



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

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### Community Comment

Another month ticks over as we continue to experience the effects of COVID-19 on our lifestyle. We can be thankful that most of New Zealand has avoided the worst of the pandemic to date. A combination of lockdowns, vaccinations and good luck has served to protect most of us, and the health service, from serious issues for now.

At present, we have accepted the need to restrict travel, isolate in our bubbles when needed, wear masks, get the jabs and work from home for the public good. One wonders what else lies ahead in our future. Many people will be struggling with their isolation and loss of community connections. Do reach out to friends and neighbours for a chat to keep us positive and happy.

The pressure on household budgets due to restricted work hours will be difficult for many. Some welcome support is being provided by the local food bank and the sharing shelf at the library. A new weekly outlet in the library from Just Zilch food rescue is being supported by RECAP.

Check in with the library for more details. Organisers of sports and community events, as well as schools are adapting to this new environment, which seems to change from day to day. Our thanks to these essential workers and volunteers for their hard work under trying conditions.

The arrival of spring brings some welcome light, colour and joy into our lives. Cherry and kowhai blossom line our streets and fruit trees hum with busy bees and birdlife. The City Council have provided more fruit trees for planting by RECAP volunteers in reserves. They will provide community produce in the future if supported, watered and cared for by their neighbours.

There are increasing reports of theft and suspicious activity around the village. Do maintain some improved security by locking doors and keeping valuables out of view. Ring 111 in an emergency, or 105 to inform police of non-urgent matters.

Take care and look after each other.

**Harvey Jones**

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*Photo: Cherry Blossoms at the Noticeboard*

## Letter from the Editor

Hello and welcome to the October edition of the Village Voice.

It has come to my attention that I am not receiving all emails sent to the Village Voice. At this stage, we are still trying to figure out what the cause is. However, please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

COVID-19 has had a continuing effect on our lives, and also has had an effect on the Village Voice. The restrictions in both Level 3 and 2 has meant that content is a little lighter than usual this month. Clubs are unable to report on meetings that were not allowed to happen under the various restrictions. Hopefully the restrictions will ease shortly and our lives can get back to some semblance of normality, although how normal is yet to be ascertained.

We are always happy to have new contributors, and any clubs out there are welcome to let our community know what is happening, even during these COVID-19 times.

Until next month.

**Llyvonne Barber—Editor**

## In Memorium—Maurice Collier: January 1933—August 2021

Maurice Collier passed away peacefully at Ranfurley Rest Home, Feilding on the 16th August 2021 at 88 years of age.

He was the last of ten children. Due to COVID-19 he was privately cremated on 19th August.

His passions were music and art,

spending seven years in England studying piano, returning home to teach piano in Ashhurst and Palmerston North.

HeresidedinAshhurstforapproximately thirty years and will be missed by many.

May he rest in peace.

## Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

It's a strange world we live in at the moment, isn't it? Last month's meeting was cancelled because of... Well, it won't always be the case, we hope. By this time next week we should be able to do things differently. So, presuming the October meeting goes ahead, we will enjoy hearing Lynne Young give us an account of surviving the Wahine disaster. Again, we will enjoy that wonderful brand of fellowship we have in this great

little town of Ashhurst. Having been in Ashhurst for over fifty years we just love the place. It's been very good to us!

So here's a renewed invitation to come and join us at the Methodist hall in Bamfield Street on the 7th of October, at 2.00pm. There you'll also enjoy our great afternoon tea. See you there!

**Terry Carr—Secretary**

## Free Bus Travel for COVID Vaccinations

In conjunction with Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, passengers on Horizons Regional Council bus services can travel to and from their COVID-19 vaccination appointments for free until 31st December 2021.

Horizons Public Transport Committee Chair Sam Ferguson says it's important for Council to do their part in reducing barriers to anyone getting vaccinated.

"If someone is using the bus to get to or from their vaccination they just need to show the bus driver their appointment information which they would have received via text message, email, letter or vaccine card," says Cr Ferguson.

If the individual getting vaccinated requires a care giver or has dependents

with them on the day of their vaccination they can also travel for free.

People can go to [bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz) or call freephone 0800 28 29 26 between 8.00am—8.00pm, seven days a week to book their vaccine.

