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RECAP Update

Kia ora from RECAP.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th June, 7.00 pm—8.30 pm in the Village Valley Centre Centennial room. This is open to the public, so please feel free to join us for a light supper: to elect our board for 2023/2024 and to learn more about what RECAP has been up to this past year (and what we have planned for the future).

Crop Swap

24th June is the next RECAP Crop Swap at the Ashhurst Community Library from 11.00 am—1.00 pm. This is a free sharing event of produce and gardening items, where you don't need to give in order to take or vice versa.

Winter Pruning Workshop

Our annual Winter Pruning Workshop for 2023 is on Saturday, 1st July (with 8th July as our rain date) at the Olsson Community Orchard. This is a practical, hands on guide to winter fruit tree pruning for optimum next season fruiting. Get stuck in with the loppers and secateurs with guidance and support to build your confidence. This is free, but koha is appreciated. Registrations are essential, so please head to recap.org.nz to do so.

Repair Cafe

We are thrilled to announce Environment Network Manawatū will be bringing their popular Repair Cafe to Ashhurst on Saturday, 29th July. Repair Cafes are pop-up events where people can bring their broken/damaged items and volunteer experts do their best to repair them.

This is a free event, but we ask for a koha for repairs. Food and drinks are also available for koha. So if you've got a treasured belonging that needs some love don't despair, repair! You can find out more online, search: *enm repair cafe*.

RECAP Community Kai

RECAP Community Kai continues to be a no-questions-asked service from the Ashhurst Community Library back room on Tuesdays 3.15 pm—4.15 pm. Sadly, we will no longer be giving bags out to kids or teenagers as of Tuesday, 23rd May. If you want to be able to send your tamariki to pick up, you will need to email chris@recap.org.nz with their full name. Thank you for understanding. As always—ngā mihi nui to Just Zilch, Mission for Men and others in our community for their donations of food and time to run this service.

Seed Library

Our Seed Library has had a makeover thanks to the wonderful Jo Smith—one of our volunteers. The brand new Seed Library Station is in the Ashhurst Community Library, and every resident of Ashhurst and Pohangina is able to take three free packets of seed per month. We keep this updated with seed appropriate for the season.

Look after yourselves and others.

Chris Love—RECAP Coordinator

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

Facebook: *ResilienceAshhurstPohangina*
Instagram: *recap_ashhurst_pohangina*.

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**Deadline for July Issue
Tuesday, 20th June**

Rahui in Place

A rāhui has been placed over Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge walking track following a sudden death at the western end on Wednesday, 24th May.

A rāhui is a restriction or prohibition on an area following an incident, such as a death, to honour the deceased, provide spiritual protection to anyone who would enter the space unknowingly and allows the area to regenerate its mauri or life force.

Rangitāne o Manawatū representative Terry Hapi says the rāhui covers the entire reserve and will be in place until 22 June.

“The length of the rāhui gives the ngahere (forest) time to heal and reflects the cycle of the moon.

“With the support of Ngāti Kauwhata, Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua, Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua, Police, Department of Conservation (DOC) and local councils, Rangitāne have placed signage at both ends of Te Āpiti to let users know the space is temporarily closed.

“We understand the death is not being treated as suspicious and send aroha to the whānau and friends of the person involved.”

Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge governance group chair and Horizons Regional Council councillor Fiona Gordon says it's important for people to respect the rāhui while it is in place.

“We know Te Āpiti is a popular site for our community but the rāhui needs to be honoured in order for the reserve to heal from this incident,” she says.

“Please stay away for now. Once it's lifted we can all re-enter the space safely. With this in mind, Horizons and DOC will halt any work in the area until the rāhui is lifted.

“Our thoughts are with the friends and whānau of the loved one at this time.”

Ashhurst Ladies Night Out

Save the date! Friday, 30th June, 6.00 pm—9.00 pm at the Village Valley Centre.

The Ashhurst Ladies' Night offers a fab opportunity to get out and about, local business stalls, bubbles and high tea and the "pop up wardrobe".

Entry is just \$5 per person!

All profits go to our Ashhurst Foodbank.

If you'd like a stall, please see Emma at the Property Brokers office.

Any queries can be directed to Kellie on 027 247 2179 or

rossville2010@hotmail.com

Churches of Ashhurst Combined Service

You are all welcome to join the Anglican, Methodist, Brethren, Catholic, and New Life Churches as we gather for a combined service.

