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Ashhurst Christmas Parade 2023



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February 2024**

Letter From The Editor

Hello, and welcome to the first issue of 2024. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday period.

Late last year I heard some brief comments relating to the geological history of our area, and having a general interest in palaeontology (the study of ancient life through the fossil record) I was interested in finding out more. So I have invited local geomorphologist, Mike Shepherd, to write a piece on the geological history of the Ashhurst region. I hope you find it interesting.

This goes well with an exhibition that is on at the moment which is well worth visiting if you are able to.

The Six Extinctions exhibition at Te Manawa looks at the major extinction events that have happened throughout history. There is a map of the geological time record as well as replicas of fossils and creatures, both recent and ancient, that are extinct. I particularly like the fact that it includes the Paleozoic Era—the era before the dinosaurs. A bonus is that this exhibition is free to visit. Having a life-sized cast of a Tyrannosaurus Rex will also be a draw-card.

Llyvonne Barber

Ashhurst R.S.A. Women's Section AGM

This is to notify that the Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc Women's Section will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday, 11th March 2024 at 6.00 pm at the R.S.A. Clubrooms at

74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

**Lorraine Hale—Secretary,
Women's Section Ashhurst R.S.A.**

Domain Dog Poo Bag Dispenser Tube.

For the past 5-6 years, on a voluntary basis, I have kept the poo bag dispenser attached to the corner of the changing rooms stocked up. This has worked well with the Council supplying me with boxes of bags, and I then fill up the tube (capacity 20 rolls) as needed.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks people or persons unknown have:

- (a) been taking bags and scattering them across the fields, and
- (b) emptying out the tube of all the bags—sometimes as many as 20

rolls in a day. A tube full normally lasts for about 5 days.

Access to the top of the tube is difficult, with the walkway to the lookout on the changing rooms now blocked off.

Taking all of this into consideration, I have advised the Council Dog Control people that I will retire from this role at the end of January. They are working on an alternative arrangement, but it could take a week or two to kick in.

Ric Foxley

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club is seeking new members for juniors, seniors men's and seniors women's teams. Our club focuses on being a fun, family oriented place for everyone to enjoy a bit of rugby. Registration is open so come join the fun!

If you have any questions check out our Facebook page and send us a message.

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football

Club Woman's Open Day will be held on Thursday, 22nd February at 6.00 pm at the rugby club rooms. Bring a drink, (dinner, the family, etc) and meet your fellow team mates. This is open to all women age 16 and up, regardless of rugby experience or knowledge as we just want to keep the sport alive for women and have fun!

And don't forget to follow our Facebook page!

Tiffany Rogers—Junior Convener

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

Last year has gone and we have slipped into 2024 quietly and surreptitiously. How much we appreciate the relative calm and peace from all the unrest in the volatile parts of the world.

We celebrated the Christmas season at our Christmas party where Armani Whitehead-Wilson entertained us with a wonderful repertoire of songs, accompanying himself by strumming

beautifully on his guitar. And so the year ended.

Temperatures in the 30's and hot muggy nights have heralded the new year. So do we wish you all a Happy New Year—of course we do! May the year hold many more interesting, exciting, and entertaining meetings, starting with a visit to Kinsale Gardens on the 1st of February. This will be the

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Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

beginning of our enjoyment of what the Association can offer members. Why not come and see for yourself and enjoy the camaraderie and afternoon teas, every first Thursday of

each month. Where and when? Methodist Hall, Bamfield St, at 2.00pm.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Manawatū Rural Support Services



Manawatū Rural Support Service would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we roll on into it!

We are up and running for 2024 and open to referrals for our rural families throughout the Manawatū.

We are a free, and confidential, client-led, mana-enhancing social service that primarily works with rural people in their own homes supporting them with life challenges that impact their wellbeing in any way (financial, emotional, physical, isolation, etc).

Look for us on facebook, our website or text/phone—Jo on 027 422 3544 or Aevryl on 021 082 34809

Community Comment

The welcome summer holidays have provided plenty of heat and sunshine in past weeks with time for rest and relaxation. A return to work or to school brings us back to reality as another cycle of our lives begins.

