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Ashhurst Pohangina Smallholders Auction

Another successful Ashhurst Pohangina Lions Club Smallholders Auction was held on Saturday, 28th January, at Andrew MacDonald's farm in Pohangina. Despite the weather, we had a great turnout of buyers and sellers. Thanks to the support from the local community clubs and associations, we had hot food, hot drinks and plenty of helpers.

Friday saw the local Lions and some long-time helpers prepare the fields and woolshed for the auction on Saturday. The vendors started to arrive with trailer loads of goods to be sold. And over all this, there was a fine mist of rain, a precursor for Saturday. Despite this, we had over 500 lots laid out in their rows ready for the auctioneers' hammers. Amongst this, there were phone calls to make sure that the auction was still going ahead. This is the first time we've had this kind of weather on the auction day, and even though we felt sodden, we felt that Auckland was certainly a lot worse off than us. Even as this article is written, the sun has started to shine and the ground is drying out. Saturday however, was a gumboot and broly day!

The buying public from the local and wider community started arriving about 8.30 am on Saturday, and our spirits were raised as more people arrived throughout the morning. Auctions started at 10.00 am as usual, and there were sheep, ducks (enjoying the weather!), chickens, and piglets—even a rabbit for sale in the small animal section.

The chattels section was a great draw card and many bargains were had. Plants and native trees all enjoyed the light rain that continued on from Friday. Bargain lots of trees and plants, planters, push bikes, lots of animal feeders and crates, some furniture, loads of farm equipment, fencing wire and building materials were among the rows of goodies laid out to go under the hammer. As the saying goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure" and there was plenty of evidence of that being true.

Don't forget that this is an annual event, so the last Saturday of January in every year will be the time to come and help us make this another great event!

Ron Farrugia



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**Deadline for March Issue
Monday, 20th February**

From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the Village Voice for the year 2023. I hope that everyone has had a happy safe summer.

Peak fruit season is upon us. Those that have fruit trees, I hope your harvest has been successful. I missed cherry and plum season, but I am looking forward to freshly picked peaches, pears, apples and figs. In my mind, nothing beats fruit picked ripe from the tree for sweetness and flavour.

My family purchased cherries, and thoroughly enjoyed eating them, but we were worried when we heard some cracking noises and saw my dog cracking the cherry pips. Panic stations—"Isn't there cyanide in cherry stones?" "Has she eaten any of them?" (Note to self: Remind non-pet owning family not to put dishes on the floor where the dog can access them).

This is when I discovered a wonderful resource that is freely available to us .

Many of us will be aware of the National Poisons Centre—*poisons.co.nz*—0800 764 766. They do an amazing job and are available 24/7.

However, I was unfamiliar with the Animal Poisons Helpline, a free poisons information helpline for pet owners. It is available from 11.00am—7.00 pm, seven days a week. A fee applies outside those hours.

You can contact them on 0800 869 738 (0800 TOX PET), <https://animalpoisons.com.au/nz/>

We were grateful for the information, and my dog suffered no ill effects. (We believe we found all the pips and seeds), but it is always best to check.

All the best

Llyvonne Barber—Editor

A.G.M. Women's Section—Ashhurst R.S.A.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc. Women's Section.

The A.G.M. will be held on Monday, 13th

A.G.M. Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club.

The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023 at 7.00 pm at the

Ashhurst Senior Citizens' Association

Putting 'pen to paper,' is an expression that is not quite as relevant today as it used to be. Progress and innovation have changed our way of life and we put 'finger to computer keyboard' more often. Not quite as eloquent, perhaps. Time does march on so quickly and things change. We are only ten and a half months to Christmas now that January is almost over. Last Christmas we did enjoy our party and were delightfully entertained by Jill and Kate with fabulous harmony as they sang so well to us. This year we look forward to each month giving us great entertainment and hope that you will join us too.