It's also important passengers continue to wear face coverings and scan the COVID-19 QR codes on the bus. Bus users not travelling for vaccinations should continue to use their Bee card where possible, but cash is being accepted at Alert Level 2.

For further information on timetables head to <https://bit.ly/Bus-timetables>.

**Marianne Crawford**

## Novice Tour of Manawatu 2021

On the 30th and 31st October 2021 Bike Manawatu will be proudly hosting our 48th annual Novice Tour of Manawatu cycling tour.

The Novice Tour is a junior tour for under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 19 riders and is recognised as a premier

Two Day Junior Cycle Tour.

The event will be based in the grounds of Ashhurst School for both days.

Saturday will see the juniors take on a road race around Colyton and Hiwinui and back into Ashhurst via Colyton Road and on Saturday afternoon we have a time trial starting at the top of

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## Novice Tour of Manawatu 2021 *continued*

Cambridge Avenue near North Street out to Pohangina Village (one way).

On Sunday the riders head around Valley Road in an anti-clockwise direction and racing should be over by early afternoon before the event prize-giving.

The finish line for both road races on Saturday and Sunday will be on Oxford Street, opposite 103 Oxford Street.

The courses will have Council-approved traffic management in place to ensure the safety of both the riders and public.

The event encourages all riders and supporters to support the local

community and is extremely grateful to be sponsored by local company Ashhurst Engineering and Construction.

Please note with COVID-19 restrictions, our race organisers are taking advice from Cycling New Zealand about best practices for holding cycling events during different COVID-19 Alert Levels (based around the available guidelines issued by Sport New Zealand and the Government), to ensure the safety of riders, officials and the local community.

Please feel free to pop down and support these young riders as they fight it out for another year.

## County Fayre Update

### County Fayre Opening Hours

Spring has arrived and it was intended that County Fayre would resume opening both Saturday 2.00pm—4.00pm and Sunday 1.30pm—4.30pm, however Saturday opening has been temporarily put on hold due to low volunteer numbers. County Fayre relies fully on volunteers, people who generously give up their time to ensure that our Historical, Creative, Social and Information hub in the Pohangina District continues to function and thrive. Come and be part of County Fayre by volunteering, just one afternoon once a month. Come along to one of our "Bring Your Own Community Drinks and Nibbles" evenings to find out more. These are held on the third Friday of each month, with our next evening booked for the 15th October. The door opens at 5:00pm. Alternatively, come out on a Sunday for a delicious Devonshire Tea and chat with the volunteer on that day. You could also email [Countyfayre@inspire.net.nz](mailto:Countyfayre@inspire.net.nz) to let us know you are interested and check out our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre>.

### Downhill Walk

Our major fundraiser, the infamous "Downhill Walk" is on schedule to take

place on Saturday, 13th November 2021, running from 8.00am—2.00pm. Adults \$30, Children (5—16 years) \$20, Under 5's free. Take the shuttle bus to the top of Ridge Road for an easy walk down The Branch Road Walkway through six kilometres of farmland and native bush back to the Pohangina township and to County Fayre, where a light lunch awaits you (*all included in price*).

Buses leave County Fayre every 45 minutes at the following times:

8.00am	8.45am
9.30am	10.15am
11.00am	11.45am
12.30pm	1.15pm, and
2.00pm.	

You must book and prepay for this event. Please advise which bus time you prefer when booking, we will try to accommodate you. No dogs or pushchairs/prams allowed on the track. To book your ticket email [countyfayre@inspire.net.nz](mailto:countyfayre@inspire.net.nz).

### Chat with the Mayor

A Chat with the Mayor session with Manawatu District Mayor, Helen Worboys, is planned for Saturday, 4th December from 2.00pm—4.00pm. If you have anything you would like to raise with Mayor Helen, come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

## JustOne Please

Thank you so much for the donations of sugar that has been donated. The Women's Refuge Safe House is most grateful.

The item for this month's JustOne Please is any type of cleaning product—Jif, disinfectant, Janola, just to name a few.