The hot dry period has not yet triggered any water restrictions in the city of Ashhurst. Sensible water use is encouraged. Adding a garden mulch and watering in cooler periods, to limit evaporation, is helpful in conserving water use. Please remember to water young street trees if they are wilting.

The risk of wild fires has increased and most outdoor fires now need a permit. Check out the web site of 'checkitsalright.nz' for the latest current information and associated access to the application process.

The City Council has some consultation processes underway which may affect Ashhurst residents. The bylaws for 'Animals and Bees' and 'Dog Control' are currently under review with consultation closing 12 February. The Management Plan for the Ashhurst Domain is also under review with a number of options for regular users and the wider community to provide comment. The local

community can help guide how the reserve should be used, developed and maintained. A community open day will be held at the Ashhurst Domain on Saturday, 10th February from 10.00am-2.00pm to gather views. New Zealand Transport Agency—Waka Kotahi will also be present to share plans for the shared use pathway linking the Domain to the Western Gateway and the new Te Ahu a Turanga highway. This phase of information gathering closes 29th February, with a formal consultation process proposed to begin in April. Check out the Library, or search for 'Participate Palmy' for more details and timelines.

Crisis events in past years of pandemics, floods and wildfires are a reminder to plan for emergencies and family-resilience. Disruption of global supply lines have affected goods delivery to and from New Zealand in past years, and we now have operational threats to Suez and Panama Canals for differing reasons. Planning for disasters is not limited to Civil Defence (now Emergency Management) teams. We are told we may need to look after ourselves for

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JustOne Please

Super Kia ora. A massive THANK YOU to everyone in the Ashhurst community and beyond. I will be starting up this Charity this February 2024.

The item for the Safe House is PEGS. Donations can be dropped off at the Ashhurst Library. Contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128 for more information.

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Phone: 326 8296

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Tuesday: 3.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 3.00pm-9.00pm

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Rubbish is collected every Monday.

Bags out by 7.30am.

Community Comment

three to five days in the event of a significant and widespread event. Think about your own family situation and the essential supplies you may need. Food, water and medicines are obvious, but we also need to consider how we can support ourselves and those around us if electricity, communications and transport are compromised. Last year's flood events are a signal of increasing climate disruption to our lives, so it pays to be

prepared.

Ashhurst is still a village at heart, and we can help support one another in various ways. Know your neighbours and reach out to provide support if needed. The Covid-19 lockdowns have helped us develop some resilience and how we can support each other in times of stress. Carry on the great work and have a wonderful new year.

Harvey Jones

Book Review: The Crewe Murders

The Crewe Murders: Inside New Zealand's Most Infamous Cold Case by Kirsty Johnston and James Hollings

This brand new publication by Massey University Press will be of great interest to many. It is not about solving one of our most well-known murder mysteries, but more about the people involved and the importance of a fair and just legal system.

Written by award-winning journalist Kirsty Johnston and James Hollings, Associate Professor of Journalism at Massey University, this is a carefully-crafted and detailed investigation of the double murders of Jeanette and Harvey Crewe on 17th June 1970.

Much of the background to the case is well-known—farmers from Pukekawa, theories on who would have motive for such a horrific crime, family feuds in

the district, town gossip etc. What sets this book apart from others written over the years is the clear and concise presentation of proven facts. Facts that have been sought out and confirmed or discarded in the process of the authors' investigation into the crime committed.

There are many scientific details regarding cartridge cases, gun models, wire, bullets and axles and also interesting personal details of the lives of families involved. But never anything salacious or intentionally biased written by the authors; no personal opinions are ever allowed to become apparent or obvious.

As has now become general knowledge, there were many faults in the initial police investigation and one lesson which stands out from this

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Book Review: The Crewe Murders

book is the importance of evaluating all the evidence first before developing a suspect. Another point well made was the large part the media played in bringing to light new evidence and questions that needed an answer. It also gave a voice to people who would not have otherwise been heard.

