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Community Comment

Traffic control and road cones have appeared at various locations around Ashhurst in the past month. The subdivision of a large section in Oxford Street required days of traffic management as underground services were connected across the busy road.

Residents on the State Highway detour route will be applauding the drop off in daytime traffic as the Saddle Road was closed for maintenance for two weeks at the end of March. Sadly, sleep interruptions continue as the trucks resume their transport duties through the night.

Morning rush hour was delayed opposite the school due to replacement of a power pole. Previous attempts have been attempted to have power moved underground in our Central Business District. This was refused with claims that there were dozens of years life remaining in the power poles. As these poles appear to have reached their economic life span, then the Council may need some encouragement to move the power lines in the commercial centre of Cambridge Avenue underground. Ashhurst residents will then be able to landscape and beautify our main street and encourage travellers from the new highway to relax in a pleasant shopping environment and visit our natural resources.

The Council has released its draft budget for its Annual Plan consultation process. The Long Term Plan called for a 8.3% increase in rates, but this has been trimmed back to a proposed 6.4% rates increase. The Council's net

debt at June 2024 is now projected to be \$250 million—\$73 million less than previously estimated. Despite increasing charges for loans interest, insurance and other inflationary pressures, Councillors have done well to rein in the ever-increasing rates increases to something more manageable in these difficult economic times. Almost half of our rates are general or targeted rates for water, wastewater, rubbish and recycling. Targeted rates are due to rise by almost \$100, to \$1150 annually for most residential properties. The balance of rates is calculated as a percentage of current land value. Most of the big ticket items are based in the city, but transport and water supply developments are planned for Ashhurst to match urban growth demands.

There are drop-in sessions planned for various locations around the city to discuss the annual plan items and costs. A session will be held at the Ashhurst Library 3.30 pm—5.00 pm, Tuesday, 11th April. Citizens can help inform Councillors of their views on the addition or removal of items in the draft budget plan. Closing dates to lodge your submission by phone, letter, email or web form is due by end of day Friday, 21st April. Full details and supporting information is available on the Council website at pncc.govt.nz/annualbudget with hard copies in the library to read at leisure.

Harvey Jones

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**Deadline for May Issue
Thursday, 20th April**

From the Editor

Welcome to the April issue of the Village Voice.

As the month begins we end daylight savings time by putting our clocks back by one hour. I always remember the phrase—spring forward, fall back. Whether you get this issue before or after Sunday, really depends on printing. However, if you haven't already, this is a great time to check your smoke alarms are working. They can give you vital time to get out of the house in the event of fire. If you do not have fire alarms, now is a great time to invest in them. You can get information on smoke alarms from Consumer New Zealand free of charge. <https://www.consumer.org.nz/products/smoke-alarms-and-batteries/review>

They recommend that photoelectric smoke alarms are used and Fire and Emergency New Zealand recommends installing a smoke alarm in every bedroom, hallway and living area, on every level in the house.

Changing Subject

In the garden we are seeing the end of summer vegetables and should continue planting winter vegetables. You can also include herbs as well.

I am enjoying harvesting figs—if I can beat the birds to them.

If you don't wish to plant a winter garden, autumn is a good time to plant cover crops. These are left to grow over winter and are then chopped down and left to feed the soil just before spring planting. Usually lupin and mustard are planted.

Don't forget to plant flowers as well.

Llyvonne Barber—Editor

Ashhurst Senior Citizens' Association

It was a very creditable afternoon's entertainment! Really enjoyable! They had us in hysterics! Who, might you ask? The Ashhurst Drama Group, who were our hosts for March. If you know the difference between a homing pigeon and a duck and can entertain us with the reality of such a revelation, then you'll appreciate how much we enjoyed the act of two great actors. Two members of the group also sang to us beautifully and the afternoon tea crowned the day's programme. If you

would like to enjoy an afternoon's entertainment each month then come and join us on the first Thursday of each month. You won't regret it.

April's guest entertainers are the musical couple, the Rae's. Yvonne and Alan are old identities of Ashhurst and will be back to give us a wonderful musical programme on violin and piano. 2.00 pm, Thursday, 6th April, Methodist Hall, Bamfield Street.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Ashhurst Drama Group—Gone To Seed

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Opening night of the 22nd April is already fully booked.

