Her address will be on . . . . . Should we tell you? No, why not come along and enjoy what she has to tell us about. It is certainly going to be worth hearing—we guarantee! When! The 4th November at 2.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Bamfield Street. You would be most welcome.

**Terry Carr—Secretary**

## Big Changes at St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

Ashhurst locals may have noticed a lot of activity at St Mary Magdalene Church on Cambridge Avenue with surveyors, builders and painters currently working on the church and in the grounds.

This is only a start of the exciting things to come.

The parish, over the next couple of years, will embark on an exciting programme that will not only benefit the church and parish but the Ashhurst community as a whole.

### Phase One

First the church itself with the support of Heritage New Zealand and a bequest from the descendants of the original architect, Frederick de Jersey Clere, is in the process of being re-painted in a heritage white to both preserve this cherished building and to better mark its identity as an historic building and an Ashhurst landmark.

### Phase Two

Then the next step will be for the parish to carry out much needed upgrades to the hall with an overdue new roof, new windows and a refreshed interior and frontage.

### Phase Three

The hall will then be extended by thirteen metres, replacing the old Sunday School with a building comprising a new modern kitchen, toilets showers, bigger social area, prayer/meeting room and south facing deck.

This will provide a much needed modern and hospitable space for both the church and our wider village community.

Along with those community groups currently using the hall it is envisaged that it will be ideally suited to wedding parties, family gatherings, and other village events that a larger hall may not be suitable for.

### Phase Four

Social housing in the church paddock.

The plan is that the paddock between the church and fire station will, in partnership between the Parish of Pohangina and the Anglican Diocese of Wellington, be developed with social housing comprising of one and two bedroom units.

These rental units are aimed at older parish and Ashhurst residents who may be currently living alone in larger two or three bedroom homes, thus freeing up much needed and sought-after family size homes in the village.

These changes will take place in stages over the next couple of years as accessing both tradesmen and materials is a challenge for everyone in these COVID-19 times.

We hope you are all as excited as we are about these changes and look forward to your patience and support as it all unfolds.

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## RECAP Update

Kia ora, all.

### Ashhurst and Pohangina Emergency Preparedness Seminar.

We have a new date for this seminar: Wednesday, 17th November 6.00pm—9.00pm. Same location (Ashhurst Village Valley Centre—Centennial Room) and entry remains free, but koha is appreciated. We have updated this seminar to also include specific, updated information on COVID-19. We would love to see a good turnout for this, as the more prepared we are as a community for future adverse events the better we all fare.

All ages are welcome, with a quick intermission midway. Supper will be provided with time to talk with staff. If we are at Level 2, please ensure you wear a mask, sign in, and sanitise your hands on arrival. Seats will be appropriately distanced.

This is a civil defence preparation course led by the Palmerston North City Council Emergency Management Team, tailored to our area to help whanau, individuals and business be best prepared for a range of location specific scenarios.

Have you made a plan for how you will manage in an emergency? Do you have your emergency kit ready? Where will you go in Ashhurst? What if you are cut off from Palmerston North? How will your response change during the day compared to at night? The Palmerston North City Council Emergency Management Office wants to assist us with our Community Emergency Response Plan. This plan will help guide residents on what to do in a range of situations and how best we can 'Get Thru'.

You can register at [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz).

### RECAP Survey

We have extended the closing date for this as we would love to have more community feedback. To see how we're doing, where we can improve and what the communities we serve would like to see us offer both in terms of educational opportunities and ongoing projects. The

data we collect will be used to guide us as we plan for the future. We would very much appreciate it if you could follow the link to fill this in. [bit.ly/recapsurvey](http://bit.ly/recapsurvey)

For those in Ashhurst and Pohangina, there is a chance to win a \$40 Farm Box voucher for your completed survey. You can fill in your details to enter within the survey.

