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Community Comment

The long-awaited upgrade of the last gravel road in Ashhurst is underway at last. Custom Street is the central access to the Ashhurst industrial zone, with Mulgrave Street providing access to existing businesses on the northern fringe of this area. The past state of Custom Street has not been inviting for new business to be established.

The street is now closed to all but local users as the soil is stripped bare, and the road foundation is formed. The three water underground infrastructures of water, wastewater and stormwater are being installed at the same time to serve new business interests which may now set up. Communications companies for fibre and phone have been invited to lay their lines while the underground work proceeds. When completed, the street will have a wider asphalt road and a footpath on the northern

residential side. The uncontrolled railway crossing and access to Napier Road will be closed in favour of a cul-de-sac at State Highway end due to safety concerns.

Last month, the local community celebrated Cartwheel Creamery's national cheese and cheesemaker awards. Their joy was shattered by the sudden death of master cheesemaker, Adrian Walcroft in mid-August, just short of his 55th birthday. Adrian's funeral packed the Pohangina Hall as friends and family shared experiences and stories of this family man, farmer, inventor/tinkerer, scoutmaster, and cheesemaker. Cartwheel Creamery won an additional award at the Feilding and District Business Awards a few days later for 'putting the region on the map'. Our thoughts are with Jill and the family at this sad and difficult time.

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Photo: Road works begin on Custom Street

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Deadline for October Issue—Wednesday, 20th September

Letter from the Editor

Hello and welcome to the September Village Voice. I hope this finds you well.

1st September marks the official beginning of spring, but it will still be too cold to plant out what will be our summer harvest. However, it is a great time to get a head start by planting undercover.

You can continue planting out cold weather crops like beetroot, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, onions, leafy greens, peas and strawberries.

For flowers, plant alyssum, calendula, carnation, chrysanthemum, cosmos, dahlia, dianthus, daisy, forget-me-not, fuchsia, geranium, gladiolus, lavender, lily, marigold, nasturtium, nemesia, pansy, petunia, penstemon, phlox, poppy, Queen Annes Lace, roses, rhododendrons, salvia, snapdragon, statice, sunflower, sweet pea, verbena, viola, wallflower.

If you have a warm space under cover you can start sowing tomatoes, climbing and dwarf beans, capsicum, amaranth, cape gooseberry, pumpkins, melons, cucumbers. These can be planted out after the frost risk has gone—usually nearer the end of October.

Llyvonne Barber—Editor

Community Comment

Contacts have told me that truckloads of boulders are being delivered to deal with the erosion on the lower terrace of the Ashhurst Domain. Palmerston North City Council and Horizons are working on the design, but our Council and its ratepayers have the responsibility for the majority of the cost for this section of riverbank.

Some positive news to conclude this column. Two Ashhurst food and drink premises have reopened under new management and names. The Village Coffee & Co began its trading early August on the corner next to

the roundabout. It is currently trading five days a week Tuesdays—Saturday from early morning to mid-afternoon. Tea, coffee, pies, slices and other goodies all available. The Ashhurst Deer & Duck Inn has been relicensed and is open again for business as the old pub resurfaces from its slumber. The inn has limited opening hours for now, but they are open for lunch from 11.00 am Wednesday—Sunday at present. Bookings are essential for their Sunday roast.

Harvey Jones

Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

Kia ora Ashhurst.

The Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade have been taking advantage of these cold, wet nights to get some good training in.

Our Training Officers have been working hard to come up with realistic training scenarios with which to challenge us. You may have seen us up Oak Crescent where we were practising a hazardous substances scenario. We really enjoy getting off station and training within the community as it adds realism to our training and allows us to get intimately acquainted with the area.

We were also recently invited into the Palmerston North station to practise in their Breathing Apparatus training area. This allowed us to practise some very important core skills in a different and challenging

environment and have some fun at the same time!

We've also just had two Firefighters finish their seven-day recruits course in Christchurch. We are all looking forward to them finishing their consolidation which enables them to respond to all callouts. Congratulations to them both!

On these cold nights, remember the 'one metre from the heater' rule. Clothes, bedding or anything that could catch fire should always be at least one metre from a heat source. Any closer and there is a very real risk they may catch alight. Remember to check your smoke alarms too!

Matt Clark—Community Liaison Officer, Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

Do you remember what it was like being young? Young! Yes, of course we do. I remember when... Ah!... but as I'm now a lot older I can't quite remember what I was going to say! However, most of us will recall some experience or event that sticks in our

memory bank and in spite of the ageing process will flood back with wonderful recollections. Maybe it was some music we either played or sang. Something that takes us back

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Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

to our young days again.

