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Community Comment

This long, wet winter seems to be fading away at last, with glimmers of warmer temperatures helping to dry out the water-logged ground. The birds and bees are enjoying a feed of nectar from the many blossoms appearing in our streets and gardens. Winchester Street's cherry trees are a treat at present and kowhai elsewhere are attracting their share of attention from tui. The Olsson Orchard next to McCrae's Bush provides a sequence of fruit blossom, kowhai and birdsong at present, as it prepares to share its produce with the community in the summer.

The dry weather has also improved options for successful repair of potholes in our streets. Footpath renewals are now complete in North and Worcester Streets. A serious water main leak under the roundabout was of some concern but was quickly fixed.

Local body elections are in full swing at present. Make sure to get your votes returned before the deadline of midday 8th October.

A couple of events of note in the past month have been held. The new Ashhurst Health Centre has been able to open its newly renovated facility opposite the school at long last after the challenges and delays of sourcing building materials. The return of a medical practice in Ashhurst will be warmly welcomed by the community.

Key dignitaries were in attendance for the release of the Te Apiti Manawatu Gorge Masterplan. The Minister of Conservation,

Poto Williams, unveiled a new sign at the carpark overlooking the new bridge construction before the group assembled at the Ashhurst Domain for official speeches and conversation in a warmer climate. The City's Mayor and Minister of Parliament were present, along with key people from local iwi, Horizons Regional Council, Department of Conservation, three Councils, and other volunteer groups involved in the development of this masterplan.

The new road Te Ahu a Turanga, and its new bridges will provide access to a proposed loop walkway linking Ashhurst to Te Apiti via the Saddle Rd and a Manawatu bridge clip on. Approved access to the old Gorge highway as a shared path is still under investigation. Other exciting options include expansion of mountain bike trails, new loop tracks and trails, a skybridge linking the two mountain ranges, UNESCO Geopark status, a tourism and accommodation hub and Rangitane projects. It should be stressed that many of these projects are aspirational proposals without funding at present. However, the new road, shared path and Manawatu bridge clip on have committed funding and a proposed opening of December 2024.

Full details of this staged, but ambitious plan for development of the Te Apiti Scenic Reserve can be found at the Ashhurst Library or online at www.teapiti.co.nz/masterplan/.

Harvey Jones



Photo: Conservation Minister Poto Williams speaks at Ashhurst Domain—Harvey Jones

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Submission Deadline
5.00pm Thursday, 20th
October 2022**

October in the Edible Garden

October is the month that everything starts booming. Potatoes can be planted. Traditionally, they are grown in trenches, but can successfully be grown in pots as well—great if you rent or have limited space.

Traditionally, tomatoes and other warm weather crops are planted on Labour Day. Nowadays, with climate change a factor—they can go in earlier but keep an eye on the weather in case there is a sneak frost. Smaller plants are of course easier to protect, although you can also hedge your bets by planting some out now, and some at the end of the month.

It's also a good time to think ahead to the dry period over summer when we may have water restrictions. I am planning to put in ollas, an old method of maximising water use and minimising evaporation. They are terracotta pots that are buried next to plants. You pour the water in, and the plant roots draw the water out of the pot through osmosis (terracotta is porous). The plants get the water they need, and there is the bonus of no water on the top of the soil—minimising the growth of weeds. You do, however, need to surface water until the plant roots are big enough to access the olla.

Also remember to plant flowers to encourage beneficial insects and predators that will protect your crops. One of the biggest problems for many is the Tomato/Potato Psyllid—which attacks members of the Solanaceae family and also Kumera and Convolvulus (Bindweed). Most of us cannot afford to cover our plants to prevent this pest, so our best defence is natural predators and observation—examining your crops to prevent them getting a foothold. You can find out more about the Psyllid at <https://nzacfactsheets.landcareresearch.co.nz/factsheet/InterestingInsects/Tomato-potato-psyllid--Bactericera-cockerelli.html>

Llyvonne Barber—Editor

Local Artist Opens Studio for the Art Trail Manawatu

Ashhurst artist Graham Christensen will be opening his studio to the public over the weekend of the 15th and 16th of October as part of the Art Trail Manawatu.