Hosted by River Church Ashhurst, 131

Cambridge Avenue on August 6th, 2023.

Shared kai to follow, please bring a plate to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

It is said that a dog is a man's best friend! There are many many older folk especially, who will agree to that sentiment. It is the companionship of a dog that invites the relationship. After all, a dog doesn't answer back, or seek an argument or participate in a disagreement. A dog is always there and won't walk off in a huff. A dog will trust you no matter what. But a dog doesn't equate to a wonderful love relationship that can exist between a loving couple. Nevertheless, a dog is a wonderful 'mate' and a faithful friend. Last month we enjoyed the story of a great relationship between Jag and Murray Mills, an ex dog

handler in the police. A fantastic trust that built up between the two made for a great working relationship within the police force. Such a recount is one of those wonderful afternoons we enjoy as members of the Ashhurst Senior Citizens' Association.

You, too, could enjoy these marvellous afternoons on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm in the Methodist Hall in Bamfield St. Age is not relevant once you're over fifty, so come along and enjoy with us. It is great fun and camaraderie and afternoon tea is always provided.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Ashhurst R.S.A.

Upcoming Events

17th June—P Party

Come dressed up in anything that starts with P. There is no need to dress up to come along and enjoy the environment. DJ HAZZA will be providing the entertainment (it's not Harry our President). There is a special licence so no need to be a member or sign in guests.

There will be prizes for Best Dressed, and for the winner of the dance off.

The kitchen will be open that night serving:

- Tim's famous R.S.A. burger and fries,
- Wedges with bacon, cheese and sour cream and for those who want a bit of

- spice some sweet chilli sauce, and
- Fish and Chips.

24th June—Super Rugby Final

We will show this on the big screen. At half time, sausages and chips will be available.

25th June—QUIZ Afternoon

Try out your general knowledge in a series of entertaining rounds. Quiz will start at 4.00 pm.

29th June—10 Transport Company

A unit in the New Zealand Army will be having its 72nd birthday at the R.S.A., There will be around 60 soldiers attending. If there are any ex-company members

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around, you are more than welcome to join us and catch up with some old friends or the next generation.

5th August—All Blacks Vs South Africa

The first All Blacks Match against South Africa will be shown at 2.35 pm. We will show on the big screen and have half time sausages and chips.

Food Trucks at the Ashhurst R.S.A.

The R.S.A. has set a three-week rotation of food trucks that will be outside the R.S.A. for members to purchase meals from. You can order outside and while you wait, enjoy the company of members in a warm and dry friendly environment. The R.S.A. currently has:

- Tuss's Tucker <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089870173932>
- Dos Locos Taco's <https://www.facebook.com/DosLocosTacoNZ/>
- Grillhaus <https://www.facebook.com/GrillhausNZ/>

The R.S.A. will be looking for other food trucks and will update via our Facebook page.

Bingo

Bingo is going well at 7.00 pm every Tuesday. Come and join in. I hear the bingo caller makes the night. Watch our Facebook page and Ashhurst Chat for more details.

Darts

Darts are on most Fridays. Follow their Facebook page to find out which nights are social, and which are competitive.

Raffles

The Crackers and Cheese raffle has been modified in order to get more raffles going on a Friday. Each ticket is now \$2 and the raffle sheet is located next to the meat raffle. It will run the same as the meat raffle. All tickets will be sold by 6.00 pm on a Friday and the draw will be held after the ode. Winner will receive \$40 cash.

The following Raffles are on every Friday:

- Welfare raffle: however, for the month of May proceeds will be for the Darts and go towards the building of the four new dart boards.
- Woman's section has two meat raffles drawn once sold at 6.00 pm
- Joker's wild, tickets sold from 6.30 pm
- Members Draw drawn between 6.30 pm—7.00 pm.

General

We have a new staff member on. Her name is Sky. Feel free to introduce yourself to her.

All the feedback from the community has been positive about ANZAC Day. Thanks go out to all those who helped out:

Thanks to our community partners who made the service successful:

River Church, Feilding Brass Band, Otangaki Lodge, Ashhurst Bowling Club, Ashhurst School and Ashhurst Rugby Club.

Thanks to those members who assisted on the day.