It was pleasing to listen to two young adults from St Peter's College display their talent at our August afternoon. Isabella sang beautifully and Isaiah played a recognised piano piece without the written music in front of him. Both were encouraged as we applauded their great contributions to our afternoon. Barnabas, their teacher, accompanied them and we were so

pleased for their presence that day.

September's meeting on the 7th will include a lady from the Julia Wallace Retirement Village speaking on what village life is all about. Maybe the attraction of village life will give you some ideas to build on for the future. 2.00 pm, then, on the 7th at the Methodist Church Hall in Bamfield Street.

Terry Carr—Secretary

Ashhurst Bowling Club

Opening Day is Saturday 16th September at 1.00 pm.

For more information please contact Moggy 027 2748154 or Adrienne 027 2836317.

RECAP Update

Kia ora, from the RECAP team.

and everyone who has offered koha.

We have a new workshop open for registrations on our website. Join us for a kōrero on seeds. We'll show you how to sow them, how to save them, what to do with them once they germinate and more. You'll get to take some home and sow some on the day.

We will have a working bee/workshop to build a new composting area in the Ashhurst Community garden (next to the library) in October which will be our last educational opportunity for the year (date to be confirmed).

Registrations for this are limited, so make sure you register quickly (at recap.org.nz) if you are keen to attend. This takes place in the Ashhurst Community Garden (next to the library) on Saturday, 16th September, from 10.00 am—12.00 pm. This is a free workshop, but koha is appreciated if you are able.

The last RECAP Crop Swap for the year is Saturday October 28th from 11.00 am—1.00 pm at the Ashhurst library. This is a free sharing event, where you don't need to give in order to take or vice versa. It's a great spot to bring the fruit from the trees you can't keep up with or to offload some of your glut or excess seedlings. Or just show up to collect the bounty from other gardens. There is often a lot of great kōrero on various gardening topics, so bring your questions too.

RECAP Community Kai turned two on 21st August! Two years of feeding our community and diverting food from landfill. This service relies heavily on volunteers, so a huge ngā mihi to everyone who has lent a hand (too many to name at this point!) And a huge ngā mihi to Just Zilch—Food Rescue and Free Store for their support from the beginning, Mission for Men who came on board to assist with donations, DKSH distribution

Come spring, we will be working on a new project in the garden space next to the Ashhurst Health Centre, and putting more research into creating an allotment style community garden in Ashhurst for residents to use. We welcome any feedback on the proposal for a new

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Super Kia ora Ashhurst people and beyond. Thank you very much for the donations for August.

The item for the Safe House for September 2023 is sugar.

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Rubbish is collected every Monday.
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RECAP Update

production focused community
garden, so please feel free to email
us your thoughts (info@recap.org.nz).

We'd also like to thank Suzanne
Chelius (our deputy chairperson)
and all the new volunteers for their

mahi in the community garden next
to the library this year. A huge ngā
mihi for keeping this common space
looking so beautiful for our
community.

Noho ora mai

Chris Love

Book Review: *Pet* by Catherine Chidgey

Award-winning New Zealand writer
Catherine Chidgey has come up with
another absorbing novel. Set in 1984
and up to the present day it
highlights the many great changes in
standards and behaviours that have
happened since that time. This
becomes even more noticeable
when the story is set in a school and
related by 12-year-old Justine.

Justine has had a sad start to her
life. Her mother has recently died
and she lives with her sad and lonely
father. She also suffers from
epileptic seizures which cause her
embarrassment and anxiety,
especially when this happens at
school. She is vulnerable and
sensitive, but also has wisdom
beyond her years.

Mrs Price, at the centre of the
story, is young, attractive and
glamorous. She is Justine's teacher
and admired and loved by the whole
school. Mrs Price is prone, though, to
having pet pupils, who are

interchangeable and can be dropped
at any given time. This causes
rivalry, jealousy and pettiness
among her girls and is responsible
for a lot of bad feeling. The outcome,
as it unfolds is possibly more far-
reaching than anyone could predict,
although Justine senses that
something is amiss from the start.

The author describes school life in
the 1980s accurately and hits the
mark beautifully. She somehow gets
into the minds of these kids in quite
an astonishing way. This keeps the
reader wondering and puzzling over
the motivations of Mrs Price and
what it will all lead to.

The dialogue, particularly of the
schoolgirls, is brilliant. You can just
picture it all happening in that time
and place. I found it hard to put down
and now look forward to reading
some of her previous novels.

Robyn Dare

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Book Review: *Did I Ever Tell You This?*

Did I Ever Tell You This? A Memoir by Sam Neill.

Harvey Keitel.

Dear Sam, I am so glad you managed to finish your memoir. For a