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Lest We Forget

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them*
—Laurence Binyon

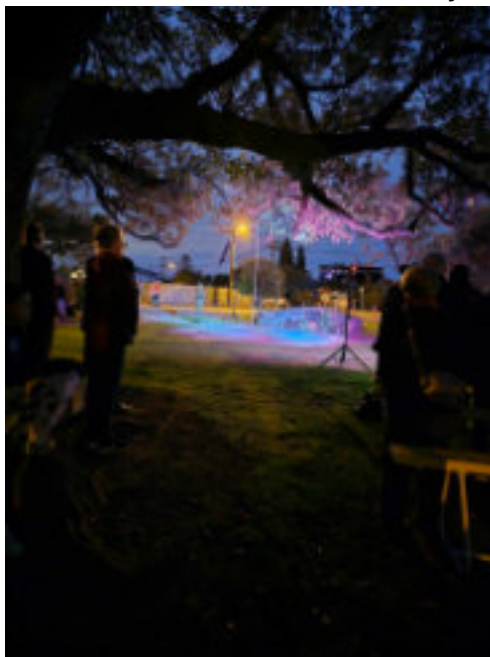


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Lest We Forget



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

—John McCrae

Ashhurst Senior Citizen Association

Warmth!—That's what we look for as the days get cooler and we start thinking of the winter mornings with degrees dropping to zero. Warmth can also mean the strength of friendship. Put the two together as the winter arrives and it is great to be able to get together with friends and enjoy a warm welcome in a warm environment. Where would you find that? In the Methodist hall in Bamfield Street on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm. Come and enjoy! Why not?

Here's why! Last month we did enjoy Judith Lacy, the editor of the Manawatū Guardian speaking to us. The ramifications of being an editor are many and Judith gave us an insight into what it means to run a newspaper. Wonderful! At May's meeting the ladies of the R.S.A. will entertain us and we know it will be worthwhile. In June we hold our A.G.M. and July is our 50th birthday celebration. Put these dates in your diaries and then come and enjoy the warmth.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

Every year the Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade submits a team to the Sky Tower Challenge which is where firefighters climb the Sky Tower in full kit to raise money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Firefighters from all over the country, plus overseas will converge on Auckland on 18th May to compete. I can say from personal experience that the climb up 1,103 stairs carrying 25kg of uniform and equipment is a very demanding challenge!

This year four Ashhurst firefighters will be doing the climb. The team traditionally do very well and normally place in the fundraising rankings due to their tireless fundraising efforts. But the team needs your help to hit their

fundraising goals. Please head over to <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/donate> and search for Ashhurst to contribute. Every donation is greatly appreciated and goes to a great cause. Also check out their Facebook page for fundraising events coming up.

Every day, eight Kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer or a related blood condition. It can affect anyone, at any age and any time in life. The cancer journey is overwhelmingly difficult for patients and their families but, you can help make a difference.

Also, check your smoke alarms and have an escape plan in case of a fire!

**Matthew Clark—Community
Fire Risk Management Officer**

Annual Red Cross Book Sale

Don't miss our huge annual book sale over King's Birthday Weekend. It is at Arena Five in Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North.

There will be 100,000+ books spread over three halls. The main hall—\$4, the children's hall—\$2, the priced hall—\$3 (DVDs, computer games, vinyl \$3) and \$2 (Cds). There also jigsaws, games, music, talking books, collectable books, magazines, plus lots more!

Opening times

Friday, 31st May, 10.00 am–8.00 pm
Saturday, 1st June, 10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Sunday, 2nd June, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Monday, 3rd June, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
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New Leadership at Ashhurst R.S.A.

The Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. is excited to announce its new committee, led by President Peter Knight. This enthusiastic team is committed to growing the club's membership and fostering a vibrant community space.

The committee welcomes new and existing members, as well as visitors from neighbouring districts. Their vision is to make the R.S.A. a welcoming hub for veterans,

supporters, and anyone seeking camaraderie and connection.