Having spent much of his life farming in and around the region, Graham's paintings capture rural life and moments in time that make up the rich tapestry of our farming community. He lives on a farm on Glenburn Road and paints from a large, light-filled studio—a converted room at the back of the barn.

Whilst he did not pick up an artist's brush until his early 60's Graham quickly showed a natural talent with oils and a great affinity

with the rural landscape, quickly leading to him becoming a highly recognised artist within the region.

To find out more about the Art Trail Manawatu, including our other talented local artists taking part please see www.communityarts.org.nz. You can visit Graham as part of the Art Trail, or drop in to his open studio independently on the 15th and 16th of October, 10.00am—4.00pm.

Address: 84 Glenburn Road (turn off Napier Road, opposite Greenhaugh Gardens). There is good access (no need for gumboots!) and plenty of parking. For more info see www.grahamchristensen.co.nz.

Age Concern

Age Concern invites seniors to celebrate International Day of Older Persons on the 4th October from 1.30pm—4.00pm.

Join us for our free afternoon tea dance at the Senior Citizens Hall, 309 Main Street, Palmerston North. Great music with Ian Farmer, spot prizes and lots of fun.

For more details or to confirm your attendance, please phone 355 2832.

Staying Safe

Age Concern invite you to attend Staying Safe: A driver refresher course, with resources from Waka Kotahi. Topics covered are health, safety, weather conditions, intersections and awareness.

This workshop is free. It will be held in Palmerston North on Wednesday, 30th November from 9.30am—1.00pm.

Find out more information when you Register by phoning (06)355 2832

Ashhurst Drama Group Presents—My Husband's Nuts

Following our very successful season last year which was greatly enjoyed by our patrons, Ashhurst Drama Group have another great evening's entertainment for you.

A 'Kiwi as' play set in the back blocks. My Husband's Nuts—a comedy by Devon Williamson, directed by Peter Doherty.

The Plot

Jo is the new vet in the neighbourhood and to win over the locals she needs to get on side with Federated Farmers linchpin Jack Fitzgerald. Barbara is Jack's wife and she is busy baking muffins for the A & P show that

Jack is due to open on Saturday. They both have a problem. Since Jack fell off the quad bike he has been behaving mightily strangely.

Performed at the Ashhurst School Hall on:

Saturday, 15th October,
Sunday, 16th October
Saturday, 22nd October,
Sunday, 23rd October
Saturday, 29th October,
Sunday, 30th October

Curtain opens at 7:00pm

Tickets \$20 online eventbrite.co.nz.

Come out for some local entertainment—we all need a good laugh.

The Ashhurst Drama Group

A 'Kiwi as' play set in the back blocks



My Husband's Nuts
A Comedy by Devon Williamson
Directed by Peter Doherty

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Manawatu Rural Support Services

The health caravan—aka The Glob—will be at the Apiti Tavern from 9.30am—3.00pm on the 28th of October.

Come along for a free physical and mental health checkup. While you're with us, talk to our Digits representative about any digital needs, this could be low-cost internet modem or a Chromebook for your child's online learning.

The Massey University Smart Health Research team will be also be at the Apiti

Tavern from 11.00am—1.00pm to discuss the Rural Smart Health project—all welcome.

The Glob is proudly supported by the Manawatu Rural Support Service and St John Feilding.

For more information about this event. Please contact Manawatu Rural Support Services:

Aevryl—021 082 34809

Jo—027 422 3544

Ashhurst and Districts Senior Citizens Association

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the Queen's passing. Her wonderful example of a life of service to the Commonwealth has been so gratefully recognised by everyone. May we all aspire to the same standard of service to others as we, too, travel life's journey throughout our neighbourhoods.

Our next meeting will be on the 6th

October at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street. Antionette Gigufi will be the speaker who is a Rwandan refugee and works for the Red Cross in Palmerston North. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and a great afternoon tea.