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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## Pippins, Brownies and Guides

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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: 3.00pm—7.00pm  
 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)



## County Fayre Update *continued*

A number of upgrades have taken place inside County Fayre. Our toilet facilities are undergoing a complete transformation and are soon to be completed. The hallway has taken on a bright new look with a coat of paint and all that is needed now is carpet for the floor and to return our history to the walls. The front fence and library entrance are also due to undergo upgrades, with the addition of a new deck and ramp and a new fence.

We held a "Coffee and Dessert" evening during July. A very enjoyable evening with delicious desserts and live music by a trio local to Ashhurst called "Take Your Pick". They performed a variety of traditional and folk music from around

the world. If you would like to contact this group email [takeyourpicknz@gmail.com](mailto:takeyourpicknz@gmail.com). Thank you to the following businesses who provided fabulous raffle prizes. Your support is greatly appreciated: Farmers Home Store, Hunting and Fishing, Belinda@Boutique Bash, Village Valley Automotive, Coffee on Cambridge, Hair Flair, Ashhurst Discounter, Ashhurst Mower Centre, The Farm Box, The Ashhurst Inn, Emma Hopkins@Property Brokers and Focal Point Feilding.

Please email [countyfayre@inspire.net.nz](mailto:countyfayre@inspire.net.nz) if you wish to make any enquiries. Check out our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre> for updates and announcements.

Looking forward to your visit.

**Joanne Morris-Kynoch—President**



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## Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc.

COVID-19 has once again reared its ugly head and disrupted the plans for events that were to be held during August and September. Hopefully things will be back to normal in October. All events will be advertised on Ashhurst Chat and the R.S.A. Facebook page.

Meanwhile those visiting the Club will notice that some committee members have spent time repainting the exterior of the building and replacing curtains in the gaming room with opaque window coverings. It is now much lighter. Darts on Friday evening from 7.00pm are back underway and, if you like darts, come along for a bit of fun. The cost is \$2.

This month has seen the passing of

## RECAP Update

Tena koutou katoa from RECAP.

It's been another period of uncertainty for us all as we navigate the alert levels again. For those who have registered for workshops that have had to be shuffled around, we very much appreciate your patience and we're doing our best to keep our community services ticking along. We hope you are all keeping as well as can be with the ever-moving landscape.

We've been working 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 food will be taken to the wonderful folks at the Ashhurst Foodbank, and we'd like to give a big nga mihi to Marianne and Doug who put in a lot of mahi to help people via the foodbank over Levels 4 and 3. It was a pleasure working with you!

We have a Community Survey up on our site and Facebook pages ([recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz) and Facebook: ResilienceAshhurstPohangina). We would very much appreciate any feedback you can give us to help guide us in our future planning, and check we are on the right track with responding to community need. If you are an Ashhurst or Pohangina resident, you can enter

two of our long-standing members, Rona Rowe and Dave Kennard. Persons of their standing will be greatly missed and we mourn their passing, as we do for all our members and families

The Level 2 COVID-19 restrictions will now enable us to get the community Christmas Dinner back on track and to this end, we invite all interested parties to meet at the R.S.A. on dates to be advertised on Ashhurst chat and Facebook.

Please remember that this is a community event for anyone in the whole area. Even if you are away for Christmas you can still play an important part in the lead up.

### Don Barrett—Vice President

to win a \$40 Farmbox voucher for a completed survey.

Our next Crop Swap will be back in the Community Garden (next to the Ashhurst Library) on Saturday, 16th October from 11.00am—1.00pm. Bring your excess produce, seeds, seedlings, preserves, baking, anything else gardening related, or just yourself! This is more of a sharing event than a swap, where you do not need to give in order to take (and vice versa) and everything is free. There's usually a lot of good gardening korero happening at these, so feel free to just come for a chat.

We have a beginners berm gardening workshop available on Saturday, 23rd October, 10.00am—1.00pm, facilitated by the wonderful Beth Lew of 'Growing Gardens and Communities—Manawatu' and Suzanne Chelius from RECAP/Palmerston North City Council Sustainable Living Programme. This is one for those just starting out, with some info on best practice on berm gardening (now allowed without permission from the Palmerston North City Council). This will be a hands-on workshop where you will help create raised beds, with some easy growing seeds and seedlings to take home to start your own mara kai (food garden). If you've wanted to grow your own but don't know how to get started, this one's for you! We'll be covering general site analysis and the importance of tracking sun/wind/water, using your berm to garden, the benefits of a no-dig garden bed/raised bed, soil health/building soil, seasonal planting/companion planting and more. You can register at [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz).