Exciting plans are underway to revitalize the premises and offer a variety of events. Stay tuned for news about social gatherings, events, and more!

The Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. – a place to connect, unwind, and celebrate our community spirit.

Liam Rutherford

RECAP Update

Tēnā koutou katoa from RECAP

New Workshop Alert!

Slow Farm Biochar Workshop and learning day in collaboration with Waikōkopu Grove.

Saturday, May 18th 9.00 am-3.30 pm (alternate rain date Sunday, May 19th)

This takes place at Waikōkopu Grove and Farm, 658 SH1, Kuku (next to the old Kuku dairy factory) between Levin and Otaki.

Registrations are essential and can be made at recap.org.nz. Free, but koha appreciated.

Although it is a bit of a drive, it would be well worth attending. There may be the opportunity to carpool from Ashhurst. Biochar is the process of burning organic matter in a low oxygen environment to create a charcoal like product good for improving soil health and soil moisture and sequestering carbon (among many other things).

The Ashhurst School Garden Club

Great news—the club was recently given a generous monetary gift from a school grandparent. This was used to purchase a small greenhouse and bulk compost to extend the learning opportunities and growing potential for the tamariki. A **huge** ngā mihi to the donor, and to Karyn Giles for her ongoing support.

Māra Rongoā

It's been wonderful to be able to

check on the progress of the native plants which are now in the ground in our new community Māra Rongoā (Māori medicinal garden). This is located around the walkway between Cambridge Avenue and Guilford Street on the Health Centre grounds. There is a mix of both medicinal plants and other natives and we're thankful for the recent rain for helping these adapt to their new home. Although small at present, these plants will grow to fill in the space, with more planting planned for the car-park and around the trees. There is signage coming which will provide some education on the plants once the garden is more established.

Library Garden

We have Volunteer Library Gardening happening most weeks led by our wonderful deputy chairperson Suzanne. She updates Facebook/Ashhurst Chat each week with more detail, so if you're keen to get involved check there or email: schelius@hotmail.com. Everyone—all levels of experience and ability—welcome. Come along as a one-off or as a regular volunteer! We love to see new faces!

Permaculture Garden Tour

We will be running our Permaculture Garden Tour again later this year, and we're on the lookout for new gardens to showcase. Please get in touch

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JustOne Please

Super kia ora. Thank you all very much for the generous donations last month!

May's JustOne Please item is **washing powder for top loader machines**. Donations can be dropped off at the Ashhurst Library. Contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128 for more information.

St. Columba's Catholic Church

St. Columba's Catholic Church would like to welcome you to join us for Vigil Mass, celebrated every Saturday at 5.00 pm.

Ashhurst Scouting

Keas (Mon 5.30 pm-6.30 pm), Cubs (Wed 6.00 pm-7.30 pm) and Scouts (Mon 6.45 pm-8.15 pm), during school terms.

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Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc

74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.
Phone: 326 8296

Sunday: 2.00pm-6.00pm

Monday 3.00pm-6.00pm

Tuesday: 3.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 3.00pm-9.00pm

Thursday: 2.00pm-9.00pm

Friday: 2.00pm-Midnight

Saturday: 1.00pm-9.00 pm

Manawatū Rangitikei Methodist Parish—Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe and Pohangina Congregation

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10.30 am 1st Sunday each month

Pohangina Community Church

10.30 am 3rd Sunday

Contacts: Parish Office—323 4127
Selina Brightwell—022 184 2337 or
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

RECAP Update

(info@recap.org.nz) if you would like to
be involved.

Seed Library

Our Seed Library (within the
Ashhurst Library) continues to be
updated with seasonal seeds. We are
always looking for donated seeds—
especially those grown in our area.
These can be dropped off to the Seed
Library station.

The RECAP Crop Swap

This happens on the first Saturday of
every month, 11.00 am-1.00 pm at the
Ashhurst Library. This is a sharing
event where people can give and take
freely (no need to give in order to take

and visa versa). Bring produce, fruit,
cuttings, seedlings, seeds and
anything else gardening related.