This book was particularly interesting for me personally, as we as a family were personal friends of the Thomas family, who at the time lived nearby in Matakana. We knew how

devastating the whole case was for the wider Thomas family, they fought so hard and long for Arthur's freedom and never wavered from their belief in his innocence. The movie "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" based on David Yallop's book emphasised the commitment the family had to see justice done. This is a well-balanced and meticulously researched account of an event in our history which still continues to be divisive to this day.

Robyn Dare

Geological History of the Ashhurst District

When I arrived at Massey University from Australia in 1973, as a lecturer in geomorphology (scientific study of landforms) it took me several years to adjust to the rapid pace of geological change in New Zealand. Many parts of the Australian physical landscape have barely changed in tens or even hundreds of millions of years owing to its mainly drier climate, hard ancient rocks and tectonic stability. The Manawatu is different in nearly every respect: the wetter climate enables the soft young rocks to be rapidly eroded by rivers and streams, accompanied by landsliding, while even the older hard rocks of the local ranges are relatively easily eroded owing to their fractured nature. But the greatest difference is caused by New Zealand's active tectonic environment. Situated in a location where the Pacific

Plate is plunging beneath the Indo-Australian Plate, the Manawatu rocks are being faulted, folded and uplifted above sea level to produce the landscape we see today.

The oldest rocks exist beneath our entire region but are only exposed at the surface where the ranges are being uplifted between major fault lines. Those rocks originally formed during late Mesozoic time (200-250 million years ago) when mainly sandy marine sediment was compacted to form greywacke rock. It contains very few fossils but where the Pohangina Valley enters the Ruahine Range I discovered a football-sized limestone boulder embedded within the greywacke. It contained a great variety of marine fossils and microfossils that experts considered to be about 220

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Ashhurst Foodbank

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Geological History of the Ashhurst District

million years old, including one fossil species never previously seen in New Zealand.

These ancient rocks were uplifted above sea-level, forming a land mass that was worn down before again becoming submerged about 3 million years ago and covered in younger more easily eroded fossiliferous muddy, silty, sandy, shelly and pebbly sediments. The present landscape began to be shaped when tectonic activity increased about 2 million years ago. The ranges to the north and south of the Manawatu Gorge were uplifted above sea level but remained submerged in the vicinity of the Gorge until less than half a million years ago. Land to the east of the ranges had risen above sea level before that time and the incipient Manawatu River system flowed westward. When the lowest part of the ranges finally emerged above sea level the river was large enough to erode its bed downwards and maintain its westward course across the slowly rising greywacke rocks, thereby forming the Gorge. The softer cover beds have been eroded off most of the older, higher parts of the Ruahine and Tararua ranges but, in the vicinity of the Gorge, still cover the greywacke rocks and can be observed in Saddle Road cuttings.

Although the ranges have risen to the highest elevation, other parts of the Manawatu were also uplifted at varying rates. Parallel to the main ranges, elongate wedges of greywacke rock are being thrust upwards at depth along fault lines but these are mantled by thick Cenozoic cover beds to form smooth folds known as anticlines (see diagram). Closest to Ashhurst is the Pohangina Anticline that forms the boundary between the Pohangina and Oroua Rivers. The youngest southern part of the anticline slopes gently away from its crest and is crossed by the

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Road at its highest point near Hiwinui. The Pohangina Anticline is a textbook example of a growing anticline and was described in a popular United States geomorphology textbook. In future geological time the anticlines may develop into new mountain ranges.

Only 125,000 years ago the Tasman Sea coastline extended along the western margin of the ranges as far north as the Gorge. A coastal plain built out from the ranges and now forms the highest terrace south of Ashhurst. The Aokautere suburb has been built upon this marine terrace. With the onset of the last Ice Age, sea levels dropped, causing the shoreline to retreat well to the west of the present one. Uplift continued but the main changes to our local landscape are related to the effect of regular climatic fluctuations on river behaviour. There is no evidence that the Ruahine Range or northern Tararua Range were glaciated, but during the colder phases of the last Ice Age the tree-line elevation dropped by up to 1000 m. With more exposed rock and active frost weathering the amount of gravel being supplied to the headwaters of our local rivers increased dramatically. The rivers could not transport all the gravel downstream but deposited much of it, building up their beds to produce wider floodplains with braided channels.