This will now be closing on November 28th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

We are continuing to work with Just Zilch to bring rescued kai out for Ashhurst and Pohangina residents. This is distributed from the back room at the Ashhurst Community Library every Wednesday from 3:30pm—5.00pm. While at Level 2 we ask that you are masked, signed in, and observe a one in, one out rule. This is free to anyone who may need it for whatever reason. Bring your own bags and help yourself, but please make sure you leave some for others. Pass this on to any whanau, friends or neighbours who could use it and if anyone is unable to pick up, a food parcel can be delivered to them. Please contact Chris on 021 755 314 to request one. Any excess will be taken to the wonderful folks at the Ashhurst Foodbank.

Our seed library (within the Ashhurst Community Library) continues to hum along. We are continually updating the Spring/Summer crops so the selection is always changing. Once you sign up (which you can do at the library) you are free to take three free packets per month. If you save seeds yourself, and are able to donate them to be distributed to others please contact [info@recap.org.nz](mailto:info@recap.org.nz). Community participation with the sharing of seeds promotes the development of seeds acclimated to our specific area, which is building a valuable long term resource for us all.

Pest traps are still available for Ashhurst and Pohangina. These are specialty traps which are free for residents. If you would like a trap, please contact Ian Rasmussen

## COVID-19 Vaccination

A mobile clinic from the Midcentral District Health Board will be in Ashhurst on Saturday, 13th November, for anyone who is wanting to get either their first or second COVID-19 Vaccine. Note, there is a three week waiting period between the first and second vaccination

## 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 washing powder for a top loader machine.

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

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Noho ora mai.

## Book Review—To Be Fair: Confessions of a District Court Judge

**To Be Fair: Confessions of a District Court Judge** by Rosemary Riddell.

Rosemary Riddell describes, with humour and empathy, her former career as a Family Court and District Court Judge in New Zealand.

She was a late starter, career-wise, becoming a lawyer at 40 and later serving as a judge on the bench. As a part-time judge, Rosemary travelled around New Zealand on an as-needed basis and has only recently retired. After much persuasion and many refusals, she decided to write of her experiences as a judge. She comments that, as a retired judge, she can say what she likes and, in her view, "some things need to be said".

The other aspect of her story is a more personal one and we find how she can relate to others in her professional life because her family have known and lived through some of the very sad events that turn up in court.

There are chapters relating to her opinions on Mental Health, Sentencing, Property Disputes, Custody Tussles, The Poverty

Trap and Racism. All these subjects and more are touched on from her professional experiences and her own beliefs.

The book was written during COVID-19, so we also get up-to-date comments on how our lives are being affected as a country and how it might be affecting crime rates.

I really enjoyed reading her funny anecdotes, the sometimes unintentional hiccups that happen in court and the quips in the courtroom itself (who would have guessed!). There are many humorous situations described and unfortunate misunderstandings.

The author also obviously has a very strong sense of social justice and is not afraid to give us her opinions on controversial topics. There are personal stories of some of the people she has defended and plenty of inequalities to ponder on.

A very informative and interesting book, you will get insight into how district court systems operate.

### *Robyn Dare*

before the rush of Christmas is upon us.

Our streets and footpaths have suffered some damage in past months from the weather, increased traffic and their heavy loads. Installation of the broadband fibre

## Community Comment

As we emerge from Winter, it is time for some maintenance of the world around us: gardens to be planted and jobs attended to



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## Community Comment *continued*

network infrastructure has added some additional challenges to our footpath routes with new ditches appearing around the town.

Good news at last with many of the potholes in streets now repaired and footpath damage fixed with new seal or concrete. The road structure problems on the State Highway 3 detour section of Cambridge Avenue have been identified, branded, and awaiting remediation. Even the garden beds around the new raised street platforms have been given a makeover. The gardeners have also transformed the wilderness of Whitten Reserve back into a pleasant seating area.

If everything goes to plan, domestic connections of broadband fibre should be rolled out and operational before the end of 2021.

The Council cannot fix problems it does not know about. The latest mobile app, used by many councils, is called 'Snap Send Solve' and makes it easy to notify the relevant Council of any particular issue so they can get it fixed. Just open the app, select a category from a set of problems, add a quick photo and a short description and send it on its way. Available from your standard app store.