RECAP Community Kai

And finally, RECAP Community Kai
continues to provide rescued and
donated kai to our residents. This
happens on a Tuesday from 3.15 pm-
4.15 pm from the library back room
(accessed through the garden area).
Bring your own bag and select what
you and your whānau will use. To find
out more join facebook/
RECAPcommunitykai.

Noho ora mai

Chris Love—RECAP coordinator

Community Comment

The autumnal show of colour is a bit
hit and miss this year as the
temperature swings suggest summer
is not yet departed. The winter chills
will be with us soon enough and
perhaps ease troublesome
mosquitoes out of our lives. While the
leaves are great for gardens, do make
sure drains are cleared before the
rains come and create stormwater
problems.

The sequence of 'three waters' work
to support residential development in
Wyndham Street has concluded with
the underground work apparently
complete. Palmerston North City
Council sources suggest that the
street's resurrection and sealing is

scheduled to be completed before the
end of June. Local residents have
been very patient as they avoid detour
signs and potholes. They will be
looking forward to a smooth road
surface and quieter traffic flow on this
traffic bypass route for trucks to
Colyton and beyond.

The long-term Council budget plan
was released for consultation last
month and closes 9th May. The
various new capital projects and
earthquake strengthening of buildings
are costly and will increase Council
debt from \$258 million to \$660 million
over the next decade. This debt is on
top of significant rates rises each year.

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Community Comment

The proposed wastewater project called 'Nature Calls', estimated to cost \$647 million, is too large to be funded by normal Council loan mechanisms. Council is hoping to fund this project via a government agency called Crown Infrastructure Partners. The annual levy to service this debt is estimated to be at least \$1000 per year for the next 30 years, on top of rates.

Year one of the plan proposes a rates increase of 11.3% overall. How that will be divided across the rating base is also under consideration with a preference for a mix of land and

capital values on which to strike a rates figure for each property. The normal service charges for parking, rubbish, dog registration and consenting fees is also proposed to increase by 7% in line with inflation.

These are big numbers facing our future and big decisions are required by our representatives. Council needs to hear or read your views to guide their decisions. As usual, consultation documents are online or at the library. Submission dates close 9th May.

Harvey Jones

Book Review: *Auē* by Becky Manawatū

Winner of the 2020 Acorn Prize for fiction and other awards, this is a uniquely New Zealand story of underclass struggles and generational family problems, it is the author's debut novel.

"Auē", (I had to look up the meaning of the word} is "an exclamation of pain, distress or astonishment". We see this everywhere in the story of two abandoned children—Taukiri, aged 16, and Arama, only 8. Gang violence killed their father and caused their mother, desperately afraid with no support, to run away.

Taukiri flees and leaves behind his little brother in the care of a downtrodden aunt and her violent husband. He will forever feel guilty for

doing this but unable to rectify his mistakes. Little Arama finds a friend in Beth, who lives next door with her kind father, Tom who takes Arama under his wing and does his best to heal the hurt the boy is suffering. He is a lifesaver for Arama, along with dog Lupo, and allows him to stay with them when Uncle Stu gets angry and beats up Aunty Kate.

We follow the fate of the boys, along with others in the family, as they try to make sense of the turbulent world they live in. There is a danger of older brother Taukiri following in the footsteps of his father, as he is drawn into the world of gangs, criminals and violence.

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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: Manawatū Home Budgeting Service. Phone: 358 2279; Cell: 0800-228 343.

River Church

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

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

www.riverchurch.nz

Ashhurst Foodbank

Open 2.30pm-3.30pm every Thursday. Methodist Church, Bamfield Street, Ashhurst.

Contact: Marianne 027 627 2054

Ashhurst Red Cross

Secondhand Shop, Cambridge Avenue.