Further nights are:

- Friday, 28th April—7:30 pm
- Saturday, 29th April—7:30 pm
- Friday, 5th May—7:30 pm
- Saturday, 6th May—7:30 pm

Tickets are available from *Eventbrite.co.nz*—search Ashhurst Drama Group; or phone 027 654 9801.

Last year we had five sold out nights of fun and entertainment. Come and enjoy a great night out with your local community theatre complete with supper provided for only \$20 a ticket. Book a table and we look forward to entertaining you.

The Ashhurst Drama Group Team

RECAP Update

Kia ora from RECAP.

An update from Ian Rasmussen, RECAP Trapping Coordinator:

RECAP has operated a trap library for several years and there are around 300 traps out in the community. Traps available include Victor rat traps that are housed in a wooden box and are effective on rats and mice, especially at this time of year. DOC200 traps are more suited to rural residents and these traps target stoats, weasels and rats.

For data collection, a Trap NZ project called "Trapping regional Ashhurst Pohangina" is available for residents to join. It allows users to mark their trap's location and to record catches, bait used, and type of trap. It would be useful for future funding applications if residents can mark any trap library or personal traps onto the map.

For residents with existing traps, please let me know if the trap isn't working correctly or catching. It is better for the trap to be in good working order and used, than stored in a shed unused. Contact: irassy64@gmail.com

Upcoming Workshops

Foraging with Sharon Stevens and Helen Lehndorf—The Ashhurst Domain, Sunday, 7th May.

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. Helen Lehndorf is the author of the recently released *A Forager's Life: Finding my heart and home in nature*. This workshop is free, but koha is appreciated. Register now at recap.org.nz

Preserving Supergrans Workshop with Manawatū and

RECAP—Village Valley Centre, Saturday, 13th May.

They will be covering safe practice for food preservation, with the chance to take some goodies home. The cost is \$5 and you can register now at recap.org.nz

RECAP Crop Swap

On 29th April, 11.00 am—1.00 pm we have the next RECAP Crop Swap at the Ashhurst Community Library. This is a free sharing event, where you don't need to give in order to take or vice versa. It's a great spot to bring fruit from the trees you can't keep up with, some of your glut or excess seedlings, or just show up to collect the bounty from others. There is kōrero on various gardening topics, so bring your questions, too. This happens on the last Saturday of every second month.

RECAP Community Kai

Like other similar services, RECAP Community Kai (previously named RECAP Rescued Food Distribution) is seeing some uncertainty in our donations. We have set up a dedicated give-a-little page for monetary donations to support this service if you have the means.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/community-kai-fundraising>

Each Tuesday we communicate through our dedicated Facebook page (facebook RECAP Community Kai). Some weeks may have enough for everyone, while others will be only for those in real need. This continues to be a no-questions-asked service.

Thank you to Just Zilch, Mission for Men, Ayla Bennett, Bonnie and Neal Rider and all the volunteers who make this possible each week.

RECAP Seed Library

And finally: the RECAP Seed Library is after donations, so if you save seed

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JustOne Please

Super Kia Ora everyone. Thank you for your donations of Shampoo and Conditioner.

April's item for the Safe House is either Hot Chocolate or Milo.

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Pohangina Community Church
10.30 am 3rd Sunday
Contacts: Parish Office—323 4127
Heather Fairless—326 8355

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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

Pohangina Rubbish Collection

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

RECAP Update

you can drop off at the library for distribution. We particularly appreciate seeds saved in our area, as they are generally acclimated to grow well here.

Look after yourselves and others.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

chris@recap.org.nz; www.recap.org.nz.

Amlaku's Ethiopian Update

It's been quite a while since I sent out an update on Amlaku's doings.

The great news is that on Saturday, 11th March, Bezawit gave birth to a healthy 7 lb girl, called Penny (after my wife for those of you who don't know her!) She had to be induced, but received excellent care in a good maternity hospital in Addis. They had to take her back into the hospital a couple of days later with some sort of blood infection, but she is fine now, and they are very happy.