The pressure of housing availability

is rising along with their prices. Local bodies are struggling to meet the demand for more residential building sites. At government level, Labour and National have jointly announced their support of a new bill for "Enabling Housing Supply". This will require Tier 1 Councils (ie. five biggest cities) to adopt Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) from August 2022. These new standards "will enable landowners to build up to three homes of up to three storeys on their site as of right". Councils will now be re-jigging their plans to they can cope with the increased infrastructure capacity which will be required for this type of infill housing.

Not so bad you may think, if it was restricted to the big urban centres, but this extends to the suburbs as well. An Order in Council (effectively a Cabinet decision) can require Tier 2 Councils such as Palmerston North to adopt the same planning rules, "if the area is experiencing acute housing need". These measures will add pressure on Palmerston North City Council for higher density housing and to make more sections available.

"Times, they are a-changin". We can only hope that we can help guide the changes ahead so that we can live in an environment we can enjoy.

**Harvey Jones**

## Amlaku's Ethiopian Update—Amlaku's World Goes Belly-Up

Almost a year ago, in my last report on our journey with Amlaku in Ethiopia, I started by quoting Robbie Burns—"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley". COVID-19 had messed up his budding tourism business, and that continues to be the case. However, his soap-making business grew rapidly, as did the Days for Girls menstrual products business. There was a huge demand for both lines.

But there were dark storms brewing. In November 2020, the Federal Government sent troops into the Northern Region of Tigray, immediately above Amhara Region, where Lalibela is. Long complicated history here, but Tigray was asserting its semi-independence to the degree that the Government believed it really had to try to bring them back into line. A short sharp incursion was planned to take out the rebel leadership and deal to The Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army, a well-armed and battle-hardened force which had largely been responsible for getting rid of the previous Communist Government—The Derg—back in 1991. Things were pretty grim over the next few months, with some really bad humanitarian stuff happening, with the Eritrean Army coming across the border to add to the chaos, with existing refugee camps in the Region being

unable to access food, and so on. Just horrible. In June 2021 the Federal Forces withdrew—a 'humanitarian ceasefire' so that the Tigrayan farmers could plant their crops. However, the Tigrayans regrouped, and sent their forces south—into Amhara (where Lalibela is) and also the Afar Region to the East. Lalibela came under siege late in July, with only the Amhara militia standing between the town and the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army forces.

Amlaku, using his just-purchased van (for the soap business), was working with the Town Council, collecting food from the town, and delivering it to the militia on the front line, when, on 5th August, the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army snuck around Lalibela and literally walked into the town from the other side—occupying it without a shot being fired. Amlaku was with the Town Council members at the time, and he and they just had to run, otherwise they would have been shot. I finally got hold of him three days later and discovered that they had walked for eight hours before catching a bus to Bahir Dar, the regional capital, about 200 kilometres from Lalibela. We were able to send him some money, which enabled him to buy some clothes and food, and ultimately get down to Addis, where he remains. To

## Anglican Parish of Pohangina

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8.00am: 1st Sunday of the month  
10.00am: Every Sunday

**St Bartholomew's Church, Komako**

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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  
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Thursday: 2.00pm—5.00pm  
Friday: 2.00pm—5.00pm



## Little Kiwis Playgroup

Little Kiwis Playgroup is currently on hold.



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For Appointments Contact: Manawatu Home Budgeting Service.

Phone: 358 2279; Cell: 0800-228 343



## Ashhurst Genealogy

If you require assistance with Ashhurst History or Genealogy research Phone Heather Smith on 326 9989 or email [whizjoy@inspire.net.nz](mailto:whizjoy@inspire.net.nz)



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## Amlaku's Ethiopian Update *continued*

date (21st October), he has had no contact with his family in Baregota Village, or his friends and workers within Lalibela itself, as all phone and internet connection has been cut, along with electricity supplies to the town. The town itself is apparently OK, thus far.

With a new Government being announced at the beginning of October, Federal Forces are at last pushing back against the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army. They are meeting stiff resistance. Fighting is going on over several fronts. If the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army do retreat, it will be in the direction of Lalibela, which really is the spiritual heart of Ethiopia, so for them to hold it is very significant. With thousands of people killed already in this conflict, we can but hope and pray that Lalibela can be retaken without being destroyed, or its people killed.