Winter clothing now in store, all ages and sizes plus shoes, boots, hats and scarves. New items out daily! Donations accepted when shop is open.

Monday-Thursday 12.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 10.00am-1.00pm or when the flags are out.

Book Review: Auē by Becky Manawatū

Not for the faint-hearted, nevertheless it is an important story of our underbelly and the problems and sadness in our society. It is an unpleasant glimpse for some of us

but one we should acknowledge and not turn away from.

Poetic but also graphic, an exceptional first novel.

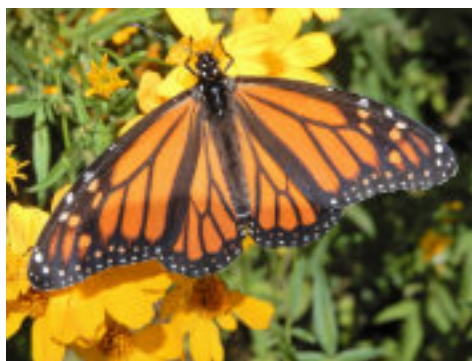
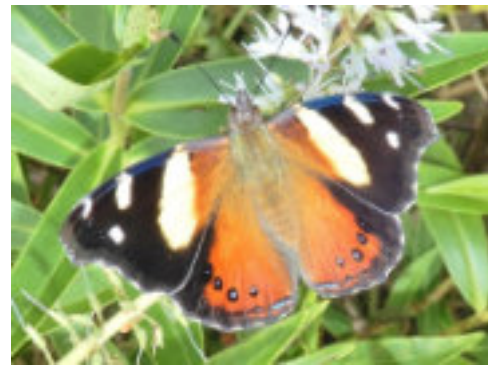
Robyn Dare

Butterflies

Butterflies, along with moths, make up the order of insects known as Lepidoptera which, in New Zealand, is the third largest order after beetles (Coleoptera) and flies (Diptera). However, our butterfly species are vastly outnumbered by our moth species (by about 1800 to 20 or so). Unlike many other countries though, most of our butterflies are native.

Although most moth species are nocturnal, there are a few that are active during the day. So how do butterflies differ from moths? The main difference is that butterflies have smooth antennae which are club-shaped at the end, whereas moths typically have feathery antennae without a club at the end. Also, butterflies generally hold their wings in an upright position when not flying, whereas moths generally rest with their wings in the flat position.

butterfly whereas the White butterfly is an introduced non-native. There are a few other non-native butterfly species which are sometimes seen in New Zealand but have not established here.



When asked to name our common butterflies, most people would probably mention the Monarch butterfly and the White butterfly. The Monarch is a self-introduced, native

Our native butterflies number only 13 and many are not particularly visible as they are mostly quite small and they don't generally visit gardens. Apart from the Monarch, the native species that are most likely to be seen in our gardens are the Yellow Admiral and, to a lesser extent, the Red Admiral. The former is a self-introduced species from Australia but the Red Admiral is unique to New Zealand.

Admiral butterflies were once far more common than they are today.

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Photos: Left-Monarch Butterfly; Right top-Yellow Admiral Butterfly; Right bottom-Red Admiral larva and pupa on tree nettle


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Butterflies

Their decline is largely attributable to introduced invasive wasps and loss of habitat. The larvae of the Yellow Admiral feed on Stinging Nettle while

those of the Red Admiral feed on the native Tree Nettle (Ongaonga).

Grey Smith

Autumn in the Garden

We are heading into the end of autumn, but as the weather gets colder there is still plenty of work that can be done in the garden.

In the veg garden brassicas reign supreme. Bok choy, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale can all be planted in our cold weather. You can also add alliums—onion, leeks, garlic, shallots; carrots, leafy greens and peas.

It's always nice to have flowers to brighten things up, so you can plant alyssum, calendula, delphinium, dianthus, poppies, snap dragons, and sweet peas.

Now is also the time to plant your spring bulbs, if you haven't already. Tulips, daffodils, jonquils and my favourite freesias.

