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Gravel and Tar 2023 to be Held in Ashhurst

Gravel and Tar locked in for the Manawatu region 2023 again—and Ashhurst is front and centre!

The Manawatu region is well known for hosting enduring sporting events and the Gravel and Tar event continues this tradition. The Greasy Chain Charitable Trust, who manage the event, today announced “Now in its seventh year, the New Zealand Cycling Event of the Year” is back again for 2023.

However, for 2023 instead of the usual start in Feilding and finish in Palmerston North, the event will start and finish in Ashhurst. Bob Selden, Chair of the Greasy Chain Charitable Trust commented, “This is a great initiative to take this international cycling event out into the Manawatu region towns and villages, and as an Ashhurst resident, I’m particularly excited as it will not only give locals the easy opportunity of watching riders in many international teams compete for the Gravel and Tar trophy but will also provide a boost to the local business community.” Selden added, “Many of the international teams will be billeted in Feilding for the week prior, and will no doubt visit Ashhurst a number of times to check out the route, so I know Ashhurst residents and businesses will make

them feel welcome.”

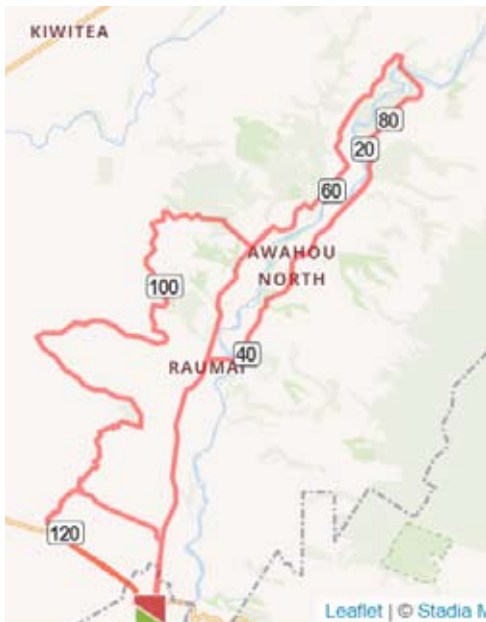
The Gravel and Tar is an international cycling event, sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) where riders and teams not only compete for podium places, but also for UCI points that accumulate to provide them entry to the major international events, such as the Tour de France and many others.

In addition to the competition for UCI points, cyclists vie for the challenge of competing in the Gravel and Tar as it has developed quite a reputation. Where international road cycle racing is traditionally held on sealed roads, the Gravel and Tar, is one of the first professional events to combine sealed and gravel roads in its parcours. The Gravel and Tar even has a Wikipedia page that states, “the race is primarily on sealed roads, however the highlight is the multiple gravel sectors (usually five or six) throughout the course. The race is now considered to be the toughest one-day elite race in the Oceania region. The race is held in January each year, making it one of the first races on the UCI Calendar, and a key chance for teams and riders to gain early UCI points. The event has seen teams enter from countries such as Sweden, Japan, the US, and Australia, along with the best New Zealand men’s teams.”

Starting in Ashhurst on Saturday morning, 21st January 2023 and covering approximately 140kms, the event will progress along Pohangina Road, then start a circuit including Pohangina Valley Road East. Gravel sections include Churchill Road, Finnis Road, Midland Road and Spur Road. Route outline is contained in the adjacent map.

The Greasy Chain Charitable Trust would welcome support and enquiries. To find out more about the 2023 event, email Bob Selden bob@familybusinesscentral.co.nz or phone 027 565 1110.

Bob Seldon



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**December Issue
Submission Deadline
5.00pm Sunday, 20th
November 2022**

Kids 'n Motion 20th Birthday

Recently Kids'n Motion celebrated their 20th year birthday of bringing music and movement to zero—five year olds in Ashhurst. This is a huge achievement from dedicated volunteers from the community over the years along with local support, having had over 800 children come and enjoy the sessions.

A lot of fun was had celebrating our birthday—there was music, presents, a cool birthday cake and a yummy morning tea for the children and adults. It was a great time had by all!

After the birthday session, a luncheon was held to honour and celebrate past and present volunteers of Kids'n Motion. Approximately 30 people have given their time over the years helping with sessions, parade floats, morning teas, with a couple still involved from the beginning. It was a lovely time of reflection with one another as some had travelled from far away for the reunion. Memories were jogged by an impressive photo display over the years and of course by faces not seen for a long time. An enjoyable time was had by all, with people not wanting to leave!