During warmer climatic periods within the last Ice Age, vegetation once again stabilized the slopes of the ranges and, with a diminishing gravel supply the rivers were again able to erode downwards in response to continuing uplift, leaving their gravelly floodplains stranded as a series of terraces above the river level. The oldest river terraces are the highest, having been uplifted for a longer

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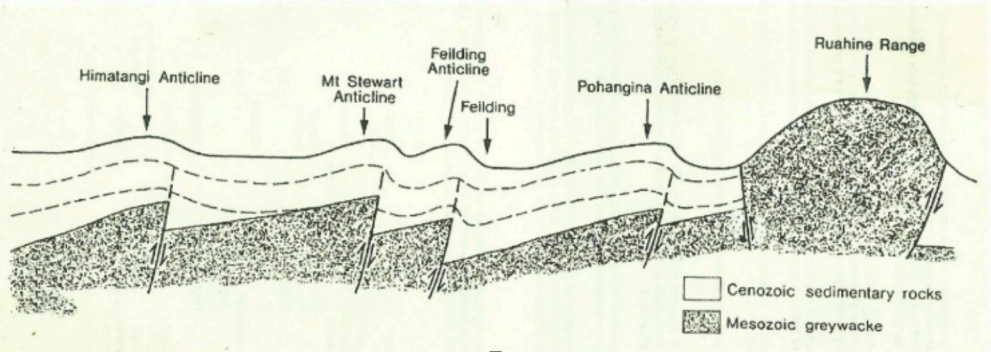
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Introduction to Geological time relevant to this article		
Era	Period	Time Span Millions of Years
Cenozoic	Quaternary	2.6—present
	Neogene	23—2.6
	Paleogene	66—23
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	145—66
	Jurassic	201.3—145
	Triassic	251.9—201.3

period of time. They can only be seen to the north of Ashhurst-Pohangina, such as at Table Flat near Apiti.

The gravels of the older, higher terraces in our own district, such as those overlooking Ashhurst along Colyton Road., or at the top of Wyndham Street, are overlain by a metre or more of silt (loess) blown from the wide riverbeds during subsequent cold phase(s). The silt also contains a bed of volcanic ash that was deposited during a major

Taupo eruption about 26,000 years ago.

Ashhurst lies upon the former wide floodplain that developed during the most recent cold phase and was abandoned by the river about 13,000 years ago. This is known geologically as the Ashhurst (or Ohakea) Terrace. If you walk towards the river from the Cambridge Avenue car park at the Ashhurst Domain, just past the Canine Centre you will pass through a deep

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Ashhurst Yoga Classes

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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

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Geological History of the Ashhurst District

cutting. The sides of the cutting clearly show the extent to which the valley was filled with gravel before the river eroded downwards to its present level. As it has not been subjected to a subsequent cold phase, the Ashhurst Terrace gravels are covered by only a thin layer of silt which explains the well-drained nature of Ashhurst sports fields and the stony nature of many Ashhurst garden soils.

Our district may not possess the dramatic landforms that attract tourists to other parts of New Zealand, but its geological history is equally fascinating and there are moves afoot to advocate The Manawatu Gorge and surrounding geological features as a UNESCO Global Geopark with information boards located at points of interest.

Mike Shepherd

Changes to Recycling Starts February

From the 1st of February, you won't be able to put these in your orange-lid recycling wheelie bin:

- Lids and caps (from bottles, containers and tin cans)
- Aerosol cans (e.g. fly spray, hair spray, deodorant etc)

The Government has introduced standardised recycling for all kerbside collections across the country—this means when you go away for the

weekend, you'll be able to recycle the same as you do here in Palmy. These Government changes are mandatory and all councils need to comply.

If you're ever unsure about what can and can't be recycled please visit our website. For more information, visit <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/News-Events/News/No-lids-caps-and-spray-cans-in-your-wheelie-bin-from-1-February>

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

Construction update

It's an exciting year for construction of Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Highway as the project enters its fourth year.