Late autumn also begins the traditional time of ordering fruit trees. For a small investment you get an exceptionally long payback in the form of fruit that tastes so much better than what is sold in the shops. Some fruit you will not be able to find in the stores as they do not travel well.

We are lucky to have Sarah Frater from Edible Garden available locally. She has an amazing amount of knowledge and experience that you can tap into and she knows which varieties do well in our local climate.

Trees are also losing their leaves which, while a nuisance in the gutters, are a boon for the garden. You can add to your compost heap, or compost it separately for leaf mould.

Llyvonne Barber

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

High school students from Manawatū and Tararua getting a close-up look at a major infrastructure project are finding out it's a lot more than diggers and dump trucks.

The students came to Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway

recently as part of visits designed to provide young people interested in infrastructure, engineering, and science with insight into how these areas apply in a real work environment.

Rangatahi from Manukura School in

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Ashhurst Yoga Classes

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Ashhurst Clay Target Club (claybird shooting)

Meets the last Sunday of every month from 9.30 am at 651 Valley Road. Anyone welcome to join us
Queries: Ken Simonsen,
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 2.00 pm. 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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Contact: Marianne Crawford 027 627 2054

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Tuesdays at 6.00 pm—55 minutes. Centennial Room at the Village Valley Centre.

Free first session. Bring a mat or \$12 mats available.

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To register contact Narrelle 021 2673676

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

Palmerston North made their first outing to the project site in March to support their learning about human impacts on the environment.

They were working towards assessments requiring them to gather and examine data from an environment impacted by people.

The group of about 30 students – under the guidance of Kaitiaki and the project's site ecologist – first collected samples from a stream near the Eco-Viaduct site.

The stream runs through an area of pristine native bush, which teems with tiny aquatic creatures, a sign of a healthy waterway.

The students then collected samples from the Mangamanaia Stream, situated near Woodville.

Comparing the stream's water quality helped the students to understand the different factors that impact on an environment; allowing them to explore ways those changes can be prevented or reversed.

Working with the site ecologist and kaitiaki, the students were able to understand the role of environmentally-focused staff on major infrastructure projects.

In April, students from Tararua College in Pahiatua visited the project, which was arranged with support from Talent Central.

The students, many of whom had an interest in infrastructure, construction, and engineering, were given a tour of key parts of the site.

This included a session by a Goodman Contractors trainer, Colin Landy, who spoke to the students about earthmoving and showed them some of the heavy machinery used on site.

During the visit, they were able to see the wide range of jobs and professions needed on a major project, including engineers, machine operators, surveyors, concreters, environmental

workers, lab and field technicians, safety coaches and more.

The intention of hosting these students is to inspire them to consider a career in infrastructure while also meeting the project's commitment to creating enduring community outcomes that last beyond the life of the project.

Construction update

Good progress continues to be made on construction of pavements (road surface), with 4.5km of the 11.5km alignment having received pavement aggregate.

The pavement crews continue to apply layers of aggregate as more of the subgrade – the top layer of earthworks – are handed over for pavement construction.

At Parahaki Bridge over the Manawatū River, 22 of 54 segments of the superstructure (bridge deck) have been poured.

The form travellers, which have been operating from pier 1, will soon be moved to pier 3 so construction of the bridge deck can continue from there.

Over the river at Eco-Viaduct, the team has laid 550 of 760 concrete deck panels. They have also poured six of 11 sections of the bridge deck, on which asphalt will eventually be laid.

The landscaping team is kicking off their busy season, in which they aim to put 560,000 plants in the ground.

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—New Zealand Transport Agency



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Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, can we say a big thank you to everyone who took part in our April holiday programme events. It was so great to see such large turnouts and were very taken by the feedback we got, thanks everyone.

Raffle for Teresa Watson

Can we just say thank you so much for supporting our raffle supporting Teresa and her family. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community through raffle ticket sales and general donations, as well as those businesses that contributed to an amazing raffle pack. It was so humbling to see so many people come through our doors wanting to help and pass on their best wishes. Teresa and her family are just so grateful and wish to thank everyone.