Kids'n Motion provides friendly sessions during school term time on Fridays, 9.45 am—11.00 am at the Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst, for zero—five year olds, followed by morning tea and a play time. There is a small cost for each session to cover expenses. Find out more via our facebook page—Kids'n Motion—Ashhurst. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you

Cherie O'Leary

Reminder

December is the last issue of the Village Voice until February 2023. Any events happening in December, January and early February need to be in the December Issue. The deadline is 20th November 2022.

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Mindfulness meditation is scientifically proven to improve both physical and mental health, decrease stress and improve work and sports performance. No prior experience or special beliefs required. Group facilitator, Dr Dee Osto, has taught Asian philosophies at

Massey since 2005, and lived in Pohangina since 2017. Dee has practiced meditation for over 35 years, and has taught mindfulness since 2008 to individuals, groups, multinational corporations, and the New Zealand military.

For more information you can visit the group Facebook page, "Pohangina Mindfulness," or contact Dee through email douglasosto@gmail.com or text at 021 044 2922.

Ashhurst Athletics Club's Season Commences

Our club is family-orientated, catering for children three to fourteen years old. Club evenings are held at Lincoln Park from 5.30 pm—7.00 pm on Tuesday evenings. Our season commenced on the 18th October and participants were able to try out the new long jump run-up that was recently constructed for us by the Ashhurst Pohangina Lions.

Children are invited to join the club, and

will be provided with basic instruction and competition in a range of running, jumping and throwing events. The skills obtained readily transfer to a range of other sports and, in many cases, improve children's self-confidence.

For more information check out www.facebook.com/ashhurst.athletics.

Mike Shepherd

Local Electric Vehicle Charging Station

We now have an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station on site that is available for public use, at no cost. This is owned by Meridian Energy and is located at Ashhurst Engineering and Construction, 83—87 York Street, Ashhurst.

Connectors available

- 4 x 22kW AX chargers.
- Two dual socketed 22kW AC charging stations.

You will need to bring your own cable.

This charging station can be found listed on the Waka Kotahi location map for the Manawatu—Whanganui region.

Did you know that there are currently over 30,000 EVs registered in New Zealand and that number will only grow with the offer of Clean Car discounts and the fluctuating price of fuel. Ashhurst Engineering has its own sign written EV vehicle—a Nissan Leaf—you may have seen it driving around the village.



Ashhurst P.T.A Market Day

Come and join our family day out!!

After the last two years of disruption to our lives, it's time to bring our community back together—and have fun doing it!

Head along to the Village Valley Centre on Saturday, 12th November, 10.00 am—2.00 pm to experience our market day, where you can purchase some amazing crafts, gifts, plants and more! There will be over 30 stalls. Stalls will be cash only with no cash out facilities on site.

We will be running some amazing raffles on the day for groceries, firewood and mulch.

While there, why not treat yourselves to some of the delicious home baking that will be on sale, grab a sausage for lunch, followed by some candy floss for the young, and young at heart!!

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Local Cheerleader Fundraising

Hi, my name is Alyssa Smartt and I have been lucky enough to gain a place on one of the cheerleading teams travelling to Hawaii in May. I live in the Pohangina Valley and last year went to Ashhurst School, so some of you may know me. This year I started Year 9 at St Peters College in Palmerston North.

To help me get to Hawaii, I am fundraising by making and selling wooden crafts, including spatulas, chopping boards, yoyos, and little folding tables. Many of the things I do myself, but some of the more difficult things like the tables Mum helps me with the construction, but I like sanding and finishing everything!

The most popular items are the spatulas, the chopping boards and the tables because they make really good gifts. You can see some of the photos of the things I make and



post on Mum's Facebook page (Kim Couper-Smartt) when I have finished things. You can also email me for orders at alyssa@spiderfan.org.

Cheerleading is a team sport that involves tumble, stunting and dance. I started cheerleading after lockdown, so I am in my third year. My favourite part is tumble but I am not so confident in dance. I am working on my dance though and I am getting better.

The club that I belong to is Zero Gravity Cheer, based in Palmerston North. The best thing about Cheer is how fun, bubbly and energetic everyone is. They are all really friendly and encourage you to try your best with everything. I think that it is a sport that everyone should try. Check out the Zero Gravity website <https://zgcheer.co.nz> for more information and they are also on Facebook.