- Ian, Lois, Dave and Suzy for running the kitchen,
- Brian Durham for assisting around the bar,
- Janet and Lynne for jumping in when the power went out and working the bar,
- Woman's section for assisting with the breakfast and meals during the day,
- Shelly for her singing of "We'll Meet Again",
- Harry for running the Civic service, and
- If I have missed you out I am sorry, but your assistance made the day.

Any questions please talk with any of the committee members.

Major Timothy Cocks

Community Comment

The autumnal drop of leaves and their splash of colour has mostly completed its cycle. While gardeners may collect the leaves for additional mulch and compost

material, our street drainage systems are not so forgiving. Council's street sweeping service has been a help. Piles of debris

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Firewood For Sale

Poplar or Pine available
Phone Ken Pratt 027 498 3718

Dog Walking

I am a 19 year old female with a disability and wish to grow my small business.

Cost is \$10 per 30 minute walk
Please contact Lakeisha Eynon by text 027 214 0848 or by email—eynonlakeisha@gmail.com

JustOne Please

Super Kia Ora Ashhurst and beyond. Thank you for the donations of long-life milk.

The item requested for the Safe House for the month of May is a box of tissues.

I appreciate everyone's generosity. You can drop these off at the Ashhurst Library. Contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128 for more information.

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Taylor—samnarna@outlook.com

Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc

74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.
Phone: 326 8296

Summer Hours

Sunday: 2.00 pm—6.00 pm
Monday 3.00 pm—6.00 pm
Tuesday: 3.00 pm—7.00 pm
Wednesday 3.00 pm—9.00 pm
Thursday: 2.00 pm—9.00 pm
Friday: 2.00 pm—11.59 pm
Saturday: 1.00 pm—9.00 pm

Manawatu Rangitikei Methodist Parish—Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe and Pohangina Congregation

Ashhurst Devonport Worship and
Community Centre

10.00 am 1st and 2nd Sundays

Pohangina Community Church
10.30 am 3rd Sunday

Contacts: Parish Office—323 4127
Heather Fairless—326 8355

Ashhurst Bowling Club

67 Stanford Street.

Season starts end of September
through to mid April.

If you would like more information on
lawn bowling, please call or email:
Adrienne Harding 326 8972/027 283
6317 ashhurstbowlingclub@gmail.com

Pohangina Rubbish Collection

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

Community Comment

beside gutter sumps are evidence of
neighbourly self help and protection from
unwanted stormwater overflow. Please do
give the Council's help line a call to deal
with the bigger jobs when needed.

In normal times, leaf fall and bare
branches will signal the onset of Winter
and its colder temperatures. We expect our
trees to move into a period of dormancy
with time for pruning and other winter
tasks. A wander around our community
orchard beside McCrae's Bush is evidence
that this is not a normal year. Daffodils are
already in flower and recently pruned trees
are sprouting new growth. Although a little
waterlogged at present, our lawns
continue to grow at some speed. Hopefully
we will get some cold weather to help
control the pest insect population of flies
and mosquitoes, and also provide the
temperature signals needed by some trees
for optimal blossom and to set fruit. I guess
our seasons are changing quicker than
expected.

Dog walkers and others who visit
McCrae's Bush may wish to divert past the
nut orchard area, walk the plank and over
the stream to check out the progress of
recently planted natives in and around the
mature trees. This area was previously
grazed, but volunteers planted over 400

native trees and flaxes there a couple of
years ago with the assistance of Horizons.
A big thank you to the volunteer group who
continues to maintain the small trees with
water and weeding, and who have
developed a pathway to enjoy the
changing view.

Recent heavy rain and the persistent
threat of floods will return unhappy
memories for some local residents. While
nature may have softened some of the
storm damage over past months, there are
still significant repairs of fence lines and
removal of silt required to return farmland,
tracks and roads to normal operation. A
couple of bridges up the valley have
returned to limited operation. The key river
crossing bridge at Totara Reserve, washed
away in the floods, has no firm date for
replacement as yet.

Graffiti, vandalism and other crime
continues to surface in Ashhurst. Calling
111 in an emergency is your primary
response. If you have non-urgent
information which may assist in solving
crime or identifying suspicious activity,
then give the police a call on 105. A
combination of numerous information
leads can help the police solve crime to
benefit us all.

Harvey Jones

The Good Old Days!

In June 1970, as a young married couple
with a one year old child, a dog and two
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The Good Old Days!

I worked in retail, earning after tax, \$41.26 a week, or \$2,144.00 a year, while my wife was at home looking after our toddler—the normal practice in those days.