Our Most Popular Authors and Titles

As promised, we will be listing the authors and titles that are most popular in our library. We will start off with letting you know our most popular authors.

For adults, it is Colleen Hoover, James Patterson, Lee Child, Charity Norman and Lucinda Riley.

For children's—Meredith Costain, David Walliams, Jeff Kinney, Enid Blyton and Dav Pilkey.

For teens—James Dashner, Sarah Maas, Suzanne Collins and a bunch of Manga authors.

Ashhurst Elevenes

Every Friday at 11.00 am during

Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

The Club has enjoyed a great start to the season with good numbers turning out for club night. This is held every Thursday evening at the Village Valley Centre, from 7.15 to approximately 9.30. We welcome all new members.

The Club's one big fundraiser of the year is the Ashhurst Fours held every April. We have a really good field again with teams coming from Napier, Bush

term time

Come along 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.

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 year and there may be a few sessions in some very special locations.

Wednesday, 1st May 10.30 am

Wednesday, 15th May 10.30 am

Wednesday, 29th May 10.30 am

Moneywise Manawatū

We are thrilled to be in partnership with Moneywise Manawatū who are conducting budget sessions in our library on Thursday. If you would like to talk to their wonderful staff or need some excellent budgetary advice and guidance, just let us know or give them a call on freephone 0800 228 343.

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

Ruahine, Wairarapa, Whanganui as well as well supported by our own Manawatū Centre. It is a big day for our club with all hands on deck. It is also a good opportunity for Fours teams to have a competition before the Nationals coming up in June.

The Club championships are already underway with the Singles and we

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

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10.00 am 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.
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Phone 326 8543 or

Email: info@parishofpohangina.net

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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:

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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

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

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Kids 'n Motion

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Every Friday 9.45am-11.15am 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 6.00pm-7.00pm \$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

Pohangina Local Christian Radio

3ABN Radio is now broadcasting in Pohangina Township on 107.7FM. Offering lifestyle radio with a difference! Broadcast 24 Hours, 7 Days a week for the 'Best News Ever!' www.3abn.org Contact Rex 06 356 1141 for Free Bible Studies, Books and DVD's.

Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

Our season starts Thursday, 21st March and runs through to 26th September 2024.

We play in the VVC with games starting 7.30pm & play every Thursday.

Do come along and if you've never played before, we have members to help.

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Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

have Gloria Hall, Kelvin Hills, Alan Cowley and Bruce Meyer qualified for the playoffs.

This will be followed by the Championship Triples being played in May.

The early season Representative match at Napier has already been played with eight members from Ashhurst selected. Tim Veale, Bruce Meyer, Alan Cowley, Cameron McKay and Phil Clinch in the Men's team and Gloria Hall, AJ Bond and Anne-Marie Redmond in the Ladies Team. Congratulations to these members. Very good wins were recorded with

the Men winning 43-29 and the Ladies 49-17.

Manawatū Centre is playing the Centre Masters Pairs at the Village Valley Centre on April 20th and also have League starting on April 24th. The Graded Drawn Triples is on May 1st and the Masters Open Fours on May 18th, combined with the Manawatū Open Junior Singles on the same day. We then have the Ladyman Pairs (mixed) on Sunday 19th.

All set for a very busy season. I will have lots of results to report on next month.

Margaret Grant—Publicity.