Our seed library (within the Ashhurst Community Library) continues to hum along. We have been updating the Spring/Summer crops and have a selection of tomato seeds via Heritage Food Crops

## Anglican Parish of Pohangina

**St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst**

8.00am: 1st Sunday of the month

10.00am: Every Sunday

**St Bartholomew's Church, Komako**

10.00am: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Officiating Priests — Rev Michael Russell, Rev Pam Barnett

Contact the Parish office for further information on phone 326 8543 or email: [info@parishofpohangina.net](mailto:info@parishofpohangina.net)  
[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

Thursday: 2.00pm—5.00pm

Friday: 2.00pm—5.00pm



## Little Kiwis Playgroup

Little Kiwis Playgroup is currently on hold.



## Ashhurst Music Club

Live original music in your back yard  
Our club is open to all ages and skill levels. Monthly meetings are about to start mid Febuary so keep watch on the Facebook page and in the Village Voice.  
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**Where:** Village Valley Centre

**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**

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**Pohangina Community Church**

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## RECAP Update *continued*

Research Trust in Whanganui. 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 at [irassy64@gmail.com](mailto:irassy64@gmail.com) to find out more.

A quick note about the Ashhurst Sharing Shelf (next to the library). We very much appreciate the engagement with the

shelf, and all of the wonderful things you've been sharing with the community. We do, however, need to ask that you only put produce or gardening supplies here. We are happy for other gifts of kai, but please refrain from putting dry goods past expiry or anything needing to be refrigerated or frozen on the shelf. We would hate for someone to get sick from something they took from the shelf. Thank you.

To keep informed, you can follow us on Facebook (ResilienceAshhurstPohangina) and Instagram ([recap\\_ashhurst\\_pohangina](https://www.instagram.com/recap_ashhurst_pohangina)) or visit our website: [recap.org.nz](http://recap.org.nz)

Noho ora mai.

**Chris Love—RECAP coordinator**

## Ruahine White Water Club

### Search and Rescue

Two call-outs to assist police in their search for a missing person, presumed drowned, have kept members of the local canoe club busy during the last two months. Both searches took place on the Manawatu River near Palmerston North. The first was in July when club members found the deceased caught in the river at the bottom of Albert Street.

The second was a search for a missing fisherman and although it was a very extensive search, nothing was found. Club members searching on the river were joined by other searchers from the local Surf Lifesaving Club using two inflatable rescue boats, Horizons using a jet boat, a rescue helicopter, police divers and dozens of police and volunteers who searched the river banks. The search was scaled down after a week. The missing fisherman's body was found near the



*Photo: Kayak Instruction at Splashhurst*



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## Ruahine White Water Club *continued*

Manawatu River mouth six weeks after he went missing.

### Skill training

National kayaking instructor Ian Logie ran a one day course for club members at the Ashhurst swimming pool. Ian's focus was to demonstrate to our club members the correct methods for teaching new club members how to roll their kayak up after a capsize and several more advanced skills which apply to kayaking through rough rapids. The session was a big success and will be followed up by further sessions to be held at Splashhurst.

### A.G.M. and further news

At our A.G.M., our President Melanie Grant stood down and was thanked for

her long standing services to the club. Local club members to be presented with trophies were Ruth Fleeson for outstanding services to the club and Max Grant for fastest time by a club member in the annual Foxton Loop Race. Unfortunately the Foxton Loop Race this year was cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown. With summer approaching, the club has several events and kayaking trips planned to be held on the local rivers and the occasional sea kayaking trip. If you would like further information on joining the Ruahine White Water Club please contact Max Grant 326 8527 or check out our web site <https://www.rwww.org.nz/>

**Max Grant**

## Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Life on the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway project is getting back to normal after lockdown—just not quite as we know it. The team is onsite, working under stringent health and safety measures to ensure work on the new highway is progressing safely.

Level 4 was all about fine tuning safety plans and conducting contactless safety briefings, in preparation for a speedy return to work as soon as the Level 3 green light came on.