Alyssa Smartt

Annual Ashhurst Food Drive

Despite the Food Drive being cancelled in Palmerston North, the local Lions Club are still organising one for Ashhurst, on Saturday, 26th November. Our small Food Bank relies on the Food Drive for its main stock of supplies, which currently last for nine-ten months. This year our loyal supporters from the Pop-Up Wardrobe were joined by local businesses in the form of the Ladies' Night Out, to raise even more for the Food Bank. Calendar sales, organised by Ric Foxley, have also been an amazing boost and we continue to be extremely grateful for the support of the Anglican and River churches, and generous members of the community who drop off supplies from time to time.

This year our focus has been on providing delicious, nutritious food for our families, using some of the ingredients that spend more time on the shelves than others. As a result, chickpeas and lentils are more popular than they were and we are seeing less reliance on instant noodles. Having financial resources for the first time has meant that we can now provide fresh bread, milk and meat, among

other things. This helps to provide most of the ingredients when putting meal packages together and pass on the benefits of bulk bargains to our customers. We are also able to expand the range of tinned vegetables and fruit on offer, as well as supplementing dwindling supplies.

Looking ahead to the Food Drive, if you would like ideas for what to include in your package, the following is the Food Bank shopping list I use:

- Baking**—flour, dried fruit, sugar. Biscuits.
- Cereals**—cornflakes, rice bubbles, rolled oats, Weetbix.
- Cleaners**—all-purpose spray cleaner, dishwash liquid, cream cleaner, toilet cleaner, washing powder.
- Dried peas and dried soups.**
- Desserts**—custard powder, jellies, tins of fruit.
- Drinks**—coffee, tea, chocolate drink.
- Pasta**—dried spaghetti, spirals, penne, shapes.
- Rice**—white long and short grain, brown.
- Snacks for school lunches**—multipacks of chippies, snack bars.

Ashhurst and Districts Senior Citizens Association

Isn't it strange how we seem to associate refugees with poverty when most refugees are normal, well living citizens of their own countries from which they seek refuge. Our speaker last month gave us a wonderful insight into the standard of living she and her husband left behind to escape a regime that was totally autocratic. To stay safe they walked out with only a couple of suitcases and left everything behind. How much we should value our democratic society.

With such interesting speakers, why not come and enjoy Mr George Dempsey at our next meeting at 2.00 pm on the 3rd November in the Methodist Church Hall. Then, too, there is the afternoon tea to enjoy. You are most welcome to join us.

Terry Carr—Secretary.

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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



Annual Food Drive *continued*

Spreads—honey, jam, Marmite, peanut butter.

Tins or jars of pasta sauces.

Tinned—baked beans, chickpeas, corn, corned beef, fish, green beans, lentils, peas, soups, spaghetti.

When giving to the Food Bank I would encourage you to think of the staples you have in your pantry to provide the best nutrition for your family.

Due to lack of patronage, the community dinners have been discontinued but the community lunches are achieving the aim of people enjoying good company and good food. The last community lunch for the year is on Wednesday, 30th November,

from 11.30am—2.30pm at the River Church building, 131 Cambridge Avenue. A gold coin donation would be appreciated but is not a condition of entry.

The Food Bank is open on Thursdays from 2.00pm—3.00pm at the Methodist Hall in Bamfield Street. Our volunteers are very friendly and non-judgemental, so please visit if you need a helping hand. If you would like to volunteer at the Food Bank, help with sorting after the Food Drive or arrange a parcel for someone in need, please contact Marianne on 027 627 2054.

Thank you very much for your support of the Food Drive and the Food Bank—you are making a real difference in our community and our customers are genuinely grateful.

Marianne Crawford

RECAP Update

Kia ora, from RECAP.

Our last update and set of workshops for the year! We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday period.

Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers for their mahi this year. You are the backbone of our projects and services and you are all community champions!

Beginner Gardening Workshop

Saturday, 12th November

If you want to grow your own but don't know how to start, this one's for you.

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, best practice on berm gardening (now allowed without permission

from the Palmerston North City Council) and more.

\$5. Register now at recap.org.nz.

Social Solutions for Sustainable Living

Saturday, 19th November:

The last of our Permaculture Workshop series. This workshop will introduce participants to a permaculture approach to connected community: from small place-making interventions within existing neighborhoods to design considerations for intentional eco-communities, savings pools, tool-sharing and other relationship-based responses to financial challenges, social technologies for facilitating group process and making shared decisions.

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RECAP Update *continued*

Crop Swap/Drop in Session

Saturday, 26th November

No registration needed.

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. Local Permaculture expert Phil Stevens will also be along to korero about a number of topics.

Scything Workshop

Sunday, 27th November

Join tutor Phil Stevens and learn the ancient art of scything, used to make hay, maintain pastures and orchards, and even trim lawns with no motorised machines.