The causes of this conflict are regional, tribal and very complex, with the issues going back for generations. The tragedy of it is that it risks undoing not only everything we have done over the past 12 years in Baregota and Lalibela, but also all of the advances the country has made over the past 30 years.

Amlaku remains in Addis, where, with funding from here, he has been looking after a group of around 50 refugees. Thirteen of these are in Addis, with the rest in towns in Amhara. Nine are girls and seven children, probably young teens. All have had to flee their homes with absolutely nothing but what they were wearing, and probably their phones!

So far, we have been able to send him about NZD\$25,000, money which he is using very carefully. The group (we call them the G50) mostly have relatives or friends they can stay with, but they still need feeding, so he has linked them up to a number of cheap restaurants, where they are able to get three basic meals a day. Amlaku pays the restaurants one month at a time. What he is providing is only a drop in the ocean of need, but it is helping these ones—like the well-known starfish story.

Amlaku continues to amaze me with his resilience, his optimism, his faith in God, and his desire to help those most

desperately in need of support—like these two girls he met recently.



He wrote: Dad, these girls are from Lalibela. I knew them personally, and they fled from Lalibela three days after the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army seized my beautiful town, and they have spent a month in Dessie. However, because of the increased number of people displaced from their homes following the war now arriving in Dessie, it was challenging to meet their basic needs, so they decided to come to Addis. I met them on 20th August. I bought them clothes, and they are some of the people receiving support from you and from our benevolent New Zealanders.

He has also helped these three young men.



He wrote: These lads made a six days walk from Bilibala to Bahir Dar. It was their parents who forced them to flee their home, fearing the Tigrayan Peoples' Liberation Army fighters might forcefully recruit them to join the fight against the Ethiopian army. They have harshly threatened and killed youths in areas they had occupied if they would not join their forces.

Right now, we are putting together a plan to set up a short term equivalent of a child sponsorship scheme, with the aim of securing funding for the 'G50' on a regular



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## Amlaku's Ethiopian Update *cont*

basis. We have no idea how long this will be needed for, hopefully only a few months, but right now there is no sign of a peace deal of any sort, and so the suffering continues. Amlaku agonises over the refugees he sees on the street, but realises that he can only help so many, and so just has to turn down others who approach him or phone him. He was recently in the regional capital of Amhara, Bahir Dar, to

## Hiwinui School

Kia ora everyone.

It is wonderful to get all our students back to school where they belong.

We are very fortunate here at Hiwinui that for our students, school is a safe place and therefore a happy place. During these challenging times it has been the boys who seem to have missed each other most while locked down at home, however fingers crossed we'll be able to make it to the end of the year here at school on the Windy Ridge.

We ended the third term with an amazing team of parents who got stuck in and replaced the swimming pool fence and created some wonderful new gardens which are now an ongoing project for our Enviro Group. Just by cleaning up this area it has allowed our Returned Servicemen Monument to stand proud and be the centre of attention. The children have lots of plans for these gardens and would really like to see red ANZAC poppies planted to represent the poppy fields of Flanders.

see what things were like there, and was just mobbed, such is the power of social media. In the end the police had to rescue him and ask him to leave town!

If there is anyone out there who feels moved to help us with this programme, I would love to hear from you. Please contact Ric Foxley on 029 777 2368, or via email [ric@bricks.org.nz](mailto:ric@bricks.org.nz)

### Ric Foxley

Many thanks to our very supportive families.

If you get a chance to do a drive out to Hiwinui please look at the swimming pool fence which now hosts a wonderful mural depicting our community. This has been made possible with a Manawatu Districts Creative Grant. This has allowed our senior students to work with local artist Joe McMenamin to paint this most wonderful treasure. While it is not quite finished we most certainly can imagine the completed mural and are extremely proud to have had Joe working with our students on a community project.

