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Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway project earthworks teams continue to make good progress, recently hitting the 2.8 million cubic metres target set for the first summer season.

Since construction began in January 2021, we've moved nearly 3.6 million cubic metres of earth, out of a total of six million for the whole project.

We're on track to finish most of our earthworks by the end of the next summer season, which starts in October this year and runs until the end of September 2023.

We are seeing good progress across our six structures, with a recent highlight being the completion of piling on the Parahaki Bridge, over the Manawatu River. This is testament to the commitment of everyone involved in this works. Concrete pours and steelwork are continuing across the bridge's three piers. On the Eco Viaduct Bridge, which traverses an ecologically sensitive wetland, we've now finished piling on ten of the 16 piles.

Our landscaping teams working at offset sites across the region have put in an

enormous effort across the winter months, with more than 300,000 native plants in the ground to date. This puts the team well on target for an October completion.

Partnership is a core component of our mahi on Te Ahu a Turanga and its value was on full display during the recent graduation of a group of high-school-aged UCOL students, who have been gaining experience on the project since April this year.

The six students, who attend Palmerston North Boys' High School, Tararua College and Taihape Area School, have been coming on site up to twice a week to get practical experience as part of their New Zealand Certificate in Infrastructure Works qualification at UCOL.

The interns have been engaging in a variety of tasks, including driving in a dump truck, helping landscapers with plants, and reviewing tests at our onsite lab.

Our partnership with UCOL is a perfect example of the project's intention to provide outcomes that benefit the community long after this highway is completed. Providing

training, support and knowledge to people interested in a career in infrastructure and construction is just one way that we can do that.

For information about the project, and to view the latest flyover, head to: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/>

Grant Kauri



Photo: UCOL graduates—Grant Kauri (Back left), and Project Director, Tony Adams (Back right), with students (Front row, left to right) Elaine Wilman, James Jenkins, Eli Coe, Blake Holden and Israel Bailey.

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**October Issue
Submission Deadline
5.00pm Tuesday, 20th
September 2022**

September in the Edible Garden

September marks the beginning of spring. By now the spring bulbs are putting on a lovely display and the garden is beginning to wake up from dormant winter. September is also Bee Awareness Month, a time to remember that we are dependent on bees (and other pollinating insects) for the majority of the food we eat. Most are familiar with the Honey Bee and Bumble Bee, but we also have solitary bees, which includes our native bees. For more information check out https://www.citsciuhub.nz/Category:Phil_Bendle_Collection for photos and identification. To encourage pollinating insects into our gardens we need to provide flowers to invite them. If you are short on space, you can choose flowers and/or herbs that are edible to maximise your crops.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to start sowing summer vegetables to transplant once risk of frost has gone (late October/early November).

With budgets being tight, it is worth considering which vegetables give you more bang for your buck. Obviously, you will want to choose food that you like eating.

My first pick is cherry tomatoes. They are more expensive to buy in the shop, especially when you compare them to standard tomatoes kilo for kilo.

I am always surprised at the cost of fresh beans in the shops as they are so easy to grow. Climbing beans produce more, but there are also dwarf varieties available if space is a problem.

Leafy greens are also easy crops. Loose leaf lettuce can go a long way if you harvest just the outside set of leaves. (Check out Charles Dowding's Youtube Channel for this, and other great ideas).

All the best until next month.

Llyvonne Barber—Editor

Combined Church Service

On behalf of your local churches, River Church and St Mary Magdalene, you are warmly invited to participate in a combined service. You will find all the details you need below. Following the service there will be a shared lunch so, if you are able, please bring some kai to share.

Date: Sunday, October 2nd.

Time: 10.00am.

Ashhurst Health Care—Open Day Celebration

Join us to celebrate the opening of Ashhurst Health Care this September!

Happening from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday, 10th September, the Ashhurst and Pohangina communities are invited to attend a free, family-friendly open day to celebrate our new clinic!

Bring the whole family down to the Village Valley Centre in Ashhurst, take a tour of the new Ashhurst Health Care facility, learn about the services we have to offer and enrol with us on the day. Be sure to make the most of the market stalls, food trucks, and entertainment for the kids too!