We'll be at the Olsson Orchard cutting between the fruit and nut trees. Bring your own scythe and learn about sharpening, setup and maintenance, or try one of the ones on hand. \$25. Register now at recap.org.nz.

RECAP Rescued Food Distribution

This happens every Tuesday 3.15pm—4.15pm from the library back room. You will receive a no-questions-asked bag of

kai, thanks to Just Zilch, Bonnie and Neal Rider and all the volunteers who make this possible. An extra thank you to Mission for Men for coming on board. It's wonderful to be working together to provide kai for our community.

Rescued Food Distribution will be closed on Tuesday, 27th December and Tuesday, 3rd January.

Seed Library and Trapping

Our seed library is continually being refreshed with new seasonal seeds, with a focus on edibles and flowers. This is located within the Ashhurst Community Library. You can access three free packets each month, and as many of the varieties are harvested from this area they are adapted to grow well here. We are always after donations, so if you save seed you can drop off at the library for distribution.

And finally, as always, we also have a range of specialty pest traps available. To access the traps, please contact Ian at irassy64@gmail.com.

Take care of yourselves and others.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

Community Comment

Another round of local body elections has come and gone, along with the associated advertising adorning fences around our neighbourhoods. The Palmerston North City Council had some Councillors stepping away from public affairs, so there will be some new faces at the inaugural meeting of the new Council which meets before the end of October. Roly Fitzgerald and Debi Marshall-Lobb were elected unopposed in the new Maori ward. New faces at the Council table are William Wood, Mark

Arnott and Kaydee Zabelin.

As expected, most of the Council's functions continue to operate as normal while elections are in progress. Some consultation processes may slip by without general awareness. There is a proposal under consultation at present entitled "street racer safety initiative" which may place restrictions on some streets which are hot spots for fast cars and other problems.

A new proposal under consideration is for a new "Medium Density Residential Zone" to be created in order to cope with

JustOne Please

Hello, I am requesting Bin Liners for the Women's Refuge Safe House for the month of November.

Thank you everyone for the generous donations for October. The soap was well received.

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



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Community Comment *continued*

the estimated need for 5000 new homes in Palmerston North in the next ten years. The possibilities of fitting more houses into existing areas will limit the need for costly new infrastructure in greenfield sites. The proposal for houses include a mix of building styles up to three storeys and includes townhouses, apartments, duplexes or standard detached houses. It is proposed that section sizes could be reduced from the current city limit of 350 sq/m to as low as 150 sq/m. These zones would need to cluster around existing shops, schools and parks with suggestions of Kelvin Grove, Awapuni, Highbury and Milson. Consultation on this plan change will be a 3-step process with step 2 due in late 2022 and the final formal step in early 2023.

Life in Ashhurst is returning to the new post-Covid normal. We keep an eye on progress of the road construction on the hills above us as the landscape changes shape, bridge piers rise in a tangle of steel

and concrete, and foundation work for the western roundabout takes shape. There are multiple sites of earthworks beginning to ramp up as the drier seasons emerge. They are well past the halfway point of moving 6.5 million cubic metres of material for cuts and fill to create the steady contour needed for the highway.

The local pub has been resurrected with the Ashhurst Inn reborn as the Rusty Radiator Inn. Still early days, but drinks, pool, music and pub grub have returned on limited opening hours and days.

Summer and the holiday break is lurking around the corner as Christmas heads our way. The Ashhurst Pohangina Lions Club will be hoping the difficulties of the past few years have subsided and their popular smallholder's auction will return to Raumai in late January. Still time to clear out the shed and add to their sale items, while making space for new additions.

Harvey Jones

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Tararua Highway Update

The long weekend saw the end of a successful landscaping season on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway. Our three landscaping teams have done well this year, planting a total of 485,000 plants across various sites throughout the rohe surrounding the project. It's been a tough winter, with almost constant wet weather, but they've braved the elements and have worked hard to achieve this impressive figure. Most of the planting this year has been stream riparian planting, with a mix of native trees, grasses and shrubs. There has also been some wetland buffer planting. To make sure these new native plants get the best start in life, our teams will continue follow-up maintenance over the summer months to make sure they're growing well. We're already preparing for the next planting season to start in May 2023 by confirming what plants we need for next year—and how many—to give our suppliers enough time to propagate the massive quantities of plants required.