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Club

Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club season is off to a good start with good numbers for both the junior and senior teams. The juniors have their first games starting on the 11th of May with practices underway. There are a lot of events planned for the juniors throughout the year and we will invite the Ashhurst community to for many of these. Even though the season has started we are still open for new registrations so if your child wants to try out rugby please get in touch! For upcoming events and information please follow our Facebook page Ashhurst-Pohangina R.F.C Junior Rugby

The senior Stags have been practicing for a couple of weeks now and growing strong. By the time this newsletter is released they will have played a few games. We are really wanting to have a strong community involvement with our club so would

love to see you at their home games. The bar is open for food and drinks as well and both cash and eftpos are accepted. Make sure you follow our Facebook page for additional information and reminders of games for the Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club. Stags home games are listed below:

11th May, Ashhurst vs Bunnythorpe

8th June, Ashhurst vs Linton

15th June, Ashhurst vs Massey

29th June, Ashhurst vs Bulls

The junior and senior club day is the 15th of June. All of our junior and senior teams will be playing on our field at Lincoln Park. Please come down and support your local rugby club.

Tiffany Rogers—Ashhurst Pohangina Rugby Football Club Secretary and Junior Convenor

Ashhurst Rainfall

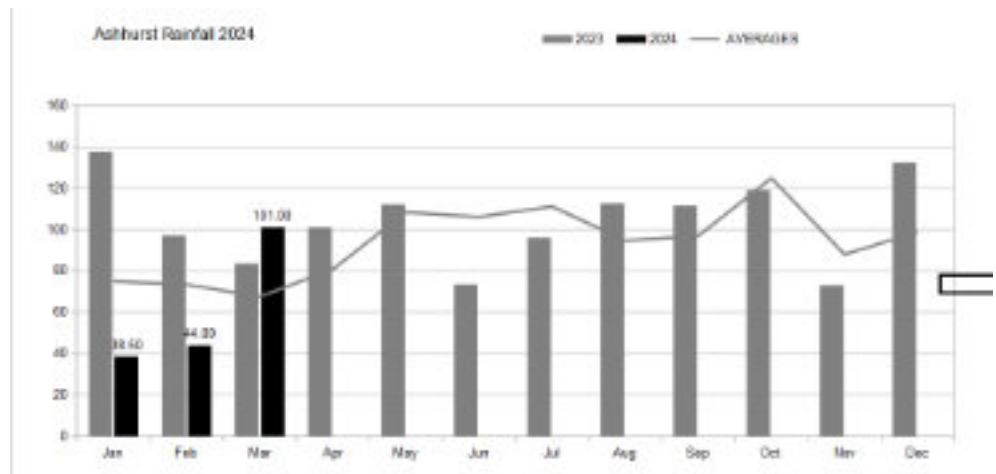
101 mm of rain fell in March 2024, above the monthly average of 69.4 mm.

Rain was recorded on 16 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 30.5 mm

on the 4th of March 2024.

The total annual rainfall is 183.5 mm. This is below the annual average of 217.9 mm.

Quang Mai



GLIMPSE

Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

Special greetings to all Village residents who made such an impressive Anzac Day showing at the Village Green on April 25. Thank you for your hospitality, and for your Poppy Day response on behalf of the Ashhurst Memorial RSA.

It was a privilege for Cr Pat Handcock at the Dawn Service, and for me at midday, to share those commemorations with you.

Thanks also to Community Library staff for running another successful school holiday programme.

Ashhurst and the LTP

Public consultation on the city's draft Long Term Plan (LTP) outlining directions for the next decade has closed, with thanks to those who put effort into making submissions. This month, all that input will be combed through and considered by council, with the final approved budget and rates for the 2024-25 financial year implemented on July 1.

Housing

Among aspects of the LTP affecting Ashhurst are the proposed rezoning changes so more homes can be built in the Village. It's proposed five areas be rezoned as residential with North St, Oxford St and Winchester St converted from rural; Mulgrave St from conservation and amenity, and the nearby Pitt area from recreation.

Council is also investigating the development of four greenfield growth areas in Ashhurst, that could provide for around 400 new dwellings over the next 4-10 years.

Meetings with landowners, Horizons Regional Council and Rangitāne are planned this month to discuss stormwater modelling for these proposed areas. Further details are available at pncc.govt.nz.

Recreation

Council staff are working on the draft development plan for Ashhurst Domain, which includes a new capital allowance of \$83,000, with public consultation open in 2025.