We're excited to be able to offer our rural communities access to a G.P. or nurse

Location: Saint Mary Magdalene Church, 67 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

Children's programme available and all are welcome. Any questions or comments can be directed to Kellie 027 247 2179 or to the Anglican parish office on 06 326 8543.

We look forward to seeing you.

Nga Mihi

Kellie Ross

Ashhurst and Districts Senior Citizens Association

'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' by Samuel Taylor Coleridge has those memorable lines—'Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink.' These last two months we have had enough of the water everywhere, don't you agree? With atmospheric rivers drenching the landscape we don't seem to venture too far while it's raining, do we? However, for those who did venture out at the beginning of the month, we managed to enjoy a great afternoon with two wonderful pupils from St Peter's school to entertain us. They came with

practitioner without the need to travel to neighbouring towns, for the first time since 2006.

Please note: Patient enrolments are not yet open, but if you live in the Ashhurst and Pohangina areas, you can register your interest by emailing your name and contact phone number to hello@ashhursthealthcare.nz. A member of our team will be in touch when enrolments open to let you know the next steps.

Keep up-to-date with our progress through our Facebook page: [facebook.com/AshhurstHealthCare](https://www.facebook.com/AshhurstHealthCare)

Amber Dryden

their music teacher Matthew. Bella (a Year 12 pupil) sang and Josh (a Year 10 pupil) played his guitar and sang as well. It just goes to show that the different groups who host the afternoons do manage to provide wonderful entertainment, for which we thank them all so much.

Next meeting—1st September at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall. It would be great to see you come and enjoy another wonderful afternoon.

Terry Carr—Secretary.

The Annual Pohangina Downhill Walk 2022

Saturday, 12th November 2022

8.00am—2.00pm

Take a shuttle bus ride 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. Time slots must be booked. Please advise when

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The Annual Pohangina Downhill Walk 2022 *continued*

booking which time you would prefer, and we will try to accommodate you.

You must book and prepay for this event. To book your ticket email: countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

Adults \$30, Children \$15.00 (5—15 years), Family \$100 (two adults and four children), under 5's free.

No dogs or pushchairs/prams allowed on the track.



County Fayre—976 Finnis Road (off Pohangina Road) Pohangina. 14km from Ashhurst. <https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre>.

County Fayre is run by local volunteers for the benefit of the beautiful Pohangina Valley, and your support is very much appreciated

Ashhurst Images Calendar

Late last year, I produced the first Ashhurst Images Calendar for 2022.

With all production costs covered by generous local businesses, we were able to sell approximately 300 of the 400 produced, with all proceeds divided between the Ashhurst Foodbank and St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Hall refurbishment project.

The lack of a Christmas Parade last year, along with the Anglican Church Fair, which usually occurs on the same day, reduced our selling opportunities, so the unsold copies were donated to the local Play Centre, Kindergarten and the Learning Adventures Childcare facility for distribution to their families.

Given the enthusiastic responses we had to the Calendar, I am now planning the 2023 edition. For that, I need some really

good photographs of scenery in and around Ashhurst and the Pohangina Valley.

Again, all proceeds will be divided between the Foodbank and the Church Hall Renovation fund.

So, this is a call to all you keen photographers out there to contact me regarding submitting your best shots for the 2023 Ashhurst Images calendar. I already have several people interested in having some of their images included, but I would love to hear from anyone else who thinks they may have some suitable pictures.

Please call or text me on 029 777 2368 or email me at ricfoxley@gmail.com, with your name and contact details, so that we can meet up to see what you might have. I need a total of 12—15 images in all, so will have to choose very carefully from what is offered. September 25th would be the cut-off date for submitting potential images.

Ric Foxley.

costs of a road rebuild far exceed the ability of ratepayers and motorists to fund it. The current solution of reporting the problems via the Council's help desk or online app remain the best option at present with an associated hope of a speedy resolution before too many cars are damaged.