Construction teams are also making good

progress on some of the major structures on the highway. The final pile (of 16) on the Eco- viaduct bridge near the western end of the project will be drilled this month, and one column has been completed. The Parahaki Bridge over the Manawatu River is also progressing well, with the second pier now rising out of the coffer dam in the middle of the river.

This month we started geotechnical investigation around the Ashhurst Bridge for a shared user path, which will connect near the Ashhurst Domain to the Western roundabout. We'll be drilling seven bore holes in the ground at the Ashhurst end of the bridge. This shared user path will allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel the length of the highway from Ashhurst to Woodville.

The results of these ground investigations will determine which structure option we develop to design.

Speaking of the Ashhurst Bridge, travellers who've crossed it recently may have noticed an abandoned car – which had been left on the riverbed several weeks ago – has been



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Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Update *continued*

removed. The Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway project team arranged to have the car removed in early September as part of our commitment to being good stewards of our environment.

We'd also like to remind anyone wanting to see what it's like to drive the highway to

either head to the Ashhurst Library or the Project Visitor Centre for a go on the Drive the Highway Simulator.

For more information about the project, head to www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/

Book Review—Sons of a Good Keen Man—The Crump Brothers

Kiwi icon, symbol of New Zealand manhood, funny, talented, unknowable, charming, cruel—Barry Crump was all of these things and more.

This newly published memoir was written by his six sons, all of whom admit they are no closer to solving the mystery of who their father really was. Martin Crump writes the foreword and points out that there have been many books written about his father but what sets this one apart is the fact that it has been written by Barry's own sons—Ivan, Martin, Stephen, Harry, Erik and Lyall. Barry was married five times and each son has a different story to tell about him and his life with their respective mothers (often very short-lived) Martin remarks that the brothers knew Barry in very different ways, depending on where and when they were at the time. Indeed, in some cases they were unaware of each others' existence. There are, however, common threads running through all the brothers' stories of their father—uncertainty, insecurity and longing to see more of their father. Some of them very angry and resentful of his disinterest.

of fatherhood are answered when it is discovered that Barry's own childhood was blighted by a cruel and abusive father. We learn there may have been a life-long fear of becoming like his own father, and this fact could explain some of the rejection of his own sons.

The events unfolding in the book mostly took place in times past when it was not all uncommon for young men to "shoot through" when an unwanted pregnancy came to light, so some context in time is essential when reading of the various relationships and children in Barry's life.

His stories and books are very well known and there is no doubt of his talent as a writer, pub raconteur, hunter and all around good keen man. His laid-back humour and TV appearances in the 70's and 80's were enjoyed at the time. Who can forget "Crumpie and Scottie" Toyota ads.

In many ways, the Crump we knew and liked, was just a character, resembling the real man in superficial ways, but an imaginary figure—a myth. We think we know a public figure but it is often an illusion (like one of his fictional characters in his own books)."

A lot of questions on his strange ideas

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Our club is open to all ages and skill levels.
Monthly meetings are about to start so keep watch on the Facebook page and in the Village Voice.

Open mic at Munch Cafe—62 Broadway Avenue. 14th—28th July and beyond.
Contact kiwifieldcrew@inspire.net.nz or phone Grant 027 432 7648

Book Review *continued*

Bastards I have Known" springs to mind!

In my opinion, this book could have benefited from some clever editing, making it less disjointed and more co-ordinated. There are many confusingly short chapters which could have been more flowing for the

reader.

However, intriguing, enlightening and worth reading for its very personal recollections.

Robyn Dare

Ashhurst School

2023 is fast approaching, and we have started preparing for next year.

A huge congratulations has to go to all of the children who participated in the Ricoh sports event for Year 5/6 children recently at the arena. Our teams all did tremendously well competing against College Street, Central Normal, West End, Riverdale, Hokowhitu, Cloverlea and Russell Street. We participated in netball, rugby, hockey, football and basketball. A huge thanks to all parents for their support and all of the teachers who took teams as well as Pa Andre for all the coaching sessions. A particular congratulations to our netball team who just missed out in the final and were placed second overall.

It was great to hear about all of the fun that was had recently on our rewards day. Our children completed so many fun and exciting rewards for all of their hard work during the school term. Also a big thank you to the group of Wharite students who assisted in the planting of trees for our community down at the domain at the end of last term.

At the end of the term our fantastic house leaders ran sporting days for all of our school. This was a lot of hard work from our students in parliament. A big thanks has to go to all of these wonderful young leaders in our school and to Mrs Ash, Pa Andre and Mr Brosnan for all of their support behind the scenes.