Broken down, this was our weekly budget:

- Loan from employer (to help with house purchase): \$2.79
- Mortgage, rates, home insurance: \$10.36
- All other insurances and Dominion newspaper: \$2.55
- Tithing to our church: \$4.10
- Car—petrol and maintenance: \$2.50. In those days \$1.00 bought three gallons (almost 15 litres), enough for 100 miles (160 kms)

- Groceries: \$12.00
 - Phone and power: \$3.50
 - Balance for all other spending: \$3.46
- With average house prices in Palmerston North in May 2023 being \$535,000.00, prices have gone up by 33 times since those far off days!

However the grocery spend has only gone up 23 times!!

Interestingly, according to Stats New Zealand, the average wage in New Zealand in 2023 is \$75,000.00, which is about 34 times the amount I was earning back then, a similar increase to that of house prices.

Life was a struggle back then, just like it is today for ordinary families trying to balance their budgets.

Reverend Mike Russell

Mike left the UK in May 1986 and came to New Zealand to be Priest in the Parish of Pohangina which included St Mary Magdalene in Ashhurst, St Bartholemew in Komako, and St Barnabas in Bunnythorpe. He and his wife Barbara and daughter Clare were warmly welcomed by the vestry and parishioners and quickly settled into their new life. He served the parish as priest for fifteen years and then after retirement continued to live in Ashhurst and stayed on as Assistant Priest.

Mike had a great belief in visiting the people in his parish so that he got to know them well; he encouraged many church activities that brought people together. Fellowship over meals, car rallies, bring a

plate dinners, games evenings, family camps, house groups, enjoying a relaxed family worship time all helping people know one another better and to feel they belonged in the church fellowship.

For a number of years Mike visited as a hospital chaplain and after retirement he and Barbara worked in the Red Cross programme to resettle refugees.

Mike became a Christian in his early teens and throughout his life and ministry his desire was to bring people into a deeper relationship with God, and with one another, through Jesus Christ.

Mike passed away on the 18th May, 2023 and will be sorely missed.

Steady As You Go

Steady As You Go—A falls prevention programme. One hour of slow purposeful exercises for Seniors. Aimed at strengthening weakened leg muscles and helping to improve balance. \$2 per session. Otangaki Lodge, 69 Oxford Street, Ashhurst
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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

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Contact: Marianne 027 627 2054

Ashhurst Red Cross

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Friday 10.00am—1.00pm or when the flags are out.

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New Zealand's Native Wasps II

I thought I would follow up last month's article about native wasps by looking at a couple of examples of tiny parasitic wasps (aka parasitoid wasps) and their hosts that I have been fortunate enough to document. I say fortunate because just seeing them with the naked eye is a challenge, let alone getting to observe their behaviour. As mentioned in the previous article, most of our native wasps are parasitic and therefore perform a valuable role in helping to control pest insect species.



The first example is a species of wasp called *Trissolcus oenone*, the adults of which are only 1—2 mm in length. They are odd-looking, with a large head and thorax but small abdomen. This tiny wasp is a 'shield-bug egg parasitoid' because it lays its eggs inside the eggs of native and Australian shield-bugs, which are common garden pests.

When the wasp larva hatches from the egg, it feeds on the developing shield-bug larva, eventually consuming all of it. The wasp larva then becomes a non-feeding pupa, from which the adult wasp eventually hatches. The adult wasp then chews a hole in the shield-bug egg case and emerges into the world (see photo), ready to find a mate and continue the life cycle.



The second example of a parasitoid wasp is a species with the genus name *Tamarixia*, also measuring around 1-2 mm in length. This one, which I found on a *Pittosporum* tree in Ashhurst, is a 'psyllid nymph parasitoid' that lays its eggs beneath psyllid nymphs on the leaves of *Pittosporum* species. Once again, a larva hatches from the wasp egg and consumes the psyllid nymph, then forms a pupa from



which an adult wasp eventually hatches. The adult wasp chews a hole in the skin of the dead nymph and emerges into the world (see photos).

Parasitoid wasps such as these have a very intimate association with their hosts and are regarded as keystone species in their ecosystem.

Grey Smith

Photos: Left—Shield-bug eggs and a hatched Trissolcus oenone wasp; Trichopria species; Top Right—Adult Tamarixia species wasp; Bottom Right—Psyllid nymphs. Nymph skin with wasp exit hole (L), normal nymph ©.