Meanwhile, we do have some additional extensions to our footpath network in

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The item for September is paper towels.

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Community Comment

The problems of potholes in our streets continue to haunt our Council and other road providers. Media reports have outlined the escalating number and associated costs of the problem with limited solutions available. A wetter than normal winter has made the situation worse and reduced the effectiveness of repairs. Unfortunately, the

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Saturday:	2.00pm—9.00pm



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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



Community Comment *continued*

Worcester Street to help pedestrians. Improvements of the stormwater infrastructure on the corner of Oxford and Wyndham Streets have hosted workers and their red cones for some weeks. We assume that this will help to alleviate the sharp corner for the long trucks which need to navigate this route. This is a wet corner of the town and also needs to deal with the outflow from roofing in the new developments in the area.

Local body elections will soon be upon us with polling papers posted to electors from 16th September. The deadline for their return is noon Saturday, 8th October. Nominations have closed for Palmerston North City Council with four nominations for Mayor and 33 nominations for the 13 positions available in the Te Hirawanui General ward.

The Te Pua Maori ward closed with only two nominations and as a result Roly Fitzgerald and Debi Marshall-Lobb have been elected unopposed.

As the cold rainy days shift into warmer weather mode, we are able to enjoy the delights of spring. The almond tree blossom on the street verge in the North Street subdivisions are early to flower and attract tuis as they feed on their nectar. Other fruit trees are beginning their parade of blossom and putting on a show to share with the birds and bees. Flowering cherries will soon appear in Winchester Street and around the notice board to cheer us up on our work commute. Do spare some time to visit the Olsson Orchard and McCrae's Bush for some quiet contemplation at this time of year and enjoy the gifts which nature can provide.

Harvey Jones

RECAP Update

Kia ora, from the team at RECAP.

We have our annual composting workshop on Saturday, September 17th at the Olsson Community Orchard. This is a theoretical and practical session around how to build great compost by creating compost for the community orchard. Attendance is free, but koha is appreciated. Registrations are essential and can be made at recap.org.nz.

Crop Swap

Our next Crop Swap is on Saturday, September 24th, 11.00am—1.00pm at the Ashhurst Community Library. 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 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. No registration is required.

Permaculture Garden Tour

After the success of the 2020 Permaculture Garden Tour, we have another day of inspiration, education and discovery booked in for 2022 on Saturday, October 29th, 10.00am—4.00pm. The cost is \$25 per person, with free entry for those under



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twelve. This is a fundraiser for RECAP so we can continue our projects and services and run educational workshops and seminars. Registrations are open now at recap.org.nz.

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. Our Seed Library within the Ashhurst Community Library is in need of donations. If you save seed and are

County Fayre Update

We are excited to announce that our major fundraising event "The Pohangina Downhill Walk" will take place again this year and is booked for Saturday, 12th November 2022. To find out more and to book your tickets email countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

One of County Fayre's aims is to provide an outlet for high quality craft work, and we are very proud to display and sell work produced by our local artisans. Are you looking for an alternative place to display and sell your creations? Your work would be displayed alongside New Zealand award winning cheeses, honey producers, authors, artworks, skin care products and many different crafts all produced by locals. If this is you, please contact us by emailing countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

County Fayre is a charitable organisation and as such, donates funds back into our community to local Not-For-Profit Organisations. If you a sports or social group in need of funds for a particular activity or equipment, or know of a family whose child would love to join a group but cannot afford the fees, then write to us at countyfayre@inspire.net.nz and tell us how we may be able to help you.

able to share, please drop off your labelled seeds directly to the Seed Library (within the Ashhurst Community Library) at any time.

RECAP Rescued Food Distribution

RECAP Rescued Food Distribution has moved to a Tuesday. Same time and location: from the library back room from 3.15pm—4.15pm.

TrAP

We also still have a wide range of specialty pest traps available. To access the traps, please contact Ian at irassy64@gmail.com. And please keep an eye on the website and social media as we have a few more workshops to be announced throughout Spring.

Take care of yourselves and others.