A big thanks has to go to Shaun Allen from Elite Sheetmetals for our fantastic new gates that he has created to protect our court area and canopy. These are a fantastic addition to the school and we thank him for all of his

hard work.

Staffing

At the conclusion of Term 3 we received the resignations of Lauren Chappell and Felicity Marsh with great sadness. We appreciate everything these wonderful teachers have contributed to the school, and our tamariki have genuinely benefitted from their amazing skill sets. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours and know you will be amazing. We have also carried out our appointment process for staff for 2023. We were very lucky to have had such a high calibre of applicants and we are excited about the staff for 2023.

P.T.A. Market

Our P.T.A. is going to be running a market on the 12th November. The P.T.A. would also like some helpers for on the day. If you are available for even a short amount of time, we would appreciate your help. Please email the P.T.A. directly pta@ashhurst.school.nz.

Once again, (I know it seems premature with the end of the year not here yet), I would like to thank our school community for their ongoing support of our school. We have a fantastic community and we appreciate all of the support we receive. I would like to thank my fantastic staff, who excel in their positions every day and work very hard to provide the best for our students. My wonderful team leaders, who go above and beyond for every teacher and student in their team and to my senior managers who I know our school community is in very safe hands with for the term I am away. I look forward seeing you all again in 2023.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, can we just say a big thank you for all the support we received during our last holiday programme, it was greatly

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Summer Reading 2022—23

The Summer Reading Programme is a free and fun programme that supports and encourages the enjoyment of reading, and there has been a great history of kids doing the programme in Ashhurst. It is for children four—ten years and is great fun for both keen and reluctant readers. Kids earn prizes along the way and we finish with a big celebration party.

There is also the iRead intermediate reading programme for 11—13 years. This involves a series of events over the summer mixed with sharing book reviews.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for registration details near the end of November.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids

Ashhurst Mighty Kids is our preschool programme of stories, songs and crafts. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the programme. We have some special guests lined up.

We have now moved to Wednesday mornings.

Wednesday, 2nd November—10.30am

Wednesday, 16th November—10.30am

Wednesday, 30th November—10.30am

Ashhurst Bowling Club

Typically unsettled spring weather caused major disruptions to the beginning of club competitions, but we have managed to get some events played and, fingers and toes crossed, it looks like the days are warming and rain is for evenings and nights.

We played the Drawn Fours on a fine day with a great turn out of members. Four games, where the competition was fierce and the eventual winners were Wayne, Bob, Moggy and Hugh. They were the only team with three wins and played superbly.

The Tararua Quad is up and running with the first game played at Ashhurst and Dannevirke Club were the winners by one point over Ashhurst. Woodville and Pahiatua

Christmas Party

Wednesday, 7th December—10.30am

Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

We are thrilled to be in partnership with the 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.

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".

Our Pet Photo Board

We have a photo board going of Ashhurst's beloved pets filling up fast. If you would like to have a photo of your pet proudly on display, please email us a pic at ashhurst@pncc.govt.nz with a name.

Afternoon Tea with Mr. Tidball

We were honoured last month to host an afternoon tea for Mr. John Tidball who came out to Ashhurst to meet up with old friends. So many people know Mr. Tidball and it was wonderful seeing him again out here, we miss him greatly.

Still going strong in his nineties, Mr. Tidball has promised to make his way out here again next year.

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

were third and fourth. As always, there was a splendid afternoon tea—always a highlight at Ashhurst Bowling Club—and a day to catch up with others and swap news.

We played the Grinlington/Byrne Cup, also against the same clubs and again Dannevirke were the winners of both cups with Ashhurst second. Once again very close results and a great day of fun and competition.

A team of ladies competed in the Wimsett Cup and had two good wins finishing fifth out of 10 teams—very well done.

Skogs and Elizabeth Walker are both underway again with great competition and some success for the men.

Club Day is every Thursday and is attracting good numbers. There were twelve hardy

Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

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

All members and newcomers welcome. Courts are located at the rear of the Village Valley Centre on Guildford Street. Contact Braydon on 027 390 5611, ashpohsquashclub@inspire.net.nz, or find us on Facebook.



Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

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

This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

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Jack Zwart (President) 326 8958
standishzwart@gmail.com

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

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forlong@inspire.net.nz

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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 20th year of providing music and movement for 0-5-year olds within Ashhurst and the surrounding community.

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

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

Cost: Gold coin donation.

Contact: Cherie O'Leary, Ph: 326 9688

Check out our Facebook page and like us!

Kids 'n Motion is such a great group to come along too—see you there!