By the end of this year, large sections of the highway will be complete and being prepared for opening by mid-2025.

However, there's still lots of construction to be done and our teams are gearing up for another huge season.

At Parahaki Bridge over the Manawātū River, the team continues to construct the bridge deck using the form traveller, which currently sits on Pier 1. A new concrete segment is constructed about every 10 days, and with 54 segments in total, these should be completed by the end of this year.

To help with progress, a second form traveller is being installed on Pier 2, which will enable the team to construct more sections of the bridge deck

concurrently.

Over the river at the Eco-Viaduct, the team will continue laying pre-cast concrete panels for the bridge deck, on which concrete will be poured. This bridge is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Another significant development this year will be the completion of earthworks. Since breaking ground in January 2021, our earthworks teams have moved nearly 6.5 million cubic metres of earth and are on track to finish bulk earthworks this summer.

In areas where earthworks are completed, pavement crews have been constructing the road surface itself, and this work will ramp up significantly throughout 2024.

To allow for the high volumes of asphalt needed to construct the pavement, an asphalt plant will be

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Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

established on site in the first half of this year. A second Palmerston North plant will also provide the asphalt necessary to make the road.

While construction continues, our landscaping teams will be out in force from April and are aiming to put another 500,000 plants in the ground in areas next to the highway. They'll also continue maintaining areas that have been planted over the last three years, ensuring the newly planted trees and shrubs thrive.

We look forward to sharing regular updates with you this year to keep you informed on how construction is progressing. Keep an eye out on our website or social media channels throughout the year for more flyover videos so you can get a closer look at how the site is shaping up.

Walk the Highway a success

It was great to see hundreds of people taking part in the fourth Walk

the Highway event on Sunday, 21 January. The walk is a fundraiser for the Woodville Lions and Woodville School, who organise, manage and promote the event, with some support from the project team.

This year's event was the biggest ever, with tickets selling out in advance and more than 1500 people doing the walk. I'd like to thank the public for coming out to see our progress and the community groups for doing such a fantastic job managing the event.

More information

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 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 2024 and hope to have many special events throughout the year.

Summer Reading 2023-24

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 with our book chats, and we hope everyone involved enjoyed the experience.

Local History Group

Over time we have accumulated quite a lot of historical material and it now needs to be properly organised. We would like to offer the chance for anyone who would like to volunteer their time to be part of our local history group. We would arrange a time that everyone could meet weekly or fortnightly and be part of this

endeavour. If you are interested, please let us know.

Ashhurst Elevenses

Every Friday at 11.00am during term time

First session for 2024—Friday 2nd February

Come along every Friday during term time for a cuppa and a friendly chat. Everybody is welcome! There will even be tea, coffee and the odd biscuit provided, but if you want to bring along some home baking, you are very welcome.

Meet with Mayor Grant Smith— Wednesday, 14th February 5.00pm-6.00pm

Come in for an informal chat with our Mayor Grant Smith who will be available to talk to you about any issues and concerns. Refreshments are

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Anglican Parish of Pohangina

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst
8.00 am First Sunday of the Month
10.00 am every Sunday

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako

10.00 am 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
Priest—Rev Pam Barnett. Contact the Parish office for further information:
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Email: info@parishofpohangina.net

www.parishofpohangina.net

St Mary Magdalene Church—Office Hours (subject to change at short notice): Monday: closed, Tuesday: closed, Wednesday: 9.30am-3.30pm, Thursday: closed, Friday: 1.00pm-3.00pm

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 6.30 pm. This established and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

Contacts:

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

Brent Besley (Secretary) 329 4891

brent.liz@inspire.net.nz

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

Ashhurst Music Club

Live original music in your back yard
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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 6.00pm-7.00pm
\$10 per class or \$50 for six classes.
Suitable for beginners and those with more experience of yoga.

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Ashhurst Playcentre

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Ashhurst Library

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Ashhurst Village Valley Centre Bookings

We have bookings flooding in for the Village Valley Centre for 2024. 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

First Session for 2024—Wednesday, 31st January, 10.30am

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, 31st January, 10.30am
Wednesday, 14th February, 10.30am
Wednesday, 28th February, 10.30am

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 Library

Ashhurst Rainfall

73 mm of rain fell in November 2023, below the monthly average of 123.6 mm.