Council Consultation

Intention to renew and expand lease at 21 Guildford Street, Ashhurst

Palmerston North City Council is proposing to continue to support Ashhurst Community Trust by renewing and expanding their lease area at 21 Guildford Street, part of Ashhurst Village Valley Centre.

The current lease is for the land only and it has two buildings on it that are both owned by the Trust. The Trust is wanting to remove one of these buildings and replace it with a new building for the purpose of a community training and social facility named 'The Woodshed'.

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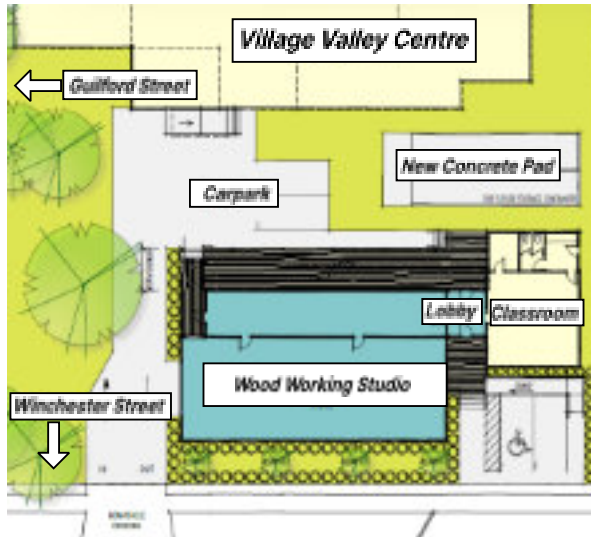
As per our Support and Funding Policy, we're wanting to hear from our community.

Submissions are open.

If you're interested in making a submission or objection, please do so in writing and let us know if you wish to appear before and be heard by a Council committee in support of your submission.

Forward all submissions by Friday 30 June to:

Palmerston North City Council
Attn: Democracy and Governance Manager
Private Bag 11034
Or email submission@pncc.govt.nz



Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

With bulk earthworks nearing completion on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Tararua Highway, the road is now really starting to take shape.

About 5.5 million cubic metres of earth have been moved across the site since construction started in January 2021, placing the team in a good position to complete the project's total earthworks, 6 million cubic metres, later this year.

Most of the remaining earthworks are in Zone 3, at the top part of the project, where wet ground conditions have made progress difficult.

However, despite the challenges from

weather and ground conditions, the hard work of the earthworks teams means they are well on track for their targeted completion.

Features and utilities of the highway—like retaining walls, surface water channels and mulch-covered batters—are being completed throughout the project, making it look like a road now.

Completed earthworks sections—like Fill 9, which can be seen from the Ashhurst end of the project—are having drainage installed before work starts on pavements (road surface) this winter.

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261 Fearless Club NZ—Ashhurst

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Phone: 329-4800

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

Te Ahu a Turanga: Highway Update

We'll be releasing our latest flyover footage in the next week or so, so I encourage you all to head to www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/ to check out the progress to date.

Structures Update

On Parahaki Bridge over the Manawātū River, construction of the superstructure (the part of the bridge that the road goes on), has started on Pier 1.

Concrete is being poured on top of the pier which will allow it to hold the form traveller, a large steel structure that moves out from a pier, allowing the bridge deck to be constructed in sections.

Construction of the segments of the superstructure are expected to begin later in the year.

On other parts of the bridge, Pier 2 in the middle of the river is now complete, while good progress continues to be made on Pier 3 on the northern side.

Over the river at the Eco-Viaduct, more beams continue to arrive with 18 now in place on their piers. Twenty-four more beams will be delivered and installed by November 2023.

Construction of the pre-cast concrete deck panels for the Eco-Viaduct has started, and these will be installed from July.

Traffic Switch to New Local Road

With construction about to ramp up on the western roundabout at the Ashhurst end of the project, people driving the short section of Napier Rd to get to Te Apati—Manawatu Gorge will soon be driving on a new section of road.

The project is building a local road for access to the Western Gateway Park, which will become the main western access point for the Gorge walk once the road opens.

All traffic currently using Napier Road to get to the temporary carpark will be switched over to the new road in June to allow us to build the roundabout without delaying traffic.

As this switch-over will take place overnight, there will be no disruption for the public.