Splashhurst is in for a spend of \$113,000 to install acoustic panels and improve accessibility.

Subject to funding and feasibility, the Te Apiti Manawatu Gorge Masterplan – Three Bridges Loop Track should at least see completion of a path along The Terrace.

Also awaiting confirmation is the new campervan dump station now on Custom St, with construction likely to begin early in 2025.

Complementing the recent roof replacement and internal upgrade of the Village Valley Centre, the facility will be completely reclad and repainted over the next three years.

Roading

An upgrade of Wyndham St between Cambridge Ave and Salisbury St will see the street widened with new pavements, kerb and channelling, and improvements to stormwater. Project completion is timed to coincide with the opening of Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu-Tararua highway in mid-2025.

Transport

Council is pushing hard and advocating with Government agencies for a Freight Ring Road around the city's urban areas to stream heavy traffic off suburban thoroughfares including Ashhurst. Village residents know all too well how truck movements can impact on a community, having put up with juggernaut convoys since the Manawātū Gorge highway closed for good seven years ago in April 2017.

Council also remains strongly supportive of the resource-consented Cycle and Pedestrian bridge across the Manawātū River at Ashhurst. This will link the Domain, Riverside shared pathway and Three Bridges Loop Track with Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu-Tararua highway and the proposed Unesco geopark for Te Apiti Manawātū Gorge.

It's not a question of having one over the other either - we need both, with Ashhurst coming to prominence as the city's Western Gateway for transport and tourism.

Ashhurst's Sky Tower Challenge gig

Best wishes to the Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade as they prepare for the Sky Tower challenge in support of Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand on Saturday May 18.

To help with fundraising – \$26,500 was raised last year – there's Eat. Drink. Laugh. at the Village Valley Centre from 2pm on Saturday May 11. The \$50-each afternoon of food, drink, prizes and humour is headlined by local comedian and 'Real Life Wife', Krystine Nation. Firefighters in full Sky Tower climbing kit will be serving platters while there'll be spot prizes and a raffle draw. More information is on the Eat. Drink.Laugh. Facebook page.

Grab your glad-rags - it'll be a great social and community get together.

Ngā mihi nui

Mayor Grant Smith JP



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

5.00 pm Monday, 20th May.

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

Ashhurst Clay Target Club

The last Sunday in March (being Easter) was pretty quiet with only six squads, which is actually a small number of shooters for us these days.

The club had some impressive scores in the Club 25 DTL, plus there was what we call a Random 5-gun round which was a safe and great way to try out some different guns.

And of course the club is in full swing



preparing for our annual fundraiser Duckshooters Shoot the last Sunday in April, just before duckshooting season.

Club Shoot 25 DTL:

Top Gun: Joby Stella (photo)

Handicap winner: Robert Jarrett

Random Five-Gun Shoot:

Winner: Alan Ives (photo)

Karen Pawson—Secretary



Photos: Left—Top Gun Joby Stella, Right—Random Five-Gun Alan Ives

Ashhurst Bowling Club

Wow! There have been some amazing results in the Champion of Champion games so far. Ashhurst players are always very well respected in these competitions and to date there have been plenty of really close games. Jen and Margie played sooo well in their Pairs games and they are through to the finals at the end of the month. We will all be there to cheer them on. The Fours games were really close and in both the Mens and the Womens they lost on the last end. Then the Mens Triples was a real nail biter game with again a loss on the last end. In other games the players have always given it their best and made the opposition really work hard for their win. Plenty of games still to be

played and there could well be some more events to watch and cheer on for the Finals matches. Will update next month.

Our Closing Day has been moved to May 2nd and this is when North versus South. We have prize giving and, as always, a top afternoon tea. This year all members are asked to bring a plate to share.

The A.G.M. is at the end of June and again more details in my next report.

Just a short one this month with more to come in June's report.

Stay happy, healthy and smiling lots.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary.

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