Noho ora mai.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

chris@recap/www.recap.org.nz

It's Father's Day on Sunday, 4th September 2022, and we are celebrating our fathers by providing a small gift to all fathers who venture into County Fayre and we will be open from 1.00pm—4.00pm.

County Fayre applied to Central Energy Trust for a grant for the purchase and installation of two heat pumps and are pleased to announce that we were successful in our application and have been granted 75% of the cost, the remainder will be funded by County Fayre. These are still to be installed due to delays in shipping. However once received, they will be installed in the main area and in the library, keeping County Fayre warm during those cold months and cool during the summer. Many thanks to Central Energy Trust for the funds.

We are always in need of help!

We rely fully on volunteers—people who generously give up their time to ensure County Fayre continues to function and thrive. We are currently open Sundays from 1.00pm—4.00pm and are seeking new people to join us.

Duties would include: preparing afternoon teas, serving customers, clearing tables, washing dishes and cleaning after closing. One afternoon once a month from 12.30pm—4.30pm helping in the Tea Room

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

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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!

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County Fayre Update *continued*

is all that would be expected.

If you would like to be part of this volunteer team, drop in on Sunday, enjoy a Devonshire tea and have a chat with the volunteers or email us at countyfayre@inspire.net.nz and check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre>.

Upcoming Events at County Fayre

- Celebrating Father's Day—Sunday, 4th September, 2022
- Pohangina Downhill Walk—Saturday, 12th November, 2022.
- Keep well and keep safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you at County Fayre sometime in the near future.

Joanne Morris-Kynoch—President

Book Review—We Learnt About Hitler at the Mickey Mouse Club

(We learnt about Hitler at the Mickey Mouse Club: A childhood on the eve of war) by Enid Elliott Linder.

Don't be put off by the title. This book, recommended to me by a friend, is absorbing, informative and hard to put down. Fans of "Call the Midwife" will particularly enjoy the childhood memories of pre-second World War London.

The author (1928—2007) was a famous artist specialising in silhouette drawings, as featured in the book, as well as a talented writer. Enid obviously had a remarkable photographic memory, and it shows in the attention to detail and astute recollections.

Her story starts as a four year old in the summer of 1932 when most people in Great Britain had never heard of Adolf Hitler. She lived with her younger sister and parents in the servant quarters of a mansion, where her father was a butler and her mother a cook.

She tells us what life was like as the child of top-layer servants in the various homes of the well-to-do of the time—a life that is so

foreign to most of us, brought up in different times and places. England as it was then—the classes, the customs, the habits and hierarchies of those pre-war times.

I loved reading about the little details she remembers, the arrangements of servants quarters and the things you must and must not do or say.

As Britain moved towards the War, the family also moved from grand home surroundings to hard times and tenement living. Life was never the same.

The memoir ends with the mass evacuation of children from London to the country, exciting for them to think about beforehand but often not living up to expectations and in Enid and her sister's case, utterly disgraceful conditions and treatment by their caregivers. This is not dwelt upon, however, and gradually things improve for the girls on returning to their home and parents.

Recommended.

Robyn Dare

Barklice (aka Barkflies)

Another group of insects that most people will not be familiar with are the Barklice. As the name suggests, they are mainly found on or under the bark of trees though some species can be found on leaves, in leaf litter or under rocks. Barklice feed on lichen, algae, mould, pollen and decaying plant material, so they do not cause damage to plants. Being only a few millimetres in length, they are rather inconspicuous and often not noticed.

Barklice are closely related to Booklice although neither are true lice (which are parasites living on animals). Because Barklice

are harmless to humans and pets, some people prefer to call them Barkflies. Barklice are found outdoors and the adults usually have wings that cover their soft bodies. When disturbed, however, they typically escape by running rather than flying. Booklice, on the other hand, are smaller (less than two mm), do not have wings, and are normally found in homes and other buildings where they feed on stored grain, book bindings, wallpaper paste and other starchy products.

There are many families of Barklice, each of which may contain numerous species. They typically have long antennae, broad heads, prominent eyes and biting jaws shaped to



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grind food. In most species the wings are held tent-like over their bodies. An example is the native species *Nimbopsocus australis* which, at 6mm in length, is relatively large and has attractively patterned wings and head. I have found this species in and around Ashhurst on a number of occasions.

An example of a non-native species from a different family of Barklice is *Pentacladus eucalypti* (perhaps an Australian native). This species is relatively uncommon in New Zealand.



Rather different-looking Barklice that I often encounter are members of the genus *Ectopsocus*, which belong to yet another family. These are quite small (about three mm long) and their wings are held in a horizontal position above their bodies. Sometimes they are in family groups containing winged adults as well as juveniles of various sizes. Some species have almost clear wings, apart from a few black marks, but the native species *Ectopsocus gracilis* has quite an attractive pattern on the wings.

Grey Smith



Photos: Left—*Ectopsocus gracilis*; Right—*Nimbopsocus australis*

Amlaku's Ethiopian Update

At our Special General Meeting back in June, I advised those present that the Anglican Missions Board, the overseas mission department of the Anglican Church, had approached us with the idea of them incorporating the development side of our work with Amlaku into their project portfolio. This is great news, because, assuming all goes to plan—and we are only at the early stages of discussion as to how this would all

work out—it means that the development work we have done in Amlaku's village of Baretgota over the past nine years could be extended to neighbouring villages who have been crying out to Amlaku for something similar to happen in their communities.

It is now just over a year since Amlaku, along with many other people, had to flee from Lalibela as the town was invaded by the Tigrayan rebels. The rebel faction is now contained within their regional borders, not far to the north of Lalibela, and while there

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Amlaku's Ethiopian Update *cont*

is an uneasy peace there is still no sign of a political settlement yet. The economy in Lalibela is really suffering from the impact of the civil war. There is still no electricity in the town, and people are struggling to make ends meet. This has meant that while locals are keen to buy his soap materials, along with the menstrual kits he makes, the realities of life there at the moment means that sales are very slow, and he has had to lay off staff for the time being. Not a whole lot different to what has happened here with the lockdowns of the past couple of years, but over there the Government, unlike ours, is not able to support small businesses to keep them afloat in very tough times. He is hanging on, just praying for an improvement in the local economy.

In Baretota Village, their main crops are growing very well, aided by a whole lot of rain over the past couple of months. Ethiopia imports about 20% of its total grain and cereal requirements, with 40% of that coming from Ukraine, 40% from Russia and 20% from Australia. It was good to hear that 60,000 tonnes of grain was shipped out of Ukraine in the middle of August bound for Ethiopia.

In addition to our involvement with Amlaku and his villagers, we have for several years supported the education of two lads in Addis. Their father was the tour guide who initially subcontracted Amlaku to guide me round an ancient church way back in 2009, so he played a small but critical part in the journey we have been on. The boys and their mother lived in Addis where they could get a better education. Their mother died some years ago, and they were then cared for by a maid—not in the Downton Abbey sense, but rather a lady who was employed to care for them. With the demise of tourism in 2020 because of Covid, their father moved down to live with them in Addis. We had helped with their education costs at various periods when tourism was struggling, but since 2020 we have been covering all of their costs—about \$11,000.00 a year. I have a committed group of supporters who have taken this on board.

In February 2021, tragically their father

dropped dead, right in front of them, leaving them with an uncle way up country, and us! Fitsum, the older boy, is now 23, and he is doing a brilliant job of caring for his younger brother, Lalem, who is 16. Over the past 18 months, our relationship has really deepened, into something of an 'in loco parentis' role. Fitsum is about to start the third year of a Management Studies course, while Lalem is thinking of studying medicine.



Photo: Lalem and Fitsum

Earlier in the year, Fitsum sent me a school report for Lalem, which I distributed, as usual, to their supporter group, along with a query from him as to whether anyone among his supporters here could help them get a house of their own. When the state of emergency there (because of last year's civil war) was lifted, rents, just like here after the lockdowns, shot up, and they were really struggling to afford the rent. I had not the least expectation of anyone responding to this query, but, miraculously, one of their supporters (not a Manawatu local) did, saying that he had a Trust which he used to help young people with a deposit for their first home. He does it on an interest free, to be repaid in ten years, basis. His dream is to help fifty young couples, or I presume singles, into their first home by the time he reaches seventy! Thirty lots have already been assisted into their first homes. What an incredible thing to do, and what a legacy he will leave.

Anyhow, he offered us enough money to enable the boys to buy a five year old apartment in a block in Addis, and they have now been in it since early July. To say they are over the moon would be a major understatement. Fitsum invited some of his friends round for a celebration recently, and they brought him a cake with 'Welcome to a

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life of not paying any rent' on it! They will put their usual rent money into a savings account to go towards the eventual repayment of the loan.

And now, to compound the miracle, this incredible man has done the same for Amlaku, who has now found a suitable house to buy in Lalibela, more basic than the apartment the boys are in, but for similar money. This will enable Amlaku and Bezawit to get married within the next two months, so they are incredibly excited. Amlaku is now in Addis with Bezawit, planning the way forward. They anticipate having a small

wedding to keep costs down. If there is anyone out there who would like to make them a gift to help with the wedding costs and the furnishing of their new home, please contact me on 029 777 2368. Thanks.

Little did Birhanu, the father of the two boys, know what he set in motion when he hired Amlaku to guide me round an ancient church all those years ago. So many lives have been, and indeed continue to be, transformed because of that one simple action. And the journey is by no means over. Like a stone thrown into a pond, the ripples just keep spreading out further and further.

Ric Foxley

have spent many nights watching a variety of sports. At Ashhurst School we can feel particularly proud of Michaela Drummond. Michaela is a former pupil of the school and she has won two silver medals in both the 10km scratch race and also the 400m team pursuit. This is such an amazing effort from Michaela and as a school we congratulate her on her accomplishments. Michaela is also an accomplished road rider currently with Italian-based BePink professional team.

Last week we saw our Elite sports football team in action. We also have many of our basketball teams that have made semi finals and our netball and hockey teams have been performing well at this stage of the season as well. Hopefully we have worked our way through the worst of the weather and we can enjoy the tail end of these seasons.

We have been lucky enough to have Sport Manawatu here catching up on bike safety with our Year 6 Tararua students. We are very fortunate to be able to access external agencies to support us with this mahi. Especially with our roads continuing to be very busy.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

your kind comments and feedback.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids

Ashhurst Mighty Kids is our new name for our preschool programme of stories, songs and crafts. It was formerly Jumping Jellybeans. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the programme, we have some

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

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741
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!

Ashhurst School

Welcome back to Term Three. It is going to be another busy term this term.

We are hoping to see the contractors return back to the courts next week. We are one of the few schools to get their new property plans approved for the next five years. We are really excited about the projects we are trying to get in place between now and February. At the moment we have in the pipeline a new fencing project, upgrade to the disabled toileting area, lighting upgrades in most classrooms, drainage improvements outside Room 1 and the junior playground, classroom upgrades from Room 1—4 and also decking projects outside Rooms 6—9 and also Rooms 16—19. We are looking into acoustic improvements in Rooms 6—9 as well. Overall it will be approximately over \$1million dollars worth of investment on top of the \$250,000 canopy project work. So a busy time ahead. We are hoping to time all of these projects so as not to cause any disruption to classroom learning programmes.

It has been great watching all of the athletes compete at the Commonwealth Games. I

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, it's been a harsh winter in terms of rain and sickness. It has been great to make up so many fun family packs for those of you who have been affected by illness over this period. Thank you for all



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A visit from our local Community Constable Phil Robinson.

Thursday, 22nd September—10.30am.

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 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—2023

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.

Cardboard Roll Snake Knitting

Tuesday, 13th 3.00pm—4.00pm.

How about a fun after school session at the library making a knitted snake on a simple finger loom? We have some looms already made up with rolls and popsicle sticks, or make up your own, and then just weave the wool around the tops of the sticks and create a fun and easy knitted snake. Make it as long or as short as you like. Keep it in a bag and take it on the go for a perfect boredom buster!

Morning Tea for Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford

After three terms as a Palmerston North City Councillor, including the current term as Deputy Mayor, Aleisha is standing down. We invite you along to a very special morning tea to celebrate her time on the City Council. You are all very welcome to come along. See you there for this very special Ashhurst person.

Thursday, 29th September 10.30am.

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

Ashhurst Rainfall

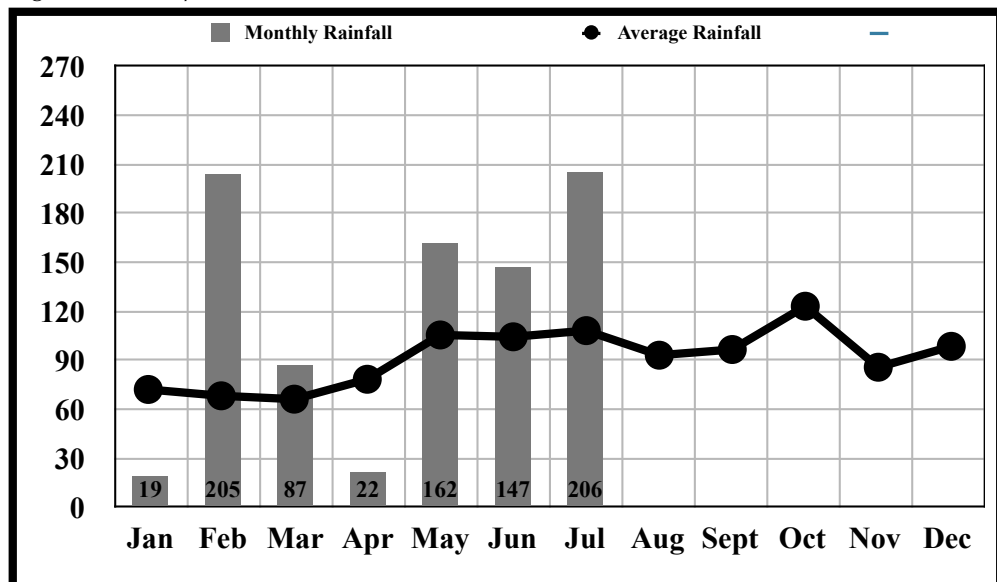
205.5mm of rain fell in July, above the monthly average of 109.8mm.

Rain was recorded on 19 days with the highest one day rainfall of 45mm on the

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This is the first time that Palmerston North will have Māori ward councillors, after the Council resolved to establish a Māori ward with two seats in 2021. Te Pūao Māori ward councillors will have a particular responsibility to represent people of Māori descent on the Māori electoral roll and to bring forward Māori views and aspirations. But just like Te Hirawanui general ward councillors, they will also represent the entire city.

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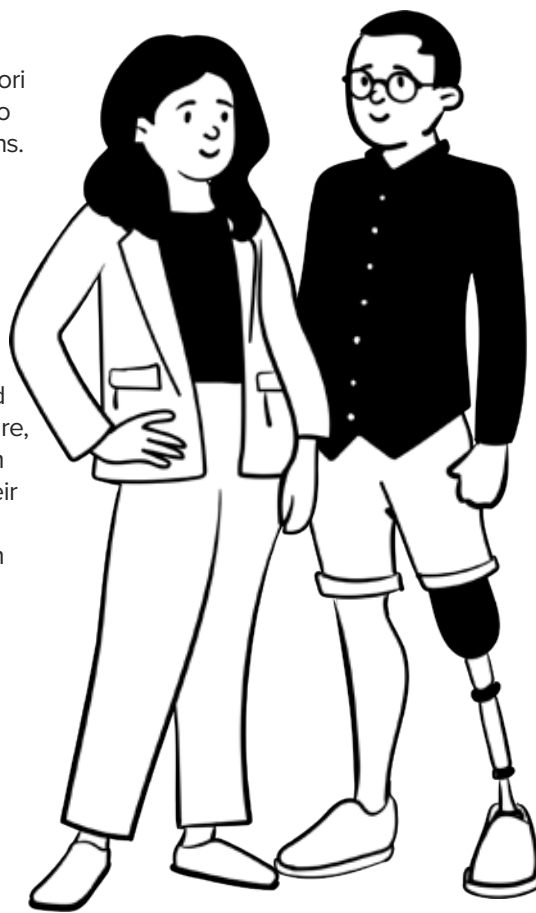
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You can still enrol to vote

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Ashhurst Bowling Club

It is frightening to think about how fast this year is going. Winter is behind us and Spring brings its joys as a season of renewal. And so, another bowling season is here with its opportunities for competing but also providing the forum for wonderful sociability. One of the things people always comment on about the Ashhurst Club, is the great friendliness and a sense of welcome for all.

The season's Opening Day is on the 17th, starting at 1.30pm, and everyone has been doing their bit to ensure the green, the grounds and the club room are all in top-notch condition. The programme is almost at confirmation stage but we can look forward to Twilight starting early in November. This will be each Wednesday evening and is a great opportunity for new players to come along and have a go. More information closer to the date.

Club competitions also start in September with the Drawn Pairs on the 24th at 9.00am and then on the 25th it is the first day of the Tararua Quad challenge. This starts at 9.30am and is also the first day of Daylight Saving. This

Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

Another busy month for club members, especially the Rep players.

Gloria Hall, Marion Mckenzie, Jennie Veale, Phil Clinch, and Alan Cowley were all selected to play for Manawatu in the Intercentre Tournament at Levin, against Horowhenua, Whanganui and North Wellington.

This was followed by the McGeady Quad in Napier, against Upper Hutt, North Wellington and Hawkes Bay, with Tim Veale, Bruce Meyer, Phil, Alan, Gloria and Jennie being selected.

The Manawatu Centre Rep Ladies, including Gloria and Marion, had a really good win over Taranaki 48-24.

Most of our Club members competed in the Manawatu Centre Masters Fours Championship with Gloria, Marion, Joyce Williams and Margie Rogers being crowned Champions. A great result as it is pretty hard to win Centre events. Ashhurst club did really well as Alan and Sue Cowley were in the Runner-up team.

Two more of the prestigious Champion of Champion events have been finalised

year the Quad is made up of Ashhurst, Woodville and Pahiatua combined, Dannevirke and the newest club to join in, which is Bulls. Club Days start on Thursday, 22nd at 1.30pm and then each Thursday thereafter.

The last of the Champion of Champion competitions are starting again and we wish Kylie and Wayne all the best in the Eight Year and Under singles on the 10th September. Then Margaret and Donna and Wayne and Moggy represent the club on the 11th in the 1—8-year pairs so best luck to them also.

The Ladies bathroom in the clubrooms has had a major spruce up with new toilet systems and a huge thank you to Russell who has done a great painting job. The replaced three complete toilets have been put up for sale on Trade Me but if anyone wants to buy one then just give me a ring—very cheap they are! 027 283 6317.

That is it for this month so as usual I say—Keep well, keep happy and keep safe.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary.

with our Club Triples winners, Tim and Jennie Veale and Margie Rogers winning the coveted title. Our Club Pairs winners were Bruce and Kevin Wood. Unfortunately Kevin had to withdraw due to illness so Jill Wood replaced him in the Champion of Champions with Bruce and Jill finishing a very close runner-up to the St Brigids pairing from Feilding.

The final Champion of Champion event to be held is the Club Fours to be played in the next few days. Good luck to our team of Tim, Gloria, Joyce and Jill.

And finally the Test. Tim was selected in the North Island team to play against the South Island team, in Wellington. Very, very close with the teams all square after round one, and all square after round two. North Island got their nose in front on the third and final round to secure the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy. Real cliff-hanger stuff. Really great for Tim to be part of these great match-ups.

The season is rapidly coming to a close with only six more weeks.

Margaret Grant—Publicity.