Grant Kauri—Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

Line Dancing Update

Twelve 'Ashhurstians' responded to the notice in the previous issue about the possibility of forming an Ashhurst-Pohangina Line Dancing Club—all, like me, absolute beginners—but we have been unable to find a teacher. I contacted existing groups in Palmerston North and

Feilding and the best bet for anyone interested is to contact Christine Taylor (chrisstaylor@xtra.co.nz) who wrote:

'I have just finished a 10 week absolute beginners class in Feilding and will be holding another in September if you're

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Line Dancing Update

interested in attending that. The Palmerston North ladies are fully booked in their classes and won't be doing a new beginners class until next year. I'm quite certain they won't be interested in taking

on any other classes.

Sorry, I'm not much help re an Ashhurst group. 'Maybe meet you there!

David Fountain.

Ashhurst School

The weather has certainly become more chilly in the mornings.

At the end of this term and the beginning of the next we are farewelling some of our staff. We would like to congratulate Miss Ashcroft and partner Dean as Sarah heads off on maternity leave from the 11th August. We will also be farewelling Miss Schreiber at the end of this term. She finishes in Room 21 at the end of Week 4 as we will be welcoming Mrs Pearce back from sabbatical. Alicia is heading overseas to teach. We are also going to be farewelling Mrs Cranshaw from the 4th August, as she too, is taking up a teaching position overseas. We thank these teachers for all of their contributions to our school and know that the schools they are going to are very lucky to have them. We are currently trying to fill these vacancies and will let the community know once we have more information.

opportunity to meet more of our parent and caregiver community. If you are interested, please contact the school office and they will record your details and a P.T.A. member will get in contact with you.

Elite Sports

A huge congratulations to our Elite Sport Ripper Rugby team that competed this week in Palmerston North. The team finished first on the day and picked up some very important points for the overall elite sports trophy. A big thanks to Pā Reece for coaching the team and all of the parental support.

Outside Student Achievements

Congratulations to Tiaan and Jada on their achievements for cheer-leading. They are currently in Hawaii competing—we wish them all the best.

Congrats to Madden who has been selected in the Wellington Golf Association Talent ID squad. A great effort Madden.

Mufti Day

A fantastic effort from our "Red" Mufti Day held recently. We raised \$475.60 in support of our local Firefighters for the 2023 Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge Leukemia and Blood Cancer Foundation. We wish them well for their climb on Saturday, 20 May, 2023.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

kōrero! Haere māi ki te ako i te reo Māori!

We are very happy to have Karu Kanakana sessions taken by our good friend Emere who will bring storytelling, games, waiata and fun for all the whānau. This is a bilingual session for preschoolers and their kaitiaki (caregivers).

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, a couple of years ago we did a series of community profiles which were very well received. We will be bringing them back this month, so keep an eye on our Facebook page. The first profile is a very much-loved individual who has a great story to tell.

Karu Kanakana

Haere mai ki te waiata! Haere mai ki te

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

Jack Zwart (President) 326 8958

standishzwart@gmail.com

Brent Besley (Secretary) 329 4891

brent.liz@inspire.net.nz

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741

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Ashhurst Genealogy

If you require assistance with Ashhurst History or Genealogy research.

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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 6.00 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

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**Ashhurst Library**

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Tuesday 13th June 10.30am

Tuesday 27th June 10.30am

Ashhurst Mighty Kids

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 term

Wednesday 7th June 10.30am

Wednesday 21st June 10.30am—End of term party

July Holiday Programme

We are starting to put together our next holiday programme, please check in on our Facebook page as we release more information about our events. We will be celebrating Matariki the day before the public holiday on 14th July.

Manawatu Home Budgeting Service

We are thrilled to be in partnership with Manawatu Home Budgeting Service who are conducting budget sessions in our library on Thursday or you can make an appointment in their Palmerston North office. If you would like to talk to their wonderful staff or need some excellent

budgetary advice and guidance, please let us know.

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre

Booking requests for the Village Valley Centre over the Winter months have been flooding in. We always hope to accommodate as many requests as we can, but it is advisable not to leave it till the last moment.

Can we also please just send out a reminder to everyone who uses the centre to please make sure the centre is locked up and fully secure at the end of your session or event.

Talk with Mayor Grant Smith—Tuesday 27th June 5.00 pm—6.00 pm

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 provided, and you are all most welcome.