Terry Carr—Secretary.

2023 Smallholders Auction

With the arrival of Spring and Daylight Saving, it's time for you to start thinking about what things in those sheds and cupboards that haven't been touched for ages. Yes, the Ashhurst Pohangina Lions Club are very pleased to announce that the Smallholders Auction is happening and the date is booked in for 28th January 2023.

With the backing of our sponsors, Andrew MacDonald, Yvonne Forlong from Property

Brokers, and Barney Askin from Totally Vets, the Smallholders Auction will be held at the MacDonald Farm, 685 Pohangina Road, Ashhurst.

Any clubs or volunteers who would like to help on the day, or stallholders wishing to book a site, can contact the Lions via email smallholders@aplionsclub.org.nz. There will be more information and details in the December issue so keep a look out for that.

Ron Farrugia—Coordinator.

Ashhurst's First Healthcare Clinic in Fifteen Years Opens its Doors

Access to local healthcare services is now a reality for the Ashhurst and Pohangina communities as Ashhurst Health Care is now open!

Ashhurst and Feilding Health Care Chief Executive Officer Nicky Hart says "people who live in the Ashhurst and Pohangina areas can now enrol to be a patient at the new Ashhurst Health Care facility".

Owned and operated by Feilding Health Care Partners, Hart says the new clinic will be a welcome addition to the community.

"Having a health clinic right here in Ashhurst means no more travelling to Feilding or Palmerston North to see a G.P. or nurse for

people who live in Pohangina or Ashhurst—something that has been necessary since the last clinic closed in 2006."

"We want to provide healthcare services designed by our community, for our community. We're so proud to see Ashhurst Health Care finally come to life and we are excited to welcome you all to our new clinic."

You can enrol:

- Online at www.ashhursthealthcare.nz
- Phone the clinic between Monday and Friday from 8.30am—5.00pm on 06 888 7483
- Pop in and see us in-person at our clinic

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Super Kia Ora. Thank you so much for the generosity from everyone's donations last month. The Paper Towels were greatly received.

October's item for the Safe House is Soap.

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Wednesday	3.00pm—9.00pm
Thursday:	2.00pm—7.30pm
Friday:	2.00pm—11.59
Saturday:	2.00pm—9.00pm



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Ashhurst Devonport Worship and Community Centre

10.00am 1st and 2nd Sundays

Pohangina Community Church

10.30am 3rd Sunday

Contacts:

Parish Office—323 4127
Heather Fairless—326 8355



Ashhurst Bowling Club

67 Stanford Street.

Season starts end of September through to mid April.

If you would like more information on lawn bowling please call or email:

Adrienne Harding 326 8972/027 283 6317
ashhurstbowlingclub@gmail.com



Ashhurst's Healthcare Clinic *cont*

at 111 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

From the Ashhurst Community Trust

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the vision to see the establishment of the Ashhurst Healthcare Centre. It has been a five year journey for the Trust to see health services return to our village after an absence of fifteen years. We sincerely thank those involved in the design, construction and development of the site which had its fair share of

challenges along the way.

We warmly welcome the new Healthcare team who will serve us. You are part of our community now.

The Ashhurst Healthcare building is located in the centre of our village, at its heart. The care and wellbeing of families is at the heart of creating any healthy community.

We, the Ashhurst/Pohangina community, are the better with the opening of this, our Healthcare centre.

RECAP Update

Kia ora, from the team at RECAP.

We have our last workshops and events scheduled for the year, and all can be registered for on our website: recap.org.nz

Foraging Workshop

Saturday, 22nd October

Come join us for a gentle walk around the Ashhurst Domain as we identify plants and their uses while discussing foraging as a way to connect with nature, have fun and get a little extra nutrition. We will address safe foraging, foraging ethics, and other guidelines with the goal of participants being able to confidently identify up to ten plants for safe foraging.