Each year our Senior Leaders create opportunities for all students to give to others who are less fortunate than themselves. This year after reading an article in the local paper of the need for food for the Manchester House Food Bank, they decided that they would like the school to get behind this need and collect food from the school families. However, after this initiative was communicated to our local Hiwinui Community Committee

## 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

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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.  
Summer clothing is now on the racks. Lots of bargains among the wide range of goods, a treasure there for everyone.  
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Friday 10.00am—1.00pm



## Local Justices of the Peace

### Mrs AK Rutherford

Available by appointment—027 404 5881

### Mr F Saua

Pohangina Road RD 14—029 254 3206

### Mr JC Culling

Pohangina Road—3294825

### Mrs EM Thompson

Wyndham Street—326 7434

## Hiwinui School *continued*

they too wanted to support the children and with a local police car, utes and loud hailers, the seniors began the collection of many wonderful donations on Sunday. A fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon and also help others in need. Items are still being dropped into school and will be delivered to Manchester House. We are most grateful to our wider Hiwinui Community for supporting the students with this endeavour.

It is that time of the year where we are preparing for our annual Lamb, Calf and Pet Day. The students worked all through lock down with their animals and we are expecting some wonderful pets at our special day. COVID-19 will prevent a lot of

the specialties happening but it won't take away the art works that the students are doing based on the whole school theme of "Under the Sea." A lot of time and effort is going into these and we are going to have to be very creative in the way that we'll be able to present them to the families. For students with animals, these are the main focus of the day and we'll be able to have the calf rings at one end of the field, the lambs at the other, and the pets to one side. The show must go on.

We are looking forward to school camps positively in November and many other treasures in between.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Kia Kaha

**Brenda Leigh—Principal**

## Ashhurst School

Tena koutou katoa e nga whanau o te hapori.

It has been a hectic term, with lots happening inside and outside the school gate. As a principal, I am incredibly proud of the hard work all of my staff have put in during this time and want to thank them, our students and the 400+ temporary teachers we had working for us at home during the lockdown.

We have had some wonderful achievements on the sports field. Finally, we managed to get a sporting competition off the ground! Some of our Year 5/6 children participated in the Ricoh sports tournament, which involved Russell Street, College Street, West End, Cloverlea, Riverdale, and Hokowhitu Schools. We managed to win the basketball and were placed second in netball. Our rugby, football and hockey teams also performed well. A big thank you to Whaea Alicia, Pa Andre, Pa Adrian, Whaea Katelyn and Pa James for coaching all the teams.

I had an early start in Week Nine of Term Three. I received a phone call from Newstalk ZB asking if I could be on the breakfast show with Mike Hosking to talk about Flipped Learning. Education is a hot topic with lockdowns at the moment. Their

research team discovered many articles and educational organisations around the world that are flipping their education system, such as Harvard Medical School and Stanford University. As we are the first elementary (primary school) in the world to have an entirely flipped curriculum, he took the time on his show to briefly learn more about it. The interview was an absolute whirlwind, but it was great to share the world-leading teaching practices in our school with the country. It is a wonderful example of our excellent teaching staff, outstanding students and our community working together.

It is a time to share our school values with our school community. Children may be talking about how they get sterling and have rewards at the end of the school term. Below are the values we are trying to focus children on:

### Whai Ngakau—Respect


Focuses on:

- Showing pride
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## Ashhurst School *continued*

- Show care for property and equipment
- Be a great Ashhurst citizen

### Manawaroa—Resilience

Focuses on:

- Making good decisions and choices
- Seeking support when faced with a challenging situation
- Preserving and understanding that mistakes are part of learning

We have had some fantastic news for one of our teachers Megan Wilson. Next year during Term One, Megan has been awarded a teaching sabbatical. This means she will be absent during Term One to work on a project that will further influence the programmes here at school. Only 50 sabbaticals are handed out around the country, and it is great to see this opportunity for both our school and Megan. We will look forward to welcoming her back in Term Two with some excellent new knowledge. After 15 years of principal leadership, I have also been lucky to be provided with a sabbatical in Term One 2022. I am excited to be given this opportunity by the board and profession and know that with such an incredible team at Ashhurst School, you

will be left in more-than-capable hands during my absence. More information about the running of the school and leadership structures in my absence will be sent out to families later in Term Four.