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**Ashhurst Rainfall**

101 mm of rain fell in April 2023, above the monthly average of 79.1 mm.

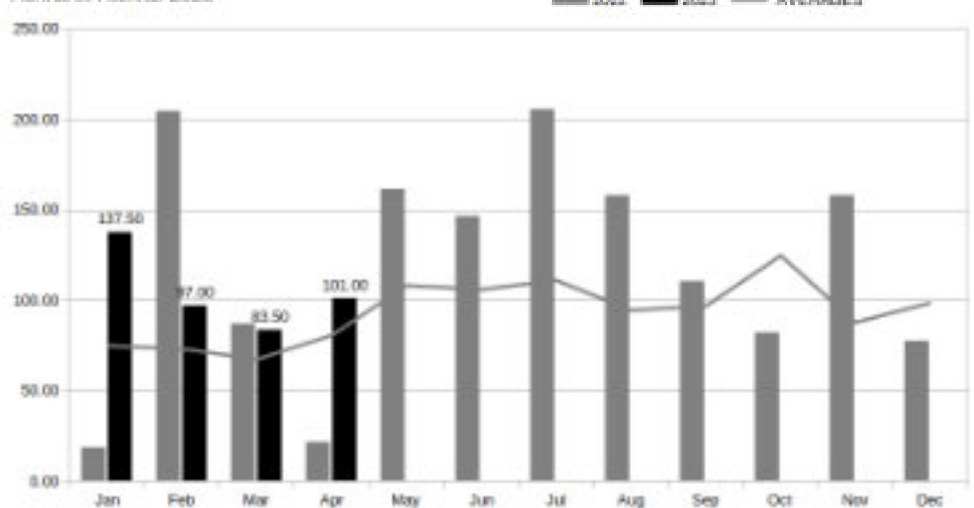
Rain was recorded on 12 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 33.5 mm on the

21st of April 2023.

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Mai Quang

Ashhurst Rainfall 2023



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Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

The year is powering along and nearly half gone, with King's Birthday behind us and the shortest day fast approaching. At this rate it'll be Christmas before we know it.

Cheese pleases

Huge congratulations to Adrian and Jill Walcroft of Pohangina's Cartwheel Creamery for winning three prestigious trophies at the 20th annual New Zealand Champion of Cheese Awards held in Hamilton at the beginning of May.

As well as being named champion cheesemaker of the year, Cartwheel Creamery's Opiki Ma cheese took out the Champion of Champions (Boutique) trophy and the champion soft-ripened cheese. Yum!

Palmy Proud

Coincidentally, Cartwheel Creamery is one of four Ashhurst businesses profiled in the mid-year edition of Palmy Proud.

Boutique Bash, Kereru Natural Products and The Herb Farm are the other companies, with Palmy Proud out this month and available free from various outlets including the Ashhurst Community Library.

Skytower Conquered

On May 20, members of the Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade Skytower Stair Challenge team did the Village proud.

In conquering the 328-metre vertical climb up Skytower's 51 flights of 1103 steps while wearing 23 kilograms of kit, they raised \$26,500 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand - the seventh highest total out of 216 teams, and top Manawatū contingent.

The team's Sam Butcher was sixth on the individual fundraising tally, with \$8,812.

Congratulations on this fantastic effort, and thank you for the generosity of everyone who donated to the firefighters' cause.

The national total raised was \$1,237,020.

Library Take-outs

For a number of years, Ashhurst Library has hosted the monthly 'Just One Please' collection for Women's Refuge.

Originated and organised by Louise Bowe, there are different items people can contribute each month whether it be UHT long-life milk, tea, coffee, or detergents.

The goodwill locals have towards this collection is heart-warming, and greatly appreciated by Women's Refuge.

The library is also the venue for pre-school whānau-based Karu Kanakana storytelling, waiata and games sessions on June 13 and 27 at 10.30am.

Ladies Night

Ashhurst's foodbank is organising a clothes sales and shopping evening in the Village Valley Centre for Friday June 30, replete with high tea and supper.

On between 6-9pm, all proceeds will benefit the foodbank and the community it serves.

Ashhurst Domain

A coalition of council teams has completed repair work on the Ashhurst Domain tracks damaged during Cyclone Gabrielle.

Riverside trails have been levelled, metalled and rolled, and gates that were washed away have been replaced.

Due for renewal in the coming weeks, are the post and rail fences around the sports-field changing rooms.