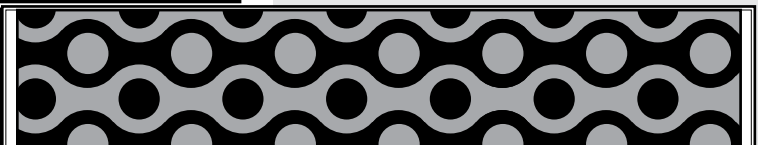
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Ashhurst Bowling Club *cont.*

members who played pairs on the 20th and by golly, it was cold and windy. Winners always get chocolate. Names in by 1.15pm and a game of ten ends—fun times.

In November, Twilight Bowls starts on the 9th. Everyone is welcome and you only need flat-soled shoes. Plenty of bowls available and always someone to give some idea about how to play. It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people and try something a bit different. Starts at 6.00pm so be there by 5.45pm to get names in and geared up. After a game we usually have a barbecue sausage, hopefully win the chocolate prize, and go to the R.S.A. for a social drink. All very welcome.

Club Championships are underway with the Triples on 12th and 13th and the Fours on 26th and 27th.

The Ladies Gala is on the 23rd, sponsored by a number of different groups and always a fantastic day of great bowling, camaraderie, raffles, huge prize table and food—always food. This open tournament attracts players from far and wide.



Winner of the Drawn Fours: Moggy, Wayne, Bob and Hugh.

Interclub is also underway and the November rounds are on the 5th, 12th and 26th. Good luck to our team.

So busy bowling times are happening and it is great to catch up with others, shrug off the Winter blues and enjoy the fresh air—sometimes a bit bracing—while doing something physical. Bowls is often seen as an older persons sport but our membership proves that to be wrong. We enjoy working with the school students and the age range of members is huge.

Take care and look after yourself and keep an eye on others who may be unwell or needing a friendly smile, a hello and how are you, greeting. One of the benefits of a smaller community is that it gives a great opportunity to be friendly and caring. Smile lots and be safe.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary

Ashhurst Rainfall

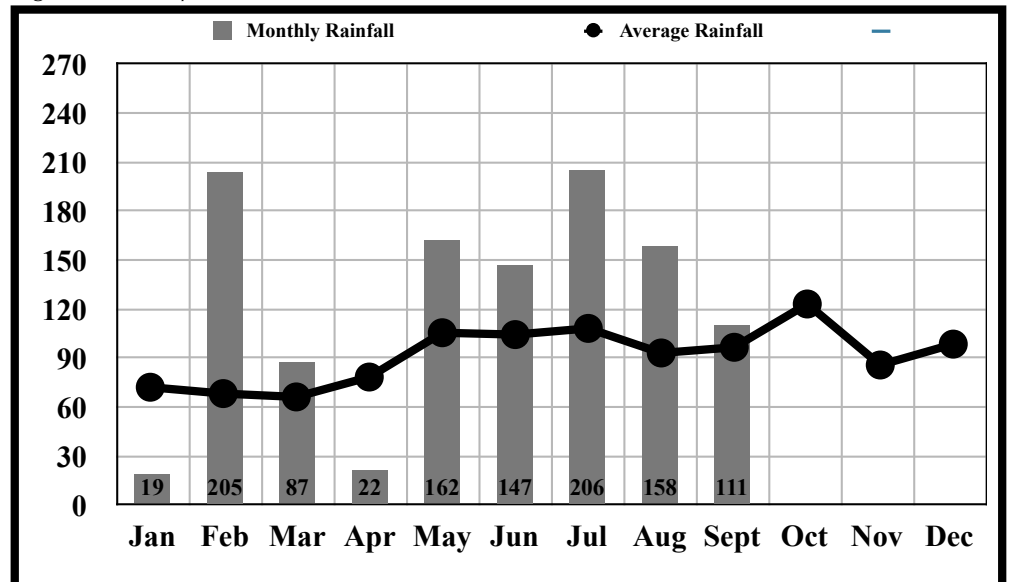
110.5 mm of rain fell in September, above the August average of 95.1 mm.

Rain was recorded on 17 days with the highest one day rainfall of 33 mm on the

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It's good to be back after a Village Voice lay-off brought about by Local Body Election protocols.

Much has happened during those several months, including the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the lifting of Covid restrictions, the opening of Ashhurst Health Care, progress on the Te Ahu a Tūranga Manawatu Highway project, and a new-look City Council.

Election results

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those who voted in last month's elections.

Just over 36 per cent of the city's registered voters took advantage of their three-yearly opportunity to have a say.