Rain was recorded on ten days with the highest one-day rainfall of 17.5 mm on the 18th of November 2023.

The total annual rainfall is 1116.5 mm. This is above the annual average of 1031 mm.

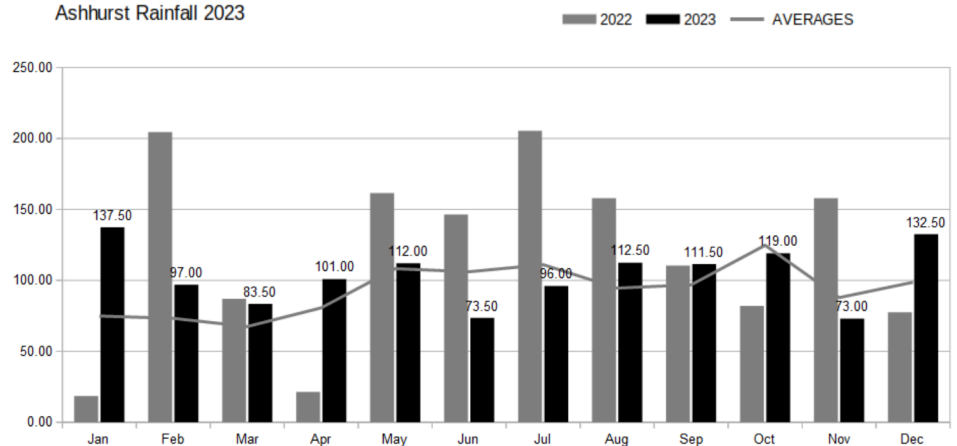
132.5 mm of rain fell in December 2023, above the monthly average of 100 mm.

Rain was recorded on thirteen days with the highest one-day rainfall of 42 mm on the 31st of December 2023.

The total annual rainfall is 1249 mm. This is above the annual average of 1131 mm.

Mai Quang

Ashhurst Rainfall 2023



A new and improved bus network is coming soon to Palmy and Ashhurst

This includes buses running more often and for longer hours each day, more direct routes and a fully electric fleet from **March 2024** - now that's pretty cool!



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Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

A Happy New Year one and all. During January, Ashhurst traditionally finds itself at the sharp end of the city's events with the International UCI Gravel and Tar Classic bike tour taking place back on Saturday January 20 and the Ashhurst-Pohangina Lions Small Holders Auction on the following weekend.

This year these events were enhanced by the Woodville Lions Club sell-out walks over the Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū Tararua Highway site on **Sunday January 21**. 1500 places at \$30 a head, were snapped up for the 12km and 6km walks that left from the Ashhurst end of the highway development.

Interest in the project and its progress is certainly high. The completion date set for 2025 will bring huge flow-on benefits for Ashhurst and our wider Manawatū region.

Motorhome friendly

Looking to make the most of those benefits and the continued popularity of the Ashhurst Domain camping ground, Council wanted to set up a new motorhome dump station at the Cambridge Ave car park entrance to the sports field.

The project in support of local tourism opportunities attracted funding from MBIE and backing from the New Zealand Motorcaravan Association (NZMCA). However, the vast majority of your feedback was not in favour of the suggested location.

We listened - and are now investigating the possibility of siting it on Custom St as an extension to the current roading redevelopment.

Ashhurst Domain

One of the regular events that won't be going ahead this year is the February running of the Ashhurst-Pohangina Gold Cup race meeting at Awapuni Racecourse. The main grass track is undergoing a major upgrade, putting it out of commission for much of this year.

The Ashhurst-Pohangina Racing Club moved its meetings to Awapuni from the Domain in 1946. The old track was used for training until 1979 when the Oroua County Council bought the site for sportsgrounds. Ashhurst was incorporated into Palmerston North City in 1989 with the Council taking over responsibility for the Domain's upkeep in keeping with this heritage.

Council is undertaking a management and development plan of the Domain and is seeking your feedback on the future of the amenity.