Our first outing this year is on the 2nd

Manawatū Rural Support Services

As Manawatū Rural Support Service Inc we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2023!

We are out and about in the northern Manawatū region beyond Ashhurst so if you know of anyone in that area who would appreciate a visit or has a need,

Community Comment

I write this as I mentally prepare for a return to work from a period of rest and recuperation. Bidding farewell to enforced mask wearing and COVID-19 location tracking has been a welcome relief for many. It certainly lightens our mood and

March at 6.00 pm at the R.S.A. Clubrooms, 74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

Lorraine Hale—Secretary

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Clubrooms, 2 Lincoln Street, Ashhurst.

All past and present members welcome.

February, and we will enjoy a picnic afternoon at the Esplanade, leaving the Methodist Hall soon after 1.30 pm. Then we will have an afternoon tea at the cafe. Join us as we hope for a fine day with sunshine and a cool breeze.

We are sure that there are many of you who would enjoy an afternoon each first Thursday of the month, to be entertained and to enjoy an afternoon tea. Age is not relevant to the term 'senior'—perhaps we should say 'mature,' so come and be part of a wonderful time each month at 2.00 pm at the Methodist Hall in Bamfield Street.

Terry Carr—Secretary

great or small, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our service is free and confidential.

Our office number is: 06 323 2429, Email: mrssincrcw1@gmail.com

Aevryl and Jo—Rural Community Workers.

encourages us to get out and about to see friends, family, and super summer spots.

The Gravel and Tar cycling event returned to Ashhurst and the Pohangina

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Community Comment

Valley during the long Anniversary weekend after a hiatus last year due to Covid restrictions. This is an elite cycling event which attracts New Zealand and international competitors, their support teams, and spectators. This is a tough race of 140kms of sealed and shingle roads to test the cyclists but does provide some great scenery. There were 75 cyclists registered in 13 teams, with the finish line staged in Wyndham Street.

Police and emergency services have been busy in past weeks with a series of sirens tracking their location. The Saddle Road has a big share of accidents, but an oil spill did not help and closed the road for a several hours. A bouquet to the police for chasing down the speedsters in our neighbourhood who threaten our safety.

The police have also been busy trying to track down the culprits of thefts and wanton damage at various locations in town. Do heed the standard advice to lock your vehicles and homes and keep valuables out of easy view. If you see any suspicious behaviour, then do take the time to report it to the police as it happens, or later, so that the snippets of information can be assembled to resolve these crimes. Dial 111 in an emergency, or 105 for police non-emergency contact.

Book Review: Lessons by Ian MacEwan

This is Roland's story and also a family saga covering three generations of the Baines family.

From the pen of brilliant author Ian MacEwan, this story is a chronicle of our times through the prism of one man's lifetime (our lifetime).

It's a big book and a big story, from Roland's grandparents in the early 20th century up to his own third age in 2020, encompassing the current pandemic.

There is a crucial time in Roland's lonely childhood which affects him for the rest of

The City Council has submitted its application for consent to Horizons Regional Council for the city's wastewater treatment and discharge. The proposal includes an upgraded wastewater treatment plant, land discharge options for a majority of the wastewater, and an improved discharge point further downstream. This consenting process is expected to take some years to be completed due to its complexity, with additional design work, land purchase and construction stretching the operation start date out to 2033. Full details at www.naturecalls.nz.

The summer season is also a time of excess produce from our gardens. Ashhurst gardens and parks host numerous fruit trees and vegetable patches. Share your excess with family, friends and neighbours. The produce sharing shelf at the library will gratefully accept your produce and is usually gone in hours. Please only take what you can use and share fairly. Fruit at community orchards should be harvested responsibly. Pick only what you need and wait for it to be ripe. The taste of tree-ripened fruit is almost a forgotten pleasure and will return old memories.

Harvey Jones

his life. This is in a time when secrets and personal problems were not readily shared, so he does not reveal his secret until the end of his life.