Ashhurst Community Trust

Council is proposing to renew and expand the Ashhurst Community Trust's lease on land associated with the Village Valley Centre.

The Trust wants to remove one of its existing buildings, replacing it with a facility for social activity and community training.

Submissions at pncc.govt.nz close on June 16.

Ashhurst School

My thanks to everyone who attended last month's Ashhurst School speed limit drop-in session and who made submissions.

The proposals concern speed reduction on streets around the school, using either permanent speed limits or variable electronic signs during school pick-up and drop-off times. Nine roadways surrounding the school will be affected.

Submissions closed on June 2, and councillors will make a final decision after considering the feedback.

Following certification by Waka Kotahi – NZ Transport Agency, the new limits should be in place by June next year.

Details of the affected streets are on the pncc.govt.nz website.

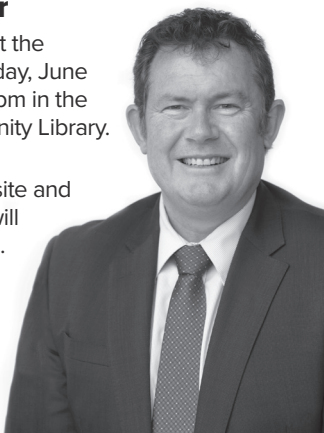
Meet the Mayor

This month's Meet the Mayor is on Tuesday, June 27 between 5 - 6pm in the Ashhurst Community Library. See you there.

The Council website and Facebook page will post any changes.

Ngā mihi nui

Mayor
Grant Smith JP



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Village Voice Deadline

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

5.00 pm Tuesday, 20th June.

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

Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

Our 2023 season is now underway and it is great to see some new faces. We already have lots of results with members travelling to various other Centres for tournaments.

Our Flagship Ashhurst Fours Tournament was held again this year with an amazing 30 teams taking part. This tournament has previously been so well supported, but we have not been able to hold this over the past couple of years. This year we had entries from Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Bush Ruahine, Whanganui, Horowhenua and a good number from the Manawatu. A Whanganui team took out the honours with Wairarapa runner-up. This tournament is our only fund raiser in the year and 30 teams is massive. I think it could be something to do with the huge number of raffles up for grabs. A big thanks to Gloria Hall who shoulders most of the work and the rest of the club members for such great support.

We have played our Championship Singles with Tim Veale defeating Bruce Meyer in a cliff hanger of a final on an extra deciding end. There is such great rivalry between these two champion players.

The Championship Triples is under way and Pairs is to be played in two weeks.

At Centre level, we have had Men's and

Ladies A Rep teams travel to Napier. A large number of players from Ashhurst club have been chosen to play with Gloria Hall, Marion McKenzie, Jennie Veale and Sue Cowley in the Ladies and Tim, Alan Cowley, Phil Clinch and Greg Veale in the Men's. The Ladies won by a big margin, the Men's result was much closer with Manawatu taking it by two points. The B Reps travelled to play Horowhenua and also had a big win. Joyce Williams and Ety Wells were selected to play in this team.

Our mixed "Dream Team" of Tim, Bruce, Sarah and Anne-Marie were successful again in winning the Centre Mixed Fours and will go on to represent Manawatu at the Zone final.

Tim and Phil Clinch won the Open Pairs Championship and Alan and Sue Cowley were runner-up in the Masters Pairs.

The Henselite Singles has also been played with Tim runner-up to Steve Morton from the St Brigids Club in Feilding.

We have a lot of members entered in the Masters Fours so hopeful of more good results here.

Several are heading off to the Nationals in New Plymouth in early June, so we wish all good bowling and have a great ten days.

Margaret Grant—Publicity

Ashhurst Clay Target Club

This was our annual fundraiser Duckshooters Day and what an amazing day with 165 shooters which was the biggest number ever. The weather was on our side too.

We want to thank everyone who turned up and took part. Please find time to look at all the Duckshooters Day photos on our Facebook page.

Brad Turner was our club's top shooter again—his name on it every year since 2017. Great stuff.

Feilding Club's team were particularly happy because after ten years of rivalry with our club they won the Robinson Shield.

A huge thanks goes out to the club members who spent hours

setting up then taking down the 12 stations/24 traps. And of course thanks to all our sponsors.

Top Gun: Hayden Lowry

Top Club Shooter: Brad Turner

Top Team: Feilding

Karen Pawson—Secretary



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