Following three retirements, including Aleisha Rutherford, the city's former Deputy Mayor, who served the Ashhurst community on Council for nine years, and the loss of two sitting Councillors, there are five new faces at the table.

The new Councillors are Mark Arnott, Roly Fitzgerald, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, and Kaydee Zabelin who were sworn in alongside their 10 colleagues at a ceremony on Wednesday October 26.

Replacing Aleisha as Deputy Mayor is Debi Marshall-Lobb

We are planning a visit to Ashhurst to introduce the new Councillors in early November.

Street racers

Ashhurst is not immune from the night-time noise, disruption and damage caused by street racers.

In response to complaints from city residents and in collaboration with NZ Police, Council is proposing to place driving restrictions on some streets at night that will see fines imposed on those caught driving there without legitimate excuse.

No Ashhurst streets have yet been considered for this 10pm – 4am curfew, but NZ Police could add more to the list, and Council wants to know your thoughts on this issue.

Find out more about the proposal on the PNCC Facebook page, and make any submissions to www.pncc.govt.nz/streetsafety before Monday November 21.

Market day

Now that events can once more be planned with confidence, the Ashhurst School PTA Market Day at the Village Valley Centre on Saturday November 12 is just the kind

of community occasion to bring people together.

There will be more than 30 cash stalls featuring arts, crafts, plants and gardening goods, food, toys and gifts at this free-to-enter family fun day between 10am and 2pm.

Other events are firming up for the refurbished Village Valley Centre, and if you've got something in mind, don't leave it to the last minute, with bookings through the Ashhurst Community Library.

Christmas parade plus

You could be excused this year for thinking that all your Christmas parades have come at once.

In fact, Ashhurst gets to kick off the whole Palmy Christmas festive season.

Cancelled in 2021 due to uncertainties over Covid, this year's Ashhurst parade and Christmas market is so eager to make good on last year, it's taking place a week earlier than usual.

The floats will be rolling on Cambridge Ave from 10am, Saturday December 3.

That's the same day Rodger Fox plays the evening A Very Palmy Christmas concert in Te Marae o Hine/The Square, and the day before the Santa Parade in Palmy, which is at 2pm on Sunday December 5.

It's a terrific opportunity for Ashhurst residents to make a festive weekend of it.

If you'd like to enter a float in Ashhurst's headlining Christmas parade, you'll need to register with Laura Whyte at ashhurstchristmas@gmail.com before Sunday November 27.

Meet the Mayor

November's Meet the Mayor session and the last one for the year, will take place on Tuesday, December 13 between 5 – 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library.

The Council website and Facebook page will post any changes.

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Ngā mihi nui

Mayor Grant Smith JP



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5.00pm Sunday, 20th November 2022.

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Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

Another season of Indoor Bowls has now come to a close with our final night and prize-giving on 29th September. A fun evening was held, culminating with the presentation of trophies to the winners of the championships. The remaining two trophies up for grabs were the Women's Points which was won by Gloria Hall and the Men's Points won by Ewen Morrison. Well done, as this also takes into account attendance during the season.

Many of our members attended the Centre prize-giving, where the League results were

announced. Bruce Meyers team won Section One with Marion McKenzie and Margaret Grant members of the runner-up team. Gloria Hall's team of Joyce Williams, Margie Rogers and Etty Wells took out Section Two. Margie also won the trophy for winning the most Singles games in this section.

We have our Club A.G.M. to be held on 10th November and encourage all members to attend.

We look forward to a new season in March 2023.

Margaret Grant—Publicity.



Championship Fours Winners—Jill Wood, Joyce Williams, Tim Veale and Gloria Hall.

Ashhurst Clay Target Club

And the shooters keep on coming... 40 shooters in eight squads for the September Club Day.

The 8th squad was made up of new shooters—one new, unlicensed shooter had the club coach, Simo, with him and that shooter shot 5/25 claybirds in the first round. ... then later on in the second round, he shot 18/25 and won the round (think he will be back !).

You remember the last article about Ira Martinac who won the New Zealand Young

Farmers National Clay Targeting Shoot? Because of a job opportunity, Ira moved to the far north but he travelled back on Saturday to attend the Sunday shoot.

Results were:

Top Gun: Ken Simonsen

Top Handicap: Marty Boyce

Second Shoot—25 Bird Points Score
(max. 75 points):

Joby Stella pulled off the rare feat of shooting 25 first barrels without missing any and Blacky only five behind.

Karen Pawson—Secretary



Photos—Left: Joby and Blacky; Right: Simo