The story begins when Roland's wife, Alissa leaves him suddenly and unexpectedly never to return. She leaves him with a young baby, Lawrence, to bring up and says she has to "find herself" by writing a great novel. She goes to her home country Germany, and refuses all contact from him.

All through the story, the reader is struck

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Super Kia ora Ashhurst people. Thank you once again for kind donations for the Safe House. February's item is Coffee.

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Saturday: 1.00 pm—9.00 pm

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10.00 am 1st and 2nd Sundays
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Contacts: Parish Office—323 4127
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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

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

Book Review: *Lessons* by Ian MacEwan

by the unusual reversal of traditional roles in many ways, e.g. his wife's seemingly cold abandonment of her baby son. We see other examples of stereotype reversals when Roland's family history is chronicled.

The novel moves backwards and forwards through two centuries, with many political highlights of the times—The Holocaust, the falling of the Berlin Wall,

the Chernobyl disaster and the COVID-19 pandemic of our current time.

I wonder just how auto-biographical this story is, it is so poignantly told and the circumstances are often very personal and unusual. No matter, it is beautifully told and emotionally moving. A great book by a great author of our time.

Robyn Dare

Gravel and Tar—Thank you Ashhurst

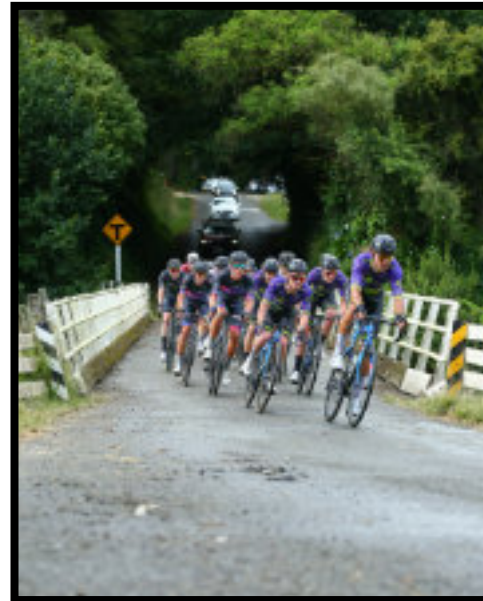
The 2023 Professionals Gravel and Tar is done and dusted—although with the early morning rain, the conditions on the gravel sections of the 140 km circuit on Saturday, 21st January, were anything but dusty. In fact they were ideal for the riders, many of whom came from places such as Germany, Australia and Guam plus a host of local and national Kiwi riders.

The field got off to a good start, waved away from the Ashhurst Village Centre by Mayor Grant Smith. Now in its seventh year, this is the first time this prestigious international race (it's the only one-day UCI accredited race in New Zealand) has started and finished in Ashhurst, and what a great venue it proved to be.

Commonwealth Games mountain bike medallist, Ben Oliver was at home in the conditions to claim first place. The North Canterbury rider went away in a group of eight that included a number of riders

from the powerful Bolton Equities Black Spoke team, with their leading rider James Fouche (National New Zealand

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Gravel and Tar—Thank you Ashhurst

Road Champion) and Oliver pushing clear on the major gravel climb.

Oliver clocked 3:21:17 to win by 3:16 to Fouche and his teammate Paul Wright at 3:31.

The Greasy Chain Charitable Trust would like to thank the people of Ashhurst for their positivity and great support for this event. Particular thanks go to the residents of Wyndham Street where the race started and finished. Running and

managing road cycling events is very challenging, and it's great to have such support from the local community. With the 2023 event now finished, we'd love to have your comments and suggestions for making this an even better event in the future. Please feel free to email me on bob@familybusinesscentral.co.nz or phone 027 565 1110 with your suggestions.