As you may be aware, after week one next term, Mrs Jones is taking maternity leave. We have an excellent teacher, Miss Phillips, to take her class teaching place. Some management structures will change slightly. As it is so late in the year and the fourth term is short, we have decided not to replace the team leader. Instead, we have several people who will step up to help. Whaea Kaz will be looking after some of the behaviour and pastoral issues so that she will support staff and students in place of the team leader. Day-to-day running of the team, like meetings etc, will be run by Whaea Megan in Room 19. Pa Kyle will be helping out with reports and all curriculum-based items, and I am fortunate, as I get to go on a camp for three days and help lead the camps at Highland Home. If at any time you have any issue, please come in and speak to one of the staff members listed here, and we will help you at any time.

Naku iti noa, na

**Heath Chittenden—Principal**

## Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we are very thankful for everyone's understanding of the current situation we find ourselves in with Alert Level 2. The efforts to stick with mask wearing and contact tracing is most appreciated. Once the alert level has dropped, we can go back to our events and programmes which we are missing greatly.

### Ashhurst Library Garden

We have to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps in maintaining our garden. As we are heading into summer, we are getting so many comments on how fantastic it is looking. We can't thank those helpful gardeners enough.

### Summer Reading 2021—22

Our summer reading programme that promotes reading enjoyment and is great

fun will be back for the holidays. Without giving too much away, we can let you know that it is going to be different from past programmes. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as details are released.

### Digital Help Sessions

As we remain in Level 2 it has been difficult to continue with some of our services, however we can still offer digital help. If you require any help contact [ashhurst@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:ashhurst@pncc.govt.nz) or message us through the Ashhurst Library Facebook page. We can help answer your questions or we can book you in with an individual help session at the Central Library.

### Ashhurst Jumping Jellybeans—If alert levels permit

Jumping Jellybeans is our preschool session of music, stories and crafts. We always have lots of fun at these sessions,

## Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

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

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

Contact Braydon on 027 390 5611, [ashpohsquashclub@inspire.net.nz](mailto:ashpohsquashclub@inspire.net.nz), or find us on Facebook.



## Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

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

This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

### Contacts:

Jack Zwart (President) 326 8958

[standishzwart@gmail.com](mailto:standishzwart@gmail.com)

Dennis Moore (Secretary) 357 5651

[dmoore@inspire.net.nz](mailto:dmoore@inspire.net.nz)

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Alyn Edwards (Media) 329 4833

[diawlbach@inspire.net.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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

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### Pohangina Rubbish Collection

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

### Taekwondo

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



### Pohangina Yoga Classes

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### Ashhurst Library *continued*

everyone is welcome.

Thursday, 4th November—10.30am

Thursday, 18th November—10.30am

Thursday, 2nd December—10.30am

### Elizabeth Thompson—Justice of the Peace—If alert levels permit

We are very lucky that Mrs Thompson is making herself available Tuesday 1.00pm—2.00pm if you require a Justice of the Peace. Thanks Mrs. Thompson, it is much appreciated.

### Talk with Mayor Grant Smith

Tuesday, 23rd November 5.00pm—6.00pm

Come for an informal chat with our

Mayor Grant Smith who will be available to talk to you about any issues and concerns. Refreshments are provided, you are all most welcome.

### Ashhurst Library Facebook

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

### Beth

So many of you have been asking how Beth is doing in her new role as manager of Best Start Railway Road.

She's doing great.

### Ross Meads—Librarian

Results were:

### Gary Wright Memorial Shoot:

Mike Hoggard

### Club Shoot:

Top Gun was Brad Turner—after a shoot off with Brendan Smith and Alan Ives.

### Handicap Shoot:

Mike Hoggard

### Karen Pawson—Secretary

13th September 2021.

Total rainfall this year is 780mm. This is below the annual average of 812mm.