The RECAP Permaculture Garden Tour

Saturday, 29th October

This is an open day for people to learn more about some of our long term RECAP projects (The Ashhurst Community Garden, Olsson Orchard and McCrae's Bush) and visit a range of private permaculture based properties based on the core principles of

Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share. You'll see young gardens at the beginning of their creation, to well established areas of various sizes with experienced caretakers.

Enjoy a self guided tour around locations in Ashhurst and the Pohangina Valley, while gaining knowledge and insight into permaculture principles.

The cost is \$25 per person, with free entry for those under twelve.

This is a fundraiser for RECAP so we can continue our community projects and services and run educational workshops and seminars.

Beginners Gardening Workshop on the Berm

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



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RECAP Update *continued*

from the Palmerston North City Council) and more.

Social solutions for sustainable living (*the last of our Permaculture Workshop series*)
Saturday, 19th November:

This workshop will introduce participants to a permaculture approach to connected community:

- From small place-making interventions within existing neighbourhoods 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.

Crop Swap/Drop in session with Phil Stevens (*no registration needed*)

Saturday, 26th November:

Bring any excess produce, seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies to share. You do not need to give in order to take and vice versa, and everything is free.

Phil Stevens will be along for each one to korero about a number of topics such as energy conservation, warm/dry tips, passive solar, solar electric, how to cut your household emissions with simple and achievable tweaks, gardening topics, water harvesting, fruit trees and other perennial edibles, designing sections for resilience, soil health and more.

RECAP Rescued Food Distribution

Tuesdays, 3.15pm—4.15pm from the library back room.

A **huge** thank you to Just Zilch for their weekly donations, to Bonnie and Neal Rider for the free range eggs and fresh veg and to all the volunteers who make this possible.

And an extra thank you to Mission for Men for their recent donations, as well Ayla Walker for the excess lunches from the school lunch programme. It's wonderful to be working together to provide kai for our community.

Seed Library

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 seed library for distribution.

Trap Library

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

Raffle

Thanks to some very generous local businesses, we have an epic raffle prize up for grabs! Tickets are \$2 each and you can purchase by email (info@recap.org.nz). The winner will be drawn at the Ashhurst Health Care open day (*date to be confirmed*).

The prize pack includes a \$40 voucher for Suzanne McAllen Pottery, some goodies from Kereru Natural Products, a stunning vase and diffuser set from Boutique Bash, three jars of delicious raw honey from Scenic Valley, a handmade tile trivet from Bruce Van-Brunt and a selection of summer seedlings (money maker and cherry tomatoes, telegraph cucumber, zucchini and sweet corn) with a total value of over \$150. A **huge** thank you for all of these wonderful donations.

The proceeds will help us continue our many community projects and educational workshops.

Opportunity for Volunteers in RECAP's Library Community Garden

Friday mornings from 10.00am.

From Suzanne (Board Deputy Chair)—'I generally hang out for an hour or so, weeding, tidying and socializing. If you are new to the gardens, I am happy to orient you to what's what. Wear clothes you don't mind getting a bit dirty or wet, and bring along a pair of gardening gloves if you have them. Feel free to bring your own tools; if not, there are tools for our use in the garden shed. I always bring a cup of tea to sip while I work, and the library has hot water on hand if you are keen for a proper cuppa. See you in the garden!' Noho ora mai.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

Anglican Parish of Pohangina

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst

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

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako

10.00am: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month

Officiating Priests — Rev Michael Russell, Rev Pam Barnett

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

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Where: Village Valley Centre

When: Monday mornings, 9.45am—10.45am

Cost: \$8 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



Ashhurst Yoga Classes

Gentle beginner to intermediate yoga classes are on every Wednesday during school term time, 9.15am—10.00am at the Village Valley Centre.

Cost is \$8.50 and bring your yoga mat.

Working to your own level we focus on mindfulness, building and maintaining strength and flexibility—you don't need to have either to start yoga!

Introducing a new class on the first Wednesday of every month—Chair Yoga, suitable for all levels, especially those with limited lower body mobility or balance, a perfect opportunity to start yoga!