Bob Selden—Chair, Greasy Chain Charitable Trust

Prepare Now for an Emergency

As I write this article, Auckland is recovering from a deluge and Northland is in a State of Emergency. Many have had to evacuate, some with very short notice. Some have lost their homes and belongings. It is a timely reminder to keep in mind that there may be situations where we need to evacuate in a hurry. Planning in advance gives you more chance of walking out the door with more than just the clothes on your back.

Do you have a "Go Bag"?

Consumer recommends having the following in your bag: Drinking water, water purification tablets, food rations for three days, torch, radio, batteries, first aid kit, rain poncho, foil blanket, emergency whistle, work gloves, P2 masks, hand sanitiser, soap, wet wipes, tissues,

toothbrush and toothpaste, thick plastic bags, pain killers (paracetamol, lbrufen), ear plugs, pen and paper.

They also suggest adding a multi-tool, Duct tape and strong safety pins for repairs.

I personally suggest adding a drug like lmodium (anti-diarrhoea tablets).

Also add warm clothing, a hat, medication, sanitary items, cash, copies of photo ID and important documents, emergency contacts plus details and photos of your family and pets, Remember to add supplies for small children and pets.

Articles on this topic are available to read for free at www.consumer.org.nz.

Llyvonne Barber

RECAP Update

Ngā mihi o te tau hou from RECAP (the Society for the Resilience and Engagement of the Community of Ashhurst and Pohangina, Inc.)

A very quick update for the new year, please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates on upcoming workshops and seminars as they are confirmed.

The first two RECAP events for 2023:

Our annual Summer Pruning Workshop takes place on Saturday, February 18th,

from 10.00 am—1.00 pm at the Olsson Community Orchard within McCrae's Bush. Led by Phil Stevens from Slow Farm and RECAP chairperson Harvey Jones, this workshop will focus on the how, why and what of summer pruning and will give you the opportunity to get stuck in and have a go pruning the varied trees in the orchard. We will talk about shaping, keeping size under control and encouraging fruit production. Please bring gloves, and loppers if you have them (we

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

River Church

We meet at 131 Cambridge Avenue each Sunday at 10.00 am. All welcome.

Pastors Dave and Kellie Ross. Phone 027 247 2179 or 328 4864 (evening) www.riverchurch.nz

Ashhurst Foodbank

Open 2.00 pm—3.00 pm every Thursday. Methodist Church, Bamfield Street, Ashhurst.

Contact: Zosha 027 446 7769 or Marianne 027 627 2054

RECAP Update

will also provide some for use on the day).

This is a free workshop (although koha is appreciated) but registrations are required.

You can register at recap.org.nz.

Our first Crop Swap is on Saturday, February 25th, 11.00 am—1.00 pm at the Ashhurst Community Library.

Our Crop Swaps are bi-monthly, on the last Saturday of every second month. Bring any excess produce, seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies to share. Please note: you do not need to give in order to take and vice versa. This is a sharing event where everything is free. No registration required.

The RECAP Rescued Food Distribution is still very well used by the community.

Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

After a well-deserved Christmas and New Year break, our teams are back into it for what will be another big year for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

We've got some significant milestones coming up for the project in 2023, but we should first acknowledge what we achieved last year.

In 2022, our earthworks teams made huge progress, bringing the total volume of earth moved to 4.5 million cubic metres since construction began in 2021.

At Parahaki Bridge over the Manawatū River our team completed the first pier, while also completing the piles for piers two and three.

Over the river at the Eco-Viaduct site, the team completed all 16 piles and finished 11 of 12 columns for this 300-metre-long bridge.

The landscaping teams were busy putting more than 490,000 native plants in the ground, while our environmental team was out there protecting the native flora and fauna around the site.

Every Tuesday 3.15 pm—4.15 pm from the library back room, we provide a free no-questions-asked bag of kai. Thank you to Just Zilch, Mission for Men, Bonnie and Neal Rider and all the volunteers who make this possible.