### Margaret Pemberton

### Ashhurst Clay Target Club

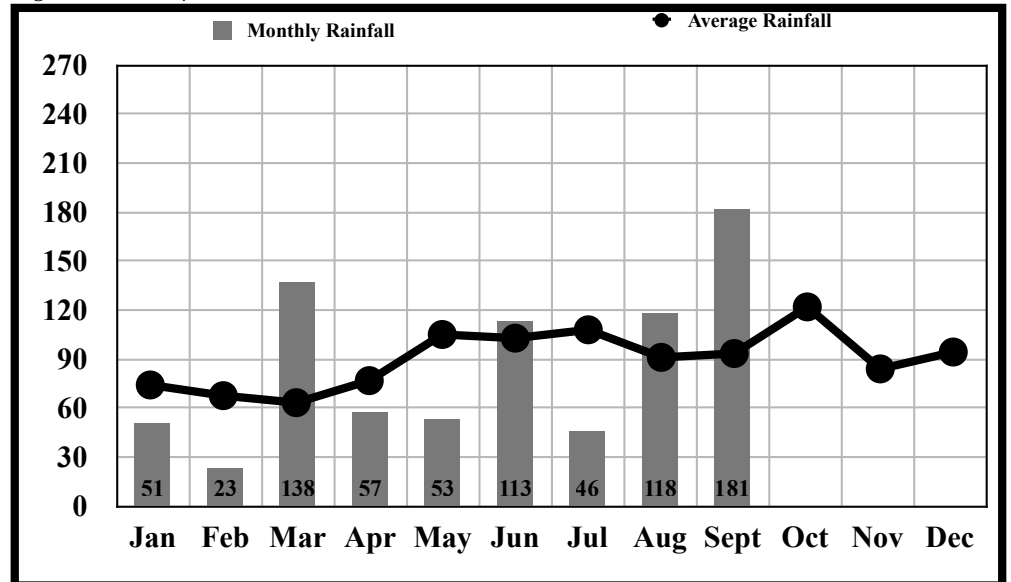
After missing our August shoot because of the COVID-19 lockdown, the club got into action again for our September shoot albeit under Alert Level 2 protocols.

There was a really good turnout with six squads and the postponed event from August, the annual Gary Wright Memorial Shoot was held, followed by our club shoot.

### Ashhurst Rainfall

181.50mm of rain fell in September 2021, above the monthly average of 96.9mm.

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Mayor Grant Smith

## Kia ora tātou

Covid uncertainty is certainly clouding our outlook for making end-of-year plans, preparations for Christmas and summer holidays.

The best way to alleviate that uncertainty is to make sure you and your whānau are fully vaccinated against Covid.

I'm pleased that by the time you read this, all my Council colleagues - your representatives, will be double-vaxxed.

### 'Super Shot' Saturday

It was hugely gratifying to see Village residents turning out in droves during the Saturday October 16 vaccination intensive at Ashhurst Community Library.

Library staff played a major role in the 'Super Shot' set up.

City Library's mobile library bus was pressed into service as a medical clinic, and the Community Library building was used for making up the many additional doses required by the strength of local demand.

Such was the response that the scheduled 10am – 2pm session ran for one-and-a-half additional hours.

DHB medical staff didn't expect the high-level take-up and were thrilled so many took advantage of the opportunity.

A typical response was that while people had already made up their minds to get the jab, they simply hadn't got around to it, and appreciated the clinic coming to them.

Others saw the bus and the crowd and made spur-of-the-moment decisions to stop and get it done.

My thanks to DHB medicos and Council staff - especially Ross Meads and Rob Bradshaw - who managed the day so successfully, and to all Village residents who decided to call in and give Covid their best shot.

You added immensely to the success of the day and the overall health of our region.

### Water works

Thanks also for your patience as essential work on the Ashhurst water supply network continues.

I hope there wasn't too much inconvenience caused when we had to turn the water off last month to fix a vital valve.

It is always advisable to keep a store of drinking water for use in times of civil emergency, which will also be handy for any other short-term outages.

### Village Valley Centre

The roof of the Village Valley Centre has been programmed for replacement.