The project has moved 609,000m<sup>3</sup> of earth to date, with 72,000m<sup>3</sup> moved since lockdown. We've also had our three biggest earthworks days since lockdown,

twice surpassing over 10,000m<sup>3</sup> a day.

Keep your eyes out for the latest drone flyover later this month, which will be shared on the project's webpage [nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga) and on the Waka Kotahi Central North Island Facebook page.

Lockdown was also a busy time for our recruiters. The team is rapidly building for season two, with a particular need for people with earthworks experience, from driving large machinery to diesel mechanics. There are also opportunities for apprentices and laboratory/field technicians.

### 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.

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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.  
Clothing, books, homeware and toys are among the variety of items in store.  
Donations accepted only while the shop is open, when the flags are out.  
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Monday—Thursday 12.30am—2.30pm  
Friday 10.00am—1.00pm



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### Mr F Saua

Pohangina Road RD 14—029 254 3206

### Mr JC Culling

Pohangina Road—3294825

### Mrs EM Thompson

Wyndham Street—326 7434

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

The current workforce of around 200 people is expected to increase to up to 350 over season two, which runs from October 2021 to April 2022. If you're interested in getting work on Te Ahu a Turanga, check out our jobs page [nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/jobs](http://nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/jobs). Opportunities for local businesses to tender for work packs are also advertised on this page.

Jobs are one side of the coin; training is the other. The project has a commitment to work with our communities to provide training that gives local people opportunities to gain skills that can lead to work on this project, and beyond.

Te Ahu a Turanga is collaborating with community organisations, such as Tararua REAP, to build local capability and skills in the community. We are also partnering with the Ministry of Social Development on a series of Conservation Work Skills New Zealand training courses, and our partnership with UCOL gives students

studying Infrastructure Level 2 practical experience on Te Ahu a Turanga.

A six-week Infrastructure Skills Centre course is also taking enrolments. This is an industry-wide training initiative created and facilitated by Fulton Hogan, one of our partners on the Alliance. This course connects employers with potential employees, who are in paid employment from their first day. It starts on 1st November and will be based at the National Driver Training Centre/Manfeild in Feilding. This course is being provided in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development, Civil Contractors New Zealand and the Construction Sector Accord.

To find out more about jobs or training on Te Ahu a Turanga, email [jobs@teahuaturanga.co.nz](mailto:jobs@teahuaturanga.co.nz).

For more on the project go to our website, [nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/](http://nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/)

## Book Review: The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku

Eddie Jaku was born Abraham Jakubowicz in Germany in 1920. He celebrated his 100th birthday in 2020, a survivor of some of the worst atrocities of World War II Auschwitz concentration camps.

This autobiography will sadden, astonish and shock you, but ultimately leave you in awe of the human spirit and its ability to rise above darkness. To quote his opening prologue—

"My dear friend. I have lived for a century and I know what it is to stare evil in the face. I have seen the very worst in mankind, the horrors of the death camps, the Nazi efforts to exterminate my life and the lives of my people.

But I now consider myself the happiest man on Earth".

The first 19 years of Eddie's life in Eastern Germany were happy. His Jewish family were a loving middle-class family who believed in helping those less fortunate. All this changed, of course, in

1933 when Hitler came to power along with the wave of anti-semitism. Eddie left home at 13 after enrolling at an engineering college, where he studied for five years under a false name.

When he returned to his parents' home after graduation, it was to an empty house and no family. He was never to see them again. His memories of his own imprisonment are harrowing but he was more worried about the fate of his parents and siblings.

It is hard to understand how anyone could survive what he and others did and not be bitter and twisted. He is anything but, his last sentence in the book is—

"Please, every day, remember to be happy and to make yourself a friend to the world. Do this for your friend, Eddie".

A marvellous story and one you will never forget.

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## Native Bee Awareness

September saw the beginning of Spring and Bee Awareness Month. The focus is on the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) and our reliance on bees for much of our food.

We were encouraged to put water out for bees to drink, and also plant our gardens to feed the bees and they would, in return, pollinate our plants, including those that produce our food.

However, there are other bees to consider.

New Zealand has 28 native species, 27 of these are endemic to New Zealand—that means they are found nowhere else in the world. New Zealand native bees are solitary and tend to be black or grey. Some could easily be mistaken for flies or wasps. They tend to stay close to their food sources and live in small tunnels in either trees or in the ground.