The RECAP Seed Library is located within the Ashhurst Community Library. You can access three free packets each month. Many of the varieties are harvested locally, so are adapted to grow well here. We are always after donations, so if you save seed you can drop off at the library for distribution.

To join our mailing list, please contact us at info@recap.org.nz.

Look after yourselves and others.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

This year we'll be capitalising on the huge progress made so far, with bulk earthworks on track to be completed by the end of this season.

Earthworks have been mostly completed in some parts of the alignment, such as Fill Nine, which can be seen up the hill from the Ashhurst end of the project.

This will be the site of the first sub-grade trials, which involve tests on the base layers of earthworks to make sure the pavement layers will hold up to large volumes of traffic.

At the Woodville end of the project, work continues on the eastern roundabout with a series of culverts being installed.

This is due to be completed before the end of summer, after which bulk earthworks will start in this area, so you can expect to see more earthworks equipment in this area as the summer continues.

Looking up the hill to Fill 20, earthworks

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Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

will be completed here by the end of January, while Cut 28 further up will be finished later in the year.

We expect the first pavement layers on the main highway alignment to go down later this summer. Pavement is laid in several layers: on top of the general earthworks we place a layer of compacted high quality aggregate, followed by several smaller layers of asphalt before finally sealing the road surface.

We're also about to lay pavement on the new local road, which forms part of the

layout at the entrance to Te Ahu a Turanga from the Ashhurst end.

Although this local road is technically separate from the main highway, this is significant as it'll be the first pavement laid on the project so far.

Another exciting development this year will be the start of construction of the bridge deck on the Eco-Viaduct bridge on the eastern side of the Manawatū River.

With the final column due to be finished shortly, the team is awaiting the arrival of

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Photo: Cut 13 looking west towards Ashhurst.

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!

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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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

Local Justices of the Peace

Mrs AK Rutherford—Available by appointment—027 404 8551

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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

Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

beams from Napier so they can get started on the next phase.

On Parahaki Bridge over the Manawatu River, Pier Two is now well out of the river and heading towards completion by the middle of this year.

Preparations are underway for the form traveller to be lifted into place for the construction of the bridge deck later this year. The form traveller is a large steel structure that moves out from a pier, allowing the bridge deck to be constructed in sections.

Working alongside our construction teams is our landscaping team, who will

be focusing on putting about 450,000 plants in the ground this year, 320,000 of which will be along the main highway alignment. Previously the planting had been done at five offset sites throughout the region.

For more information about the project, head to www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/ or visit the Ashhurst Library or the Visitor's Centre at our Project Office for the latest flyover, project updates and the Drive the Highway simulator.

Grant Kauri—Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

Ashhurst School

Kia ora e te whānau.

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. This year promises to be another action-packed year as our school continues to grow in numbers.

Firstly I would like to thank Karyn Giles and Kyle Harris for stepping into the leadership positions while I was on sabbatical. I had an excellent opportunity to look into technicraft programmes running in other schools around the country and to bring some of these ideas into our technicraft programme in 2023.

Throughout the holiday break, much of our community will have noticed the large construction crews working at the school.

We have had multiple large projects running during the Christmas break. We have upgraded the Whārite block, including purpose-built technicraft rooms with an addition of an entire kitchen facility for our children to cook in. Also, the interiors of Rooms One—Four have been fully upgraded. We can also look forward to a new deck being built outside Rooms 16—19, and we will get a new turf! Our court has had a face-lift under the canopy, repairing all the surfaces. We have removed all the skid marks, chewing gum, and other damage, and we have a beautiful new surface. We have also significantly upgraded several of our

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Ashhurst School

school cameras to enable us to view the whole school grounds with the latest technology. You will also notice the work that is going on at the perimeter of the school. Ministry requirements mean that significant fencing replacements are required. Over 900m of fencing will be upgraded to meet the ministry requirements. Many people will see the new fence along the R.S.A. We have had to replace the damaged fence. Sadly, we have lost some of the beautiful murals that were along there. As a compromise, we have managed to salvage the best parts and run this as a section around the school hall. Our school hall has also had a new roof on it.