Submissions are open until **5pm on Thursday, February 29**, with forms available on the pncc.govt.nz website and at the Ashhurst Community Library.

You'll also be able to bring your ideas and talk about them with Council staff at a community open day with free barbecue and children's activities at the Domain on **Saturday February 10 between 10am - 2pm**.

NZ Transport Agency/Waka Kotahi staff will also be there to talk about plans for a shared path between Ashhurst and the new Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū Tararua Highway.

Following the submissions process, formal public consultation on the Domain development and management plan will begin in April.

Summer reading

Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part in the annual Community Library Summer Reading Programme, earning rewards and badges and taking part in the grand finale at the Victoria Esplanade on **January 25**.

Summer movie night

The big screen comes to the Ashhurst School grounds on **Wednesday, February 21 from 6pm** for the 2022 animated movie *The Bad Guys*. It's part of a family-friendly public entertainment programme that is seeing 15 free outdoor movie nights in parks and reserves across the city, with details of the other movie screenings on the pncc.govt.nz webpage.

Recycling changes

Residents should be aware that from the beginning of this month new national recycling standards came into force. Lids, caps or aerosol cans (like deodorant or fly spray cans) should no longer go in your orange wheelie bin. This is due to a new central government policy for standardising kerbside recycling right across the country.

Water restrictions

A reminder that our voluntary Summer Water Use plan is now in play. We ask residents to only water gardens between 7pm and 9pm every second day, with even house numbers on even days and odd numbers on odd days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet the Mayor

The first Meet the Mayor of 2024 takes place on **Wednesday February 14 between 5 - 6pm** at the Ashhurst Community Library. The Council website and Facebook page will notify any changes.

Ngā mihi nui

Mayor Grant Smith JP

PS: Don't forget the Festival of Cultures Lantern Parade and World Food Craft and Music Fair on **February 23 - 24**.



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5.00 pm Tuesday, 20th February.

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

Ashhurst Bowling Club

Another year begins and plenty is happening on the Bowling Green. January and February are usually months of pretty hot and humid conditions and so far this year that has certainly been the case. We have been so fortunate to be well up to date with events and no wet weather cancellations—pew.

The 2-day Property Brokers Fours tournament is on February 10th and 11th and this is always a hugely successful event drawing entries from far and wide. Prize money is huge and the camaraderie and competitiveness will be well evident. This will be a great event to come and watch as the standard of play is always very high. And as always Ashhurst Bowling Club will do a stunning job as hosts.

Club championships are almost completed with some very close games and very very competitive play. Just recently the Mens Junior Pairs was won by Wayne and Moggy from Hugh and Kyn and the Ladies won by Margaret and Margie from Donna and Jacqui. The ladies had to battle through three games and battle is a fair description. Stunning play from all players—well done.

Twilight continues with excellent attendance and lots of fun to be had. Do come along and have a go on a Wednesday evening at 5.45 pm. On these balmy nights it is great to be outside and getting together with others. Bowls are provided and there are plenty of players to help newcomers.

Skogs and Elizabeth Walker are underway again with the opportunity to

play at each other's clubs and catch up with news. It is also a time when players go to tournaments to support other clubs as they do us. Lots of opportunities for serious and social get togethers.

The Tararua Quad has finished, with Dannevirke being the eventual winners. Great play from all clubs.

Ashhurst hosted the "Have a go" afternoon in December and wow this was such a successful day. It was hot and sunny and people arrived in droves. Everyone had such fun and most club members did lots of coaching while playing. The day was one of laughter and finished with a fabulous spread and a drink.

Early in December was the Julia Wallace 2x4x2 Pairs, it was a hugely successful tournament with great competitive play seen. Major thanks to our sponsors, without you these events just could not happen.

The AEC Triples on 27th December was also very successful with a full green and great play, great prizes and great afternoon tea to finish off. Huge thanks to AEC for their sponsorship once again.

So lots has been happening and March will be a busy month with the last of our championships and tournaments. February is quiet apart from the Property Brokers Fours so time to practise.

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Adrianne Harding—Secretary.


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