They do face competition for food from the domestic honey bee, and things like Bee Awareness Month (while good) can very easily attract attention away from our native bees. When planting we are advised to plant for honey bees and the introduced flowering species they prefer.

The biggest threat to our native bees, you guessed it, is humans. Industrialisation has led to the loss of most of our native forests. The use of herbicides and pesticides are readily used to get rid of pests and weeds.

There is still a lot of research to be done on our native bees (according to what I have read), and establishing any in the community is not necessarily easy if they are not here. However we can make changes to encourage them, and that can benefit our other natives like tui who also pollinate our native plants.

- Plant natives in your garden
- Leave some bare soil to encourage nesting
- Avoid or minimise the use of herbicides and pesticides. Look for natural ways to manage weeds and pests.
- If you can, choose organic foods and eat seasonally.

For further information

- <https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2021/02/01/new-zealands-native-bees-quiet-lives-of-desperation/>
- <https://www.fortheloveofbees.co.nz/native-bees>

**Llyvonne Barber**



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## Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

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

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

Contact Braydon on 027 390 5611, ashpoh-squashclub@inspire.net.nz, or find us on Facebook.



## Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

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

This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

### Contacts:

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

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

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741  
forlong@inspire.net.nz

Alyn Edwards (Media) 329 4833  
diawlbach@inspire.net.nz



## Reiki Group Meeting

Welcome to all Reiki Practitioners, of any level, from any lineage!

Meetings will be at 7.00pm on the first Sunday of every Month at the Ashhurst Library. (June being the exception, when it will be the second Sunday due to Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Contact: Tricia Kirkwood

Phone: 326 7279 or 022 184 1968

Email: [2activatehealth@gmail.com](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

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/ashhursttkd/>



### Pohangina Yoga Classes

Mondays 6.00pm—7.00pm

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

Suitable for beginners and those with more experience of yoga.

Contact Catherine: [hauorayoga@gmail.com](mailto:hauorayoga@gmail.com)

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Facebook: Hauora Yoga



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### Pohangina Local Christian Radio

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### Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, firstly can we say a huge thank you for being so patient and respecting the rules of our Level 2 status. It makes a big difference for us and having everyone so understanding is greatly appreciated.

#### October School Holiday Programme

It is fair to say that our upcoming holiday programme will be very different to previous ones. As we are currently at Level 2 at the time of submitting this article, we must plan under those conditions. What we will do are some pop-up sessions and other activities where we can manage the numbers and social distancing rules. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page. It will be updated regularly, and we will have a pamphlet ready for you all to take away from next week.

What we can let you know is that we are doing our Ashhurst Adventures activity again where you can travel around the village visiting locations to find our markers.

#### Digital Help Sessions—If alert levels permit

Jocelyn has been helping with a range of IT problems. If you require assistance with any of your devices, please come down to see her.

Wednesday, 20th October 2.00pm—4.00pm

### Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

Club members were very pleased to be back playing bowls as soon as COVID levels improved to Delta Level 2.

We have successfully held our Patrons Trophy with three teams of Pairs sharing the trophy this year. Winners were Gloria Hall and Max Grant, Joyce Williams and Kevin Wood and Margaret Grant and Margie Rogers.

The Mixed and Married Pairs were competed for on 16th September, with Tim and Jennie Veale taking out the Mixed Title and Margaret and Max Grant winning the Married Title. These were played over five rounds which proved to

Wednesday, 3rd November 2.00pm—4.00pm

#### 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, everyone is welcome.

Thursday, 21st October 10.30am

Thursday, 4th November 10.30am

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

We are very lucky that Mrs Thompson is making herself available Tuesdays, 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, 26th October 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".

#### Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

be very challenging.

The Centre Fours and Triples Champion of Champions events have not been completed this season because of the indoor number restriction, so our Champions have to wait until the beginning of 2022 for these to be finalised.

We have had our final night closing and prize-giving on 30th September, and the A.G.M. will be held in November.

We look forward to hopefully playing a full season next year.

**Margaret Grant—Publicity.**

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**Aleisha Rutherford**

## Kia ora tātou

I hope you stayed safe and felt supported during our recent lockdown, while keeping in contact with your families, friends, neighbours and communities.

Times such as these remind us just how important having such contacts are.

### Council meetings

Council meetings continue to run online at various alert levels.

You can visit our YouTube channel to see previous meetings or tune into the live stream.

### Waste reduction website hub

We recently launched a new hub online focused on reducing waste.

You can visit [pncc.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling](https://pncc.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling) to read a range of information answering the most common questions Council receives about rubbish, recycling and waste.

Along with outlining Council's regular rubbish disposal services and tips for reducing waste, the site provides an A-Z of recycling options for more than 200 items, including engine and cooking oil, food waste, car seats, chemicals, electronics, and batteries.

There's information about how to join groups of community 'waste warriors' who voluntarily clean up parks, waterways and other public spaces or organise your own clean up.

As well as suggesting areas that could benefit from a clean-up, Council can supply gloves, rubbish bags and arrange disposal.

One of my favourite pages talks about the difference between biodegradable and compostable.

Biodegradable plastic is often seen as a great solution. But this breaks down into microplastics that harm our waterways and aquatic life.

Reading labels and choosing compostable products when possible is a positive choice.

So, when you get a chance, check out our fabulous new resource and see what changes you may be able to make.

### 'Snap, Send, Solve'

Council's 'Snap Send Solve' phone app is an efficient and effective way for communicating directly with Council about any issues, such as fly-tipping, potholes, roading repairs and more.

If you need to alert us to something, why not try the free app - with download details on the PNCC website.

### Thank you

Finally, thank you to those who supported our community through the recent lockdown, including the local Ashhurst businesses that continued to operate, and in particular to Marianne and Doug from the foodbank.

We are also grateful to the dedicated kerbside rubbish and recycling collection crew who continued their rounds.

Thanks go as well to our watermain repair crew who were quickly on the job to speedily fix the accidental breach of the main supply at the end of August.

It was also commendable how quickly the Splashhurst team had the pool up and running once Level-3 restrictions were lifted. Well done.

### Meet the Mayor

The next Meet the Mayor session is set for Tuesday 26 October in the Ashhurst Community Library, from 5pm to 6pm.

Ngā mihi  
Deputy Mayor  
Aleisha



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

**5.00pm Wednesday, 20th October 2021.**

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**Ashhurst Bowling Club**

Well, we could not have asked for better weather for the official opening day on the 18th September. The sun was shining, the wind stayed away and it was just the most perfect afternoon.

Twenty-six players, including new members, were ready to welcome in the new season and Lin, our Club Patron, sent up the opening bowl—and it was a perfect one.

Teams were sorted and a game of an hour was played. Some great bowling was seen by the couple of spectators who sat watching and enjoying the sun. After, what was in many cases fairly fierce, but great fun playing, bowlers competed to be the winners in the "Spider Challenge". Lee was the eventual winner of the chocolates.

It was great to see the green running faster than it looked and there were many compliments for a job well done by the green keeper and his team.

The season is always very full with a range of events, both in club and our well supported Open Tournaments.

Club Days are each Thursday and everyone is more than welcome. Names in by 1.15pm and play starts at 1.30pm. Flat



soled shoes required and there are sets of bowls for newcomers to use. Come and have a try if you think bowls may be the game for you. Join us and find out about it or give Adrienne a call on 027 283 6317.

October sees the start of both the Mens Skogs and Womens Elizabeth Walker competitions held on Tuesdays. The Drawn Triples are on Sunday, 3rd, Drawn Fours on the 17th and the Senior Mens and Womens Pairs on the 30th. Some of our Year 1—5 players will be competing in the Interclub events on the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th October and then into November.

In Term 4 we hope the school children are back ready to further their skills and have fun.

Plenty happening for everyone so looking forward to some keen competition and, as always, a great sense of camaraderie and socialisation to be had at the Ashhurst Bowling Club.

Keep smiling.

**Adrienne Harding—Secretary**

**Ashhurst Rainfall**

119.25mm of rain fell in July 2021, above the monthly average of 94.6mm.

Rain was recorded on 15 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 28mm on the

29th August 2021.

Total rainfall this year is 599mm. This is below the annual average of 715.10mm.

**Margaret Pemberton**