As many people know, Ashhurst School is a world-leading education facility for flipped learning. We have now contributed to two publications worldwide, the latest publication being, "Mastery Based Learning" A competency-based approach to student learning. This has now become the top-selling educational text on

Amazon.

This a reminder to our community to download the school app. It has all the information needed on it and my cell phone number should I need to be contacted. I always encourage the community to call me on my cellphone should there be any issues related to the school as an alternative to posting on social media. This means I can help resolve the problem much faster.

We welcome four new teachers to the teaching team in 2023. Mr Gerber will be in Room 17, Miss Lanceley in Room Three, Miss Lampp in Room 11 and Miss Olsen in Room 16. Last year we farewelled Miss Phillips, Miss Johnson, Miss Hasson and Mrs Chappel. We wish them all the best.

Please have a great start to the year and enjoy the sun as it finally arrives when we are all back at school.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we hope you have had a great start to the year and had some wonderful holiday time. We are currently planning for 2023 and hope to have many special events throughout the year.

Summer Reading 2022-23

A huge well done to kids and parents for their work on the Summer Reading and iRead programmes over the holidays. It was great fun to be able to have book chats in person again and we hope everyone involved enjoyed the experience. Can we please say a huge thank you to all our helpers in our community who volunteered their time to help out.

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre Bookings

We have bookings flooding in for the Village Valley Centre for 2023. If you have an upcoming event and would like to use

the facility, please get in touch with us as soon as you can.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids

The first session for 2023 is Wednesday, 8th February, 10.30 am.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids is our preschool programme of stories, songs and crafts. As ever, we hope to be able to have special guests throughout the year and there may be a few sessions in some very special locations.

Wednesday 8th February, 10.30 am
Wednesday 22nd February, 10.30 am

Ashhurst Library Facebook

Just a reminder that if you want to keep up to date with all our latest news, events or announcements, just visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/AshhurstLibrary> and click "Like".

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Librarian

Anglican Parish of Pohangina
St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst
8 am First Sunday of the Month
10 am every Sunday
St Bartholomew's Church, Komako
10 am 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

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

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


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

Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

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

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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

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Ashhurst Clay Target Club

November

We had the Mario Stella Memorial Trophy shoot and seven squads on the day including some guys from Wellington and Pongaroa.

Club Shoot:

Top Gun Winner: Brendon Smith after a shoot off with Simo.

Handicap Winner: Paul Wheeler.

Mario Stella Memorial Trophy:

Winner: Paul Wheeler.

Second: Mike Romley and Alan Ives.

December

Our last shoot of the year and heaps turned up with the promise of winning a ham... then it rained all day! After our club shoot there was the annual side-by-side shoot and everyone gave it a go, with some impressive scores.

Club Shoot:

Top Gun Winner: Ben Ash.

Second: Alex Hall,

Third: Joby Stella

Handicap Winner: Marty Boyce.

Second: Ken McDonald.

Third: Judith Grootjens.

Side-by-Side Shoot:

Winner: Andrew Turner.

Second: Tim Field.

Third: Alex Hall.