Council wants to coordinate this work during the summer months while working around pre-booked events.

It will mean the facility won't be available for hire during that time, and we'll let you know the exact dates once we have secured a contractor.

The building will also get a fresh lick of exterior paint.

With the substantial internal upgrades carried out last year, Village residents will have what is tantamount to a brand-new facility.

Bookings can be made through the Ashhurst Community Library.

### Rubbish

Complaints continue about flytipping on Village streets and around recreational areas.

While those responsible face prosecution and a \$400 fine, we would rather educate people about disposal options for unwanted or undesirable items.

The hours for the Mulgrave Street Transfer Station are included on this page, with more at Council's online hub [www.pncc.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling](http://www.pncc.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling)

### Community development

We've appointed a new coordinator for Council's Community Development team.

In Ashhurst, the team works alongside RECAP to enhance Village amenities with among other things, fruit-tree and berm garden planting and the provision of the Pataka Kai near the library.

### Christmas

Hats off to the Ashhurst Christmas Parade committee for making the best of a difficult planning situation.

Anyone looking to be part of the parade or the Christmas market should email committee members [ashhurstchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:ashhurstchristmas@gmail.com) or visit the "Ashhurst Christmas Parade" Facebook page.

### Meet the Mayor

The final Meet the Mayor for 2021 is set for Tuesday November 30 in the Ashhurst Community Library between 5 – 6pm.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Grant



Alert Level 1 + 2 Hours

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### Village Voice Deadline

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**5.00pm Saturday, 20th November 2021.**

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## Ashhurst Bowling Club

It is really interesting to compare this and last year's weather, as once again for the last three Tuesdays it has rained and Mens Skogs has been cancelled. The women were due to play their opening game of Elizabeth Walker but no, that didn't happen either!! Let's hope going forward is more settled, weather wise at least.

Thankfully on other days the weather has been kinder and the club events have been played. The Drawn Pairs was first up with sixteen teams battling it out over four games. Eventual winners were Bob and Max. This was followed by six teams playing for the Drawn Triples Trophy. Winners were Fay, Russell and Jacqui. Rod, Judy, Russell and Wayne made up the winning Drawn Fours team after some really tough competition from the other three teams. Great games to watch and as always, a real sense of team spirit evident with all players giving it their best. After the games, presentation, photo shoot and thank you speeches, some truly tired players headed off to the R.S.A. for a relaxing drink and rehash of the day.



Club Day has started for the season with names in by 1.15pm and play starting at 1.30pm every Thursday. Come and join in if you would like to see whether bowls is your thing. Flat-soled shoes needed and there are sets of bowls in the clubrooms for newcomers to use.

A number of Ashhurst players have been out and about representing the club at various events. Women played in the Wimsett Cup and, while not winners, played really well. The Tararua Quad games have not happened yet due to the weather not being cooperative and this also affected the Grinlington/Byrne Cup. The Year 1—5 players are competing in Interclub and this has given opportunities for newer players to gain lots of experience on different greens including carpet.

*Photos: Left—Drawn Fours—Rod, Judy, Russell and Wayne; Top Right—Drawn Triples—Fay, Russell and Jacqui; Right Bottom—Drawn Pairs—Max and Bob.*

November will be a busy time with the ever-popular Ladies Gala on the 17th. Players from a number of clubs get together to catch up, socialise, play very competitively and have lots of fun. Other events are Club Championship Triples and Fours, Interclub continuing, Skogs and Elizabeth Walker—fingers crossed—, Club Days, and starting on the 3rd and, then each Wednesday at 6.00pm, is the Club Twilight Bowls.



This is a fun time, a game for an hour, a barbecue, social time at the R.S.A. and, if your team is the winning one, there is chocolate! Do come and have a go, you will be made very welcome and well looked after.

The first of December sees the Ashhurst Julia Wallace 2x4x2 pairs event. There is a full field for this already with players from a range of clubs competing. This is always a hugely fun and successful day.

That's it for this month. Do keep safe and looking after each other and remember to smile lots.

**Adrienne Harding—Secretary**