We had wondered if she would have an Ethiopian name as well, so that she wouldn't have to spend the whole of her life explaining why she was called Penny, but no, she is Penny, surname

Amlaku—apparently that is the way they do it over there. We saw her on WhatsApp at two days old, and she seemed to be making all the normal baby noises, so hopefully all will go well for them.

However, when they had to go back to the hospital, they couldn't find anywhere to park the minibus in the hospital grounds, so parked outside. When they got back to the vehicle, Amlaku discovered that in his haste he had left it unlocked with the driver's window down, and his phone had been stolen! The sad thing is that he has lost all the photos that were stored on the phone. Most annoying, because he really needs it for his tourism business, which is what he has been putting his energies into while awaiting the birth of the baby. Not the first young father to do such silly things!

Their plans had been to move back to Lalibela soon after the baby's birth with the aim of getting the soap business up and running again. Unfortunately, most

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Amlaku's Ethiopian Update

of the money we were gifted for them just before Christmas has now gone—he used some, as arranged with us and the donors here—to buy a new desktop for his tourism business. A friend set him up with a desk in one of the major hotels in Addis, a place that many foreign tourists use, and he has been getting a bit of work from that. Not enough to live on, but helpful nonetheless. The balance was to go into buying raw materials for the soap business, but the bulk of that has now been used up with living costs plus hospital costs with the baby. I am encouraging him to try to find an investor or partner within Ethiopia who could help him get up and running again. He has been asking around, but apparently some folk are still a bit wary of the security situation in the north of the country.

The Anglican Missions Board Lenten Appeal is under way, with improved seed and fertiliser for a neighbouring village being one of three projects the Anglican Missions Board is promoting this year (the other two being in Fiji and

Jordan). That includes a part salary for Amlaku, so will help them, as long as it comes off.

The boys, Fitsum and Lalem, are doing well in Addis. Fitsum is working on his final project before he graduates in July. He too has phone issues, with the old one he was given some years ago, dying on him.

There are still some major political issues the country has to deal with, with ongoing unrest in some areas, while in the north, where Lalibela is, and where the bulk of the Tigrayan incursion occurred, things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal. The impact has been huge though, with significant loss of life, both in Tigray itself, as well as in Afar and Amhara, which the Tigrayans occupied. The peace deal seems to be holding, but the legacy of the civil war will take years to put right.

Any queries, comments, etc. give me a call.

Ric Foxley

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Our Ashhurst Librarian—Ross Meads

Ross Meads, celebrating his tenth year as the Ashhurst librarian, has become a very familiar face to many of our local residents, ranging from pre-schoolers to senior citizens.

Originally a farm boy living near Taihape, his family moved to Stanway and then Feilding where he attended high school before completing a Geography degree at Massey University. He laughed when he admitted he has never actually done anything with it. After turning up at the library asking if there were any jobs going, he started the next day. He joined the Children's team, eventually becoming the manager for the department. It was great fun there but his absolute highlights during this period were being involved in events at

different times with Jonah Lomu, Richard Hadlee and actor John Rhys-Davies, who at that stage was involved with the "Lord of the Rings" movies. It was our good fortune that, following restructuring at the City Library, he relocated to Ashhurst Library where he has become a pivotal member of our community. He also helps out with Council issues and manages the Village Valley Centre. He works with many different community groups such as RECAP with respect to the library's community garden, workshops, rescued food distribution and the popular sharing shelf.

Ross has seen the role of a librarian change significantly over the years, particularly in relatively small

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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 10.00 am—11.00 am.

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Ashhurst Red Cross

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 For Appointments contact: Manawatu Home Budgeting Service. Phone: 358 2279; Cell: 0800-228 343.

River Church
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 Pastors Dave and Kellie Ross. Phone 027 247 2179 or 328 4864 (evening)
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Ashhurst Foodbank
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 Contact: Marianne 027 627 2054

Our Ashhurst Librarian—Ross Meads

communities such as Ashhurst. It provides support to the community in a number of ways that supplement existing support services and he said that it is wonderful to be able to help in so many ways. Many times, it is simply the art of listening that is most the most valuable

He loves all aspects of his job but if he had to pick a favourite time it would be between 3.00 pm—5.00 pm after school. Time just flies during that period. He is passionate about the role of the library in promoting literacy and

is aware that it is a partnership with parents, caregivers, the school and others.

Ross says that it is a privilege to work in Ashhurst and be supported by the community, which he never takes for granted. And he never, ever tires of all the home baking. We know that Ashhurst will welcome him back after his current four-week break.

But he is still very camera-shy, hence no photo.

Mike and Jan Shepherd

Ashhurst School

It was hard watching the news and seeing all the devastation that has happened particularly in the Hawkes Bay area. At this time our own local community was affected by the flooding as well. As a result we joined in with all of the other schools in the district to hold a fundraising black and white mufti day. We raised \$702.70.

There have been so many things happening at school lately as we are in full swing. Recently our mighty Ruahine and Tūranga teams competed in the junior school triathlon. This is such a wonderful event for our students to be part of. The following day saw the Whārite and Tararua teams compete as well. A big thanks to all the parents for bringing in all the bikes and scooters and to our staff for setting up and preparation. A special thanks to Mr Harris for all his great organisation.

On Wednesday 15th March we had the inter school triathlon for Year 5-8 children. This was held at Skoglund

Park and Freyberg Pool in Palmerston North. Our children competed incredibly well against all the other intermediates and primary schools in the region. It was great to see them all giving it their absolute best and displaying all of the Ashhurst School values. Thank you to all of the parents, caregivers, and whānau who helped with transport and who were able to come and support our tamariki on the day.

I recently had the pleasure of taking our student council to the GRIP leadership conference. This day was focused around building their leadership skills with themes such as:

- How to be an others first leader
- How leaders impact others
- How to impact groups and individuals.

It was a great day for all of the children.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway team has moved more than five million cubic metres of earth since the start of construction in January 2021.

This is an important milestone and puts the project close to completing the

total earthworks target of six million cubic metres this year.

Three of the six structures across the project have been completed, and good progress is being made across the remaining three. Temporary works are

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Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

in place on top of Pier One of the Parahaki Bridge which spans the Manawatū River—this will support the first section of the super structure, which is the part of the bridge that the road will be built on. The Pier Two column is on track to be completed in March, with Pier Three's column pour also getting underway in March. We also expect to see the form traveller, a system that will allow the superstructure to be constructed, attached to Pier One in the middle of the year.

The team is preparing to receive the first delivery of concrete beams for the Eco Viaduct Bridge in late March, which are being made in Napier. The first beam is 47-metres-long and 4.8-metres wide. It will be delivered overnight to avoid major disruptions to traffic on the Saddle Road. There are temporary platforms in place on several of the piers, which will enable the beams to be lifted into place upon arrival. Eleven of twelve columns are now completed on this bridge.

Further up the hill at Fill 9—the largest fill on the project—the highway alignment is now at sub-grade, which means it's ready for pavement. Our pavements team has been conducting

trials in this area and is due to start laying pavement next month.

On the landscaping front, the team is busy preparing new sites for planting this year, while also conducting pest control. About 450,000 native plants are expected to be planted this year, with 300,000 of these along the highway itself. The third landscaping season is expected to start in April.

Golf tournament raises \$11,000 for charity

The Te Ahu a Turanga team was involved in a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House at the Pahiatua Golf Club in March, which raised more than \$11,000 for the charity.

The Ambrose Golf Tournament saw a sold-out field of three-person teams play 18 holes at the course on Saturday, 11th March.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in making this a successful fundraiser, with special thanks to the Pahiatua Golf Club management, and members for facilitating the event and to all the local businesses who sponsored the tournament.

Grant Kauri—Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, it's Jill here. I am writing this while Ross is away. I haven't managed to run the ship aground just

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Ashhurst Yoga Classes

Gentle beginner to intermediate yoga classes are on every Wednesday during school term time, 9.15 am—10.00 am 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!

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Ashhurst Clay Target Club (claybird shooting)

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Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association Inc

Meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street, at 2.00pm. We invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and entertainment.

Contact: Terry Carr, 326 8074

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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.

Contact kiwifieldcrew@inspire.net.nz or phone Grant 027 432 7648

Ashhurst Library

yet... The white-tailed spider has not shown himself. I am pretty sure he went home with Ross. Drop in anytime or give me a call if I can be of assistance.

Ashhurst School Holiday Programme

We are in the midst of planning our upcoming holiday programme. At present we are excited to let you know that SpontaneoUS Imagination Station—the ultimate children's improv show that's guaranteed to spark your creativity and imagination, will be joining us on Tuesday, 11th April, at 2.00 pm in the Village Valley Centre.

We are also very lucky to have Zappo the Magician joining us for a 45-minute show of Magic, Music and Movement, fun for all ages on Thursday, 20th April, at 10.30 am in the Village Valley Centre.

Further community activities and crafts will be advised once we have our full programme finalised. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, or for a paper copy of the programme pop in closer to the holidays.

Digits

We are happy to be able to once again offer computer assistance sessions either at the Ashhurst Library or over the phone through Digits. You can access this through their link <https://digits.org.nz/contact/hub-booking>. If you are requiring to book an in-person session then the Ashhurst Library day is Thursday 2.00 pm—4.00 pm.

Ashhurst Community Gardens

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Suzanne and the wonderful volunteers who keep our community gardens at the Ashhurst Library looking so beautiful. Meetings are weekly at various times and all fitness and physical mobility levels are welcome. It is a huge effort and we know they would love any new volunteers. See Ashhurst Chat for each week's scheduled session, or contact Suzanne for more information: schelius@hotmail.com

Sharing Shelf

Our sharing shelf is very popular, and we absolutely appreciate all the food produce from people in our community. There is always a variety so please feel free to drop in and check the shelf at any time. A friendly reminder that any linen or clothing items can be donated to the Red Cross Shop on Cambridge Avenue.

Drive the Highway

We still have the driving simulator at the library thanks to Waka Kotahi, so if you would like to try out the new highway between Ashhurst and Woodville, come along and have a go.

Pets of Ashhurst

We all love pets. If you would like to send us a photo of your pet, along with its name and age, we will put it up on

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Ashhurst Library

our pet board for everyone to enjoy. Photos and details can be emailed to ashhurst@pncc.govt.nz.

Ashhurst Library Facebook

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".

Jill—Ashhurst Librarian

Ashhurst Anglers Fishing Club

Three fine days led to a great start for the year and a good turnout for our first fishing weekend at Lake Taupo. The weekend kicked off on the Friday evening with our A.G.M. held at the Motuoapa Fishing Club rooms. The following positions were filled:

Commodore—Kevin Wood.

Secretary—Mike Jacques.

Treasurer—Margaret Grant.

Weighmaster—Dave Pope.

Committee—Lockie Jacques,
—Ian Anderson.

Trophies—Kevin Wood.

Publicity—Max Grant

Fishing during the weekend was challenging due to a lot of the trout caught being in poor condition and having to be returned to the lake. There were ten boats, most of which launched from the Motuoapa Marina and did their fishing by either trolling or jigging. A total of 20 anglers weighed in 39 trout for the competition. On Saturday evening a barbeque was held at the

Motuoapa Fishing Club rooms which was most successful and enjoyed by everyone.

At the conclusion of the weekend the following trophies were awarded:

Heaviest Trout:

Roger Newman—2.760kgs

Best Factor:

Dave Denton—52.5 (combination of length and weight)

Most trout per person:

Dave Denton—5

Most trout per boat:

Max Grant—9

Our next Club weekend at Lake Taupo will be held on 21st—23rd April. This is a family weekend where we encourage members to include their children and extended family to come along for a weekend of fun and fishing.

For any local people who own a boat and would like information on the club and how to join please contact Mike Jacques, Phone 027 229 6743.

Max Grant—Publicity



Photos: (Left) Dave Denton being awarded the trophy for most trout caught per person. (Right) Jodie Wilson with her trout caught at an earlier family competition weighing 4.1kgs.

Anglican Parish of Pohangina

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst
8.00 am First Sunday of the Month
10.00 am every Sunday
Good Friday service—10.00 am
Friday, 7th April 2023
Easter Sunday service—10.00 am
Sunday, 9th April 2023

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako

10.00 am 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
Easter Sunday service—10.00 am
Sunday, 9th April 2023
Priests—Rev Michael Russell, Rev Pam Barnett. Contact the Parish office for further information:
Phone 326 8543 or
Email: info@parishofpohangina.net
www.parishofpohangina.net

St Mary Magdalene Church—Office Hours (subject to change at short notice): Monday: closed,
Tuesday: 2.00 pm—5.00 pm
Wednesday: 2.00 pm—4.30 pm
Thursday: 2.00 pm—5.00 pm
Friday: 2.00 pm—5.00 pm

Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

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

Courts are located at the rear of the Village Valley Centre on Guildford Street

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

Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

The Ashhurst Pohangina Lions meet every second Thursday of the month at the R.S.A. Clubrooms at 6.30pm. This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

Contacts:

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standishzwart@gmail.com
Brent Besley (Secretary) 329 4891
brent.liz@inspire.net.nz
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Every Friday 9.45 am—11.15 am during school terms at the 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!

Pohangina Yoga Classes

Mondays 6.00 pm—7.00 pm \$10 per class or \$50 for six classes. Suitable for beginners and those with more experience of yoga.

Contact Catherine: hauorayoga@gmail.com, 021 0270 4400, www.hauorayoga.co.nz, Facebook: Hauora Yoga

Ashhurst Playcentre

Licensed Early Childhood Education Provider. Over 50 years in your community. Spaces now available for children 0—6 years.

Call 326 9270 or email ashhurst@playcentre.org.nz or Drop in for a free visit and a cuppa.

Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 am—1.00 pm. 118 Stanford Street, Ashhurst

Pohangina Local Christian Radio

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Ashhurst Clay Target Club

Our February shoot is also our Club Champs so don't be fooled, underlying all the club members usual comradery was a level of seriousness. Plus with about 40 shooters competing in nine squads including some visitors, it was a great day.

A Grade:

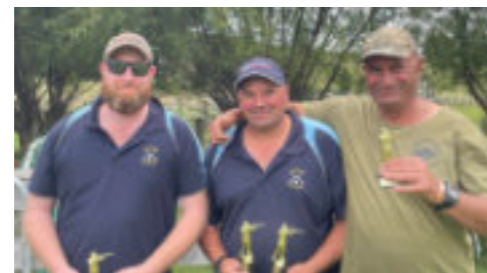
- 1st: Brendon Smith,
- 2nd: Joby Stella,
- 3rd: Brad Turner

B Grade:

- 1st: Tyler Ives,
- 2nd: Chris Mooyman,
- 3rd: Alan Davison

C Grade:

- 1st: Hayden Nitschke,
- 2nd: Tim Field,



Photos (Left): A Grade Winners; (Right): Women's Winners

3rd: Bob Collier

Womens:

- 1st: Jenny Bucknell,
- 2nd: Amanda Hocken,
- 3rd: Judith Grootjens

Also on the day our annual trophy winners for 2022-23 season were announced:

Top Gun

- Mens:** Brendon Smith
- Womens:** Amanda Hocken

Top Handicap

- Mens:** Ken Simonsen
- Womens:** Amanda Hocken

Most Improved: Seth Quigley

Karen Pawson—Secretary



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Kia ora tātou

Stormy weather with shades of 2004 had everyone on edge last month.

Not all of us escaped the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle either.

My deep sympathies go to those Ashhurst families on River Rd who were forced to evacuate, and who lost homes and possessions when the Pohangina River breached its banks.

Rescue operations

My thanks to Council and Emergency Management staff who were at the Ashhurst Community Library to receive the shell-shocked and soggy members of evacuated families and their companion animals, with offers of support; financial, welfare and insurance assistance, and accommodation options.

The Village Valley Centre was pressed into service the following day for additional follow-up consultations with those who needed it.

Council staff were also out quickly to evaluate the damage to homes, private and public property.

Thanks also to NZ Army personnel from Linton who committed to the rescue, clean-up and restoration operations in Tararua, Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti.

Local contractors working on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway have also been diverted to help.

I was able to visit our immediate Tararua and Hawkes Bay neighbours last month and saw for myself some of the carnage Cyclone Gabrielle unleashed.

I offered those mayors our city's practical support as they and their residents come to terms with the extensive devastation and the long-term recovery.

Cyclone Gabrielle giving

There are Mayoral Relief Funds set up to provide ongoing help and support for those traumatised communities, iwi, farmers, community organisations, whānau, and individuals.

To give to the fund of your choice, contact those respective councils' Mayoral Relief Funds online, while Red Cross donations can be made at: <https://www.redcross.org.nz/support-us/about-donating/donating-during-emergencies/>

Emergency Preparedness

Bearing in mind that we did not cop the full brunt of the cyclone, Council facilities and services stood up well during the storm.

Throw a thumping earthquake into the mix, and we were given a timely reminder about having 'Go Bags' and emergency resource kits handy, with family drills in place for

when the unexpected comes hammering on your door.

See civildefence.govt.nz for further details.

Parks and Recreation

Ashhurst Domain, its sheltered camping ground, and other Village parks weathered the cyclone in good shape and weren't too badly affected by the wind and rain.

The new groyne built below the carpark on the Village side of the Manawatū River bridge performed well, though low-lying farmland below the Domain was affected by flooding, which deposited silt and debris and damaged farm fences.

Crop Swap

Ashhurst Community library was the venue last month for the first RECAP Crop Swap of the year.

This provides an opportunity for residents to bring their excess home-grown produce as well as baking and home preserves, and share them with others in the community.

Four more Crop Swaps are planned at the library in 2023 with the next taking place on April 29.

The Herb Farm

Happy 30th birthday to iconic Ashhurst business, the Herb Farm.

Founded by Lynn Kirkland in 1993, The Herb Farm on Grove Rd has grown into a well-loved destination for functions, food and retail, as well as a thriving export business for its home-grown organic and manufactured products.

The anniversary was celebrated at the end of last month with a family fun day featuring live music and activities in the gardens.

Kia kaha.

Meet the Mayor

Due to travel circumstances, there will be no Ashhurst Meet the Mayor session this month.

The next opportunity will be on Tuesday, April 18 between 5 - 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library.

The Council website and Facebook page will post any changes.

Council's 24/7 contacts are 06 356 8199, the Council Facebook page, and the Snap Send Solve app to quickly report anything that needs attention or fixing.

Ngā mihi nui

Mayor Grant Smith MP



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Saturday	10am - 1pm
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	6am - 7pm during school holidays
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Sunday - Monday	closed

Contact tracing at the pool and online: clmz.co.nz/splashhurst

ASHHURST RUBBISH + RECYCLING

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Recycling Bin	Glass Crate
14 March	7 March
28 March	21 March
11 April	4 April

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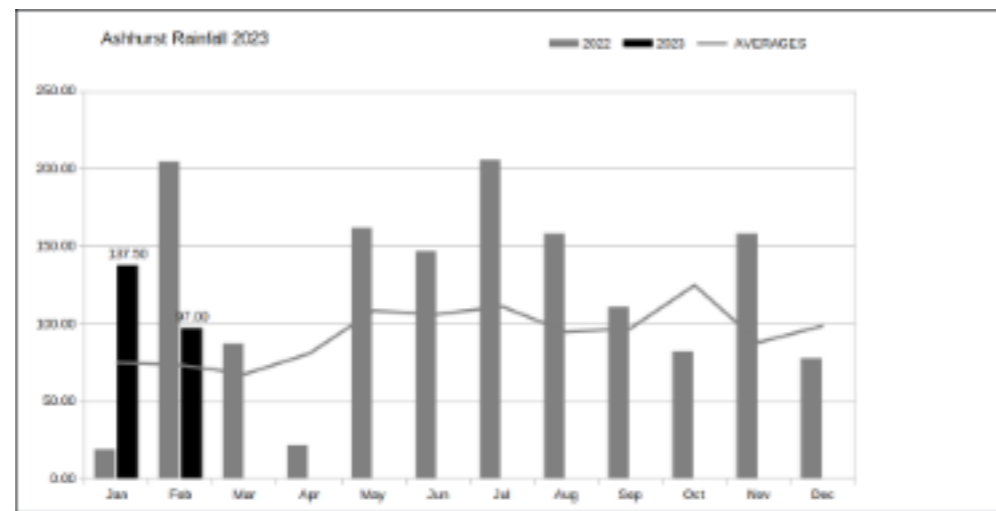
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Ashhurst Rainfall

97 mm of rain fell in February 2023, on the 13th of February 2023. The total annual rainfall is 234.5 mm. This is above the annual average of 148.2 mm.

Rain was recorded on 16 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 32 mm

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If supplying images, high resolution images are required. Please feel free to contact the editor if you are unable to email images.

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For technical details please contact the Editor. Contact details above.

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Village Voice Deadline

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

5.00pm Thursday, 20th April.

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

Ashhurst Bowling Club

How quickly the year is racing on. Hard to believe we are over a quarter of the way through and the bowling season is nearing the end for the first part of the year. Thankfully we have had some lovely Autumn days but it is sooo much darker in the mornings and evenings.

Things have been busy at the club with the school students coming each Friday afternoon for this term and then again in Term 4. Always good participation and bowling in teams helps develop skills of cooperation, leadership and knowing how each member contributes to the whole effort.

Twilight finished and again great times for the players. The Mick Wilkin Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player went to Jo Cooley. The night ended with a feed of fish n chips, cake and lollies!! When this starts again towards the end of the year it would be great to see even more people coming along and giving bowling a go.

We have been playing the last of the Championships and major club events and now only the Cotton Triples Open Tournament is left to finish the season off. Reporting on that next time.

The Club Drawn Triples was a hotly contested event with the winners Tony, Hugh and Margie beating Margaret, Moggy and Lee on a count back of ends. Close results for the other teams.

Wayne and his team organised the R.S.A. Triples and again a fabulous day for everyone. This is always well run and a well-supported event. Winners on the day were Tony, Wayne and Jacqui and it was the only team to have four wins. Other placings were very close and on count back of ends to rank them.

The Over 65 Year Singles was a really great event to watch with some outstanding play and the final results often didn't reflect how close, at times, the scores were. Wayne finally defeated Hugh in the final. Well done

all players.

Then in the Over 65 Year Pairs Max and Margaret won every game they played to take out the trophy. Again some really great play with a close semi final between Brian and Hugh against the winners, on the last end, Fay and Jen. In the other semi Max and Margaret beat Lawrie and Dave. And so the final was played between Max and Margaret and Fay and Jen. Again well done everyone.

Wayne and Max and Margaret now compete in the Champion of Champions so best bowling luck.

Club Days have continued to be well supported and we have also had some extra 2—4—2 mini tournaments on the weekends. These are fun with four games of ten ends so it keeps the pressure on and the focus level high. The weather has been cooperative and kind.

Skogs and Elizabeth Walker competitions having mixed results but always lots of fun and a great mixing time with other clubs. Maybe the trophies are not for Ashhurst this year but that is fine.

Finally, next month on the 14th and 15th April, for just over 24 hours, we are hosting a travelling motorhome tour which will be a fantastic effort from our members. We organise their meals, bowling competitions and social events at the R.S.A. It is a fund raising opportunity for us and promises to be fun. If you see a huge number of motorhomes in Ashhurst that is what it is all about.

Keep enjoying the reasonable weather. Keep healthy, happy and safe.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary

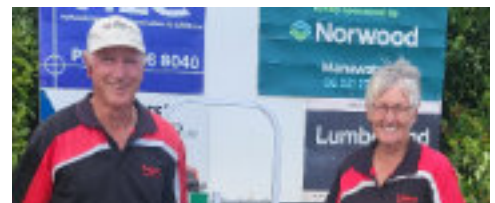


Photo: Max and Margaret win the Over 65 Pairs