Karen Pawson—Secretary



Ashhurst Rainfall

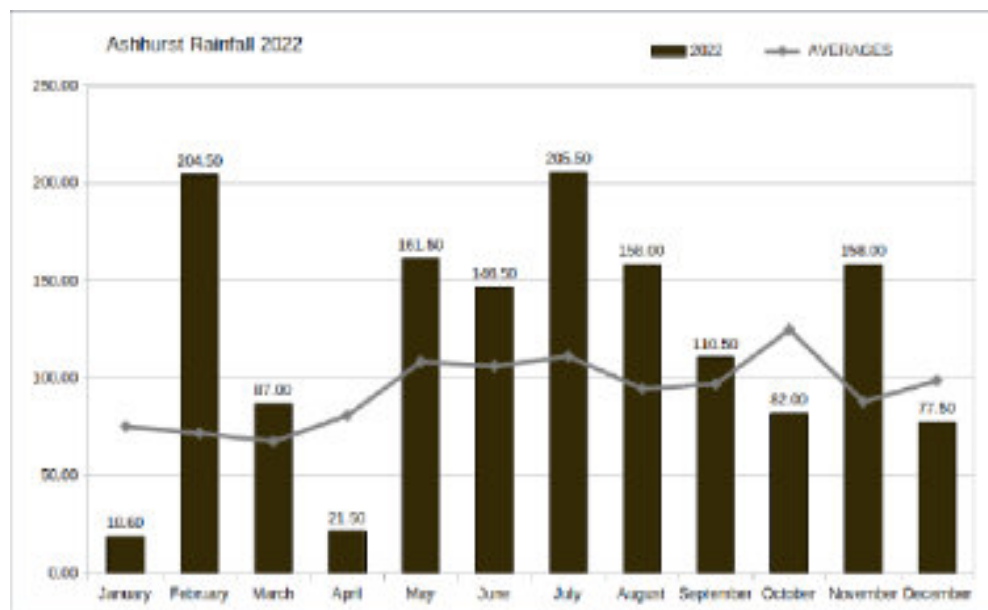
77.5 mm of rain fell in December 2022, below the monthly average of 100.4 mm.

Rain was recorded on nine days with the highest one-day rainfall of 27 mm on the 17th of December 2022

The total annual rainfall is 1431.1 mm

This is above the annual average of 1123.9 mm.

Mai Quang



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

Happy New Year!

Following the disappointments of last year's Covid postponements to the Gravel & Tar cycling classic and the Ashhurst Pohangina Lions Club Smallholders Auction, it was great to be see both back last month.

Thank you for getting out and supporting them.

These occasions in January with Ashhurst at their heart, helped anchor the city's wider summer events calendar, which is bringing plenty to look forward to over the next couple of months.

Following the Superstocks Teams Champs and Waitangi Day celebrations, there's Explore Esplanade Day on February 12, the Festival of Cultures on February 24 -25, the Central Pulse vs Waikato/BOP Magic Netball on March 5, and the Ford Ranger New Zealand Rural Games on March 10.

That's along with plenty of local and touring concerts, performances and theatre shows.

Summer Reading

My congratulations to all those who took part in the annual Ashhurst Community Library Summer Reading Programme over December and January.

I'm told you all did great work in keeping up your reading skills while thoroughly enjoying yourselves. Well done!

Ashhurst Domain

During the holidays, Ashhurst Domain re-established itself as a popular holiday destination, with reports that camping numbers are back at 2019 pre-COVID levels.

Adding to its attraction, the campground lawns have been renovated, power boxes and barbecues have been replaced, while the installation of CCTV cameras has boosted campsite security.

This has already resulted in appreciative feedback from holidaymakers.

There's a new post-and-rail fence along the right-hand side lawn from the main entrance, with additional tree plantings throughout the Domain.

Visitors to the cemetery will notice a new stone wall in front of the RSA section with post-and-rail fencing now marking the two side boundaries.

Two new sets of vehicle gates are to be installed shortly, while cemetery signage has been upgraded.

Out on the sports field, the artificial cricket wicket has been resurfaced.

Water Safety

Ashhurst is a riverside village with our awa the Manawatū River intrinsic to its recreational scene.

Tragically last summer, four people died while swimming in its waters at Ahimate.

To lessen the risk of this happening again, city councillors approved \$25,000 last year to establish a water safety advisory group with representatives from Council, Horizons Regional Council, Rangitāne, Surf Life Saving, and Water Safety New Zealand.

Ashhurst river users will notice that water safety signs in four languages have been placed adjacent to local swimming holes, while there's additional water safety messaging on the pncc.govt.nz website and available at Splashhurst! and the Community Library.

The advisory group will make further assessments to determine whether flotation rescue devices should be made available at points along the riverbank, as well as considering other water safety strategies.

Please do take special care in and around the water this summer, and swim safe!

Water Usage

A couple of years ago, Council successfully introduced its Summer Water Use programme to help Palmerston North avoid water restrictions.

Water isn't something we should ever take for granted, and while recent rain means there is plenty in the reservoir now, things can quickly change.

Ashhurst only has one bore, and to ensure supplies last through the warmer months until April, the Summer Water Use programme asks everyone to voluntarily restrict irrigation of their lawns and gardens to between 7 – 9pm every second day.

Thank you for going along with this cooperative approach. It's worked a treat so far without restrictions having to be imposed. More details are on the Council webpage.

Meet the Mayor

The first Council sitting for 2023 is on Wednesday February 15, and I'm looking forward to Ashhurst's Meet the Mayor session on Tuesday, February 28 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 JP



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5.00pm Monday, 20th February 2023.

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Ashhurst Bowling Club

A new year and hopefully one of positivity and good things for us all. Plenty of interesting things happening already, especially in the world of politics!! Am guessing that, as in previous summers, our hot fine days will arrive in earnest once the school days start. To be fair we have had some nice days already but there has also been days of rain and really blah weather.

One such day was when the Year One/Two Singles was played at the Bowling Club. Our newest member Kynn and second year player Jacqui set out to find the winning bowler. The first game was taken out by Jacqui and then Kynn took the second and so the final was to be played. And then the rain came. The two bowlers played a magnificent game in really unhelpful conditions. It was great to watch from inside the clubhouse and for some time it really was unclear just who the victor would be. Then Jacqui pulled ahead and won the trophy. Well done and exceptional play from both players.

The Year One—Eight Singles was another great-to-watch battle with the final between Wayne and Moggy in the men and Kylie and Donna in the women. Wayne and Donna were the winners and all players gave their opponents plenty to worry about. The semi-final between Wayne and Kevin was brilliant.

Twilight is well underway with new players coming and trying it out. Always a great evening and everyone welcome. Names in by 5.45 pm and all gear supplied. So, see you there each Wednesday.

Club Days are Thursdays, names in by 1.15 pm and a variety of games dependent on numbers. We have also been playing a second Club Day some Saturdays and again this is weather and number dependent. It has been great to use the fine days and there have been plenty of players.

Elizabeth Walker and Skogs are underway with some mixed results. The men and the ladies are currently top equal of the table. The ladies are keen to retain the trophy from last year and to date competition has been fierce with some great playing to win the day. Well done ladies.

The Tararua Quad is finished and Ashhurst were the final winners. Really well done to all players.

The Ashhurst AEC Barbecue Triples was played at the end of December and again a full green and a wonderful day of friendship and great bowling. Winners were Hillary, Judy and Marion from North End and second was Adrienne, Wendy and Eddie from Ashhurst. A huge thank you again to our sponsors for their continuing support. Without you this would not be able to continue.

Earlier in December the Julia Wallace 2—4—2 Pairs Tournament attracted a full field and Chris was there to present winners Ailsa and Greg from North End with their prizes. Julia Wallace have been long time sponsors of a tournament at Ashhurst and we thank them hugely for their support.

The 11th and 12th February is our Property Brokers Open Fours which is a huge tournament and over the two days there is great bowling, wonderful camaraderie, fabulous prizes, great food and huge organisational work to be experienced.

Many more events both club and open so will keep you posted with results. Also many more Club Championships to be completed so plenty of bowling to be played.

Stay safe everyone, smile lots and look after the health of yourself and yours.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary



Photos (Top to Bottom): Winners of the Year 1—8 Singles Wayne and Donna; Greg and Ailsa winners of the 2-4-2 Tournament with Chris from Julia Wallace.