Phone or Text Vanessa: 027 243 0187 or email vlbphotography@inspire.net.nz, or visit www.vlbphotography.co.nz.



Pohangina Hall

Many years ago, in the days when horses were the main form of transport and cows were milked by hand, the original Pohangina Hall was built. Not very well, apparently, as it had to be rebuilt 36 years later. It was home to dances and celebrations, meetings and clubs. Halls like this sprang up all around the country, enriching the lives of the people in the local community.

As people move back to thinking “local”, these halls are again becoming a feature. The Pohangina Hall has been reasonably quiet since the advent of Covid, but it has still been used for weddings, birthday parties and meetings. The quiz night last year was sold out and music sessions have recently started. However, to ensure the continued

survival of this hall it needs to be used. If you are planning a celebration or a community event, consider the Pohangina Hall. It can hold up to 150 people, although the warm, woody interior makes it suitable for smaller groups too. The cost of hiring the hall is reasonable and we only ask that you leave it clean and tidy – ready for the next person.

As you drive around the country you will see many community halls in various stages of disrepair – some have been demolished; some have been sold and lost to the community. We are very lucky to have this piece of living history in our midst, still loved and cared for. Enjoy!

Email: pohanginahall@outlook.co.nz

Phone: 329 4725

Julie Ann Bolton



R.S.A. Update

Bingo Tuesdays are proving very popular with a very vocal section of regulars who get into the spirit of things. First bingo numbers are called at 7.00pm. It is a good way to spend an hour and half on a Tuesday.

Friday darts are going well, the Darts Club is growing in leaps and bounds. If you're keen for social or competitive interaction come down and see the crew. Darts start at 7.00pm.

Fridays are the big night down at the club.

It's a good time to catch up with people within the village or friends and family. Plenty of raffles up for grab and jokers wild.

The R.S.A. operates on a Clubs Liquor Licence. This allows the Club to operate differently to other pubs, as such if you're coming to consume alcohol and you are not a member, the licence requires you to sign in. Only the following can sign in.

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R.S.A. Update *continued*

- Serving Defence Force and Police

As such our membership rates have dropped to half price as we are over half way though the year.

There are occasions when events are held, for which the R.S.A. will obtain a special licence. These will be advertised and are open to all. One such event will be the live band in October and on New Years Eve.

Upcoming Events;

- Bingo every Tuesday Night

Ashhurst School

As our seasons wrap up, we have had some outstanding sporting results over the last few weeks. A huge thanks to our parents, caregivers and staff who have stepped up this season to coach and manage teams. Below are some of our wonderful results.

The final games of hockey have been played for the season. It has been great to see the increase in numbers with our junior hockey. This year we had two Year 1—2 teams and two Year 5—6 teams. We also had a large number of Year 3—4 players. A big thank you to our parents, caregivers and staff who volunteered to coach and manage these teams this season. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Results

- Elite Sport Competition Year 7—8: Football 3rd place.
- Basketball Year 7—8: Boys A—1st place, Boys B—2nd place, Mixed—2nd place.

- Darts Fridays
- Live band in October (special licence has been obtained so open to all)
- Quiz night Nov (playing for the Trophy)
- Casino Night 31st December

Emergency General Meeting

The Ashhurst R.S.A. will hold an Emergency General Meeting on Monday, 31st October at 19.00. The agenda is the installation of an ATM and an amendment to the constitution to allow for temporary membership.

Tim Cocks

- Basketball Year 5—6: Green—2nd place.
- Netball Year 7—8: Pulse—4th place, Turbines—1st place.
- Netball Jan Williams Memorial Tournament Year 7—8: Pulse 1st place.
- Netball Junior Tournament Year 7—8: Aims Games team—2nd place.

Well done to our Elite Sports volleyball team who were placed 5th in the Elite Sports competition.

It is really starting to feel like we are getting back to some sort of new normality in school life, with the children being able to get involved with more and more internal and external opportunities.

What a fabulous Friday we had for Daffodil Day turning everything yellow, for a great cause! Thank you to everyone for your support, whether it was dressing in yellow or purchasing daffodils. We are excited to announce that we raised \$1225.60 which will be donated to our local Cancer Society.

Ashhurst Plunket

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Contact: Terry Carr, 326 8074

Ashhurst Clay Target Club

(claybird shooting)
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Anyone welcome to join us
Queries: Ken Simonsen, Phone: 329-4800

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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 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

Ashhurst School *continued*

Recently our Dance teams took to the stage and competed in the regional **Dance NZ Made** event, with some outstanding results and two stunning performances. The Year 7—8 "Send it to You" dancers were named champions and the Year 5—8 "Nicest Kids in Town" group were first runners up. The children have put so much time and commitment into these performances and the results are a testament to the effort put in. We would also like to acknowledge Whaea Brooke and Mrs Pearce for their commitment to this group.

It has been great to be back at school after a couple of very busy weeks away. Last week I spent a week away with the AIMS games teams playing netball and ripper rugby. The competition has over 11,000 students competing in 23 different sporting codes. Our teams represented the school extremely well both on and off the field. Some of our

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we hope you are enjoying the nicer Spring weather. Can we please acknowledge our dear friend Jocelyn who is leaving the library family for a new position in Council. She has been a wonderful friend and huge support for us here, and we wish her all the best in her new role as Council's building inspector scheduler.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids—Move To Wednesday

Ashhurst Mighty Kids is our new name for 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, 19th October at 10.30am

Wednesday, 2nd November at 10.30am

October Holiday Programme

Erin Willson—Monarchs of Aotearoa

Monday, 3rd October 10.00am

Author Erin Willson will read her new picture book which talks about the journey of the monarch butterfly, followed by a butterfly craft.

competitors were very large Intermediates or Year 7—13 schools. A great example was our netball team taking on Tauranga Intermediate who has about 1300 Year 7—8 students. To only lose by seven goals was a tremendous achievement. We will be looking forward to returning in 2023. A huge thanks has to go to our coaching team of Julie, Tash, Te Rina and Reece. Our team was the best fed team at the tournament thanks to Steve and Ashleigh Bragg and also Mr Harris for all the background organisation.

We have just completed the board elections for 2023—2026. We are pleased to announce James Candish, Leanne Jones, Tere Brown, Brayden Grant and Dat Lieu as the new board for this period. I would also like to thank Phil Smith and Cambell Patterson for their incredible contribution to our school board for the past three years. Jane Fowell will be representing the staff on the board.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Monster Halloween Windsocks

Tuesday, 4th October 2.00pm

Have fun making some colourful scary windsocks

Storytime and Hot Chocolates

Wednesday, 5th October 11.00am

Come along for some of your favourite stories read by much loved people in our community and enjoy a hot chocolate.

Ashhurst Clean-Up Community Session

Thursday, 6th October 10.00—12.00 midday

Its time for us to gather in an Ashhurst location for a big clean-up, check our Facebook page for more details, a big thank you to RECAP.

Kids Book Challenge—Bookings Required

Friday, 7th October 11.00am

Teams of two compete in a series of challenges based on favourite books. Register now for ages 8—13 years

Ashhurst Gorge Tawa Loop Track

Monday, 10th October 10.00am

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by adults. Start the walk between 10.00am—10.45am.

Sock Puppets

Tuesday, 11th October 2.00pm

Make an awesome sock puppet and create a puppet show

POP-UP Play Session with Sport Manawatu

Wednesday 12th October 2.00pm—3.30pm

Join us in the Ashhurst Village Valley Centre with the crew from Sport Manawatu. Fun and games for the whole family. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, if the weather is good, we may move location to the Ashhurst Domain.

Family Quiz Night—Bookings Required

Wednesday, 12th October 6.00pm

Register your family for one of our favourite nights.

Cake In A Cup Thursday

13th October 10.00am—3.00pm

Join us to make your own yummy cake in a cup.

Dinosaur Model Competition Prizegiving

Friday, 14th October 10.30am

Make your own awesome dinosaur model, grab an entry form from our library. All models must be in by Thursday, 13th October 4.00pm.

Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

We are thrilled to be in partnership with

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

Ashhurst Library Garden

As always, can we please acknowledge the efforts of our wonderful volunteers for the maintenance and upkeep of our gardens, it is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to drop in and let us know if you would like to help out, we can put you in touch with our gardeners.

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".

Summer Reading 2022-23

Our Summer Reading programme which promotes reading enjoyment will be back in the summer months and we are very pleased that our book chats will also be back. This involves talking away with kids on the programme about what they have been reading and other reading interests. When we start to put together our roster for the programme, we are asking if anyone would like to volunteer to be involved with Summer Reading and join the team. Send us a message and we will be in touch, thank you.

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

Opening Day was on the 17th September and after a group photo—thank you to Rex—and a warm welcome from President Eddie, our Patron Brian delivered the first bowl of the season. Then it was a briefing from Max, our Match Committee Convener and we were into it. Six teams of triples played ten ends and the eventual winners were Mike Hale, Barbara Pratt and Margie Rogers. Then we all competed in a Spider and the winner was Donna Shanahan. A totally scrumptious afternoon tea followed and then a social drink at the R.S.A. for many.

October sees the start of the Mens

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:

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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

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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!

Ashhurst Bowling Club

As I write this the day is calm and while not sunny, is not cold either. Rain was forecast and is so for the next few days so I am guessing it may all turn to custard tonight!

The Bowling season has started and so we are all looking forward to reasonably settled weather because players are raring to get on with it. Uniforms are brought out from the bottom drawer and washed ready for wear, bowling shoes are cleaned, bowls are polished and bags are packed with all the paraphernalia most bowlers need for days of play.



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



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Ashhurst Bowling Club cont.

Skogs and the Womens Elizabeth Walker competitions. Both of these are interclub events and give everyone an opportunity to swap news and find out what is currently happening in other clubs.

Each Thursday is Club Day starting at 1.30pm—everyone welcome. Plenty of sets of bowls available if anyone wants to come and see if bowling is the game for them. Flat soled shoes are needed.

Interclub begins on the 15th October, the Byrne/Grinlington Cup on the 9th, Wimsett Cup on the 10th, Club Drawn Fours on the 16th and the Senior Mens and Womens

Pairs on the 29th and 30th. A very, very busy month for bowlers.

It is great to see everyone back at the club and what makes Ashhurst Bowling Club such a great place is the friendliness and genuine care for each other that is readily apparent. The Green is in great condition, the grounds look amazing and the clubroom is spruced up and comfortable. We welcome especially our two latest new members—Matt and Wendy.

Keep well everyone, Covid may be on the wane but we still need to be vigilant and look after ourselves. Keep smiling.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary.



Ashhurst Rainfall

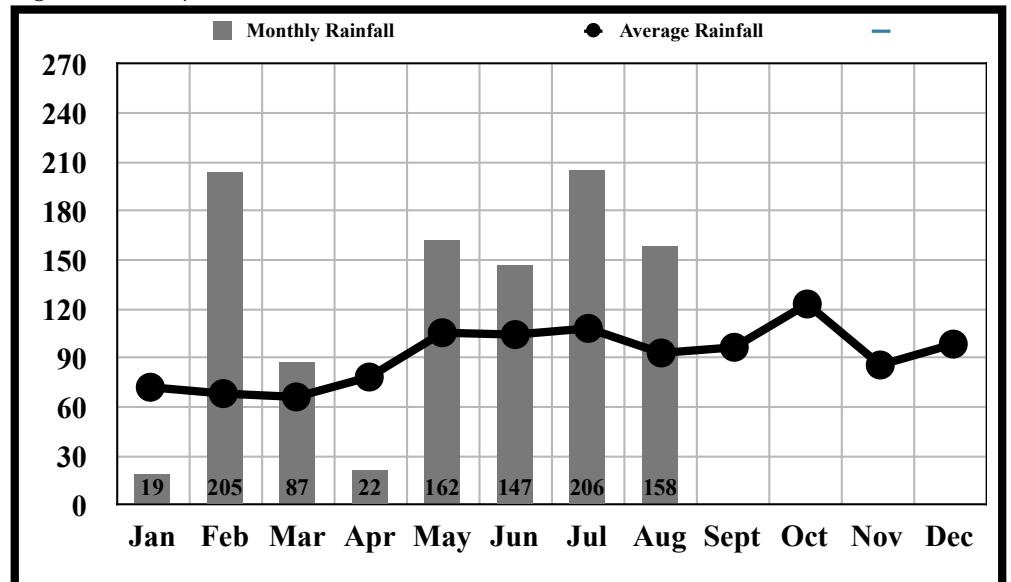
158 mm of rain fell in August, above the August average of 95.1 mm.

Rain was recorded on 14 days with the highest one day rainfall of 37 mm on the

6th August, 2022.

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

5.00pm Thursday, 20th October 2022.

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

Ashhurst Clay Target Club

The July shoot had a good turnout with 5 x squads.

One of the original gun club members a.k.a. "Pies" made a surprise visit and several guys had a good catch up with him. At the prizegiving he made mention that it was great to see our club surviving when some other clubs hadn't, with consistent monthly shoots and a very successful annual fundraiser—the duckshooters shoot.

Also, at prize-giving there was special mention of one of our younger members, Ira Martinac, who went up north to enter the New Zealand Young Farmers National Clay Target Shooting competition (representing

Opiki) and took home the national trophy and a new shotgun sponsored by Hunting and Fishing!

Results were:

Top Gun: Brad Turner

Top Handicap: Blacky Shannon

Club Shoot: Ken Simonsen

The August shoot had a really good turnout with 37 shooters including some new members signing up on their first day!

Results were:

Top Gun: Joby Stella

Top Handicap: Mike Romley

Gary Wright Memorial Trophy:

Winner—Robert Tanner

Karen Pawson—Secretary

Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

The last of our Club Championships have now been played.

The Patrons Trophy was won by Alan Cowley, Marion Mckenzie, Ewen Morrison and Margie Rogers.

The Mixed and Married Pairs event was held with an Odd Bod's section added.

Winners of the Mixed were Kelvin Hills and Jeanette Cotton. Married Pairs was won by Margaret and Max Grant and the Odd Bod's was won by Joyce Williams and Margie Rogers.

The Manawatu verse Bush Ruahine challenge for the Rosebowl was played at the Village Valley Centre, with Manawatu taking the trophy 60 – 38. It is always a great challenge with our friends from over the way.

National Indoor Bowls has been capped off with a huge weekend at the Federation Super Finals in Wellington. Representing Manawatu Centre were Tim Veale in the Henselite Singles and Tim, Bruce and Sarah Meyer and Anne-Marie Redmond in the

Mixed Fours. Tim, Bruce and Anne-Marie are all members of the Ashhurst Club. These players have had to win the local Centre Championship, then go on to win the Zone final before making it to the National finals against the other seven Zone finalists. It was such a close contest in the Henselite Singles, that Tim was one of five players who had a chance of winning in the final round. With a pretty cool head and some great bowls, Tim won the Henselite Trophy. With winning the Singles Championships at the Nationals a couple of years ago and now Henselite Champion, Tim is really on top of his game. It was then straight into the Mixed Fours finals, again such good competition from the best in New Zealand, with Manawatu taking out this title also. A fantastic weekend.

It is pretty special for the Ashhurst Club to have these players here week in, week out, for members to watch and learn and pit themselves against.

We just have a few more club nights to go and then celebrate our Prizegiving final night on 29th September.

Margaret Grant—Publicity.



*Photos—Left: Tim, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Bruce winners of the Mixed Fours
Right: Tim Veale – Henselite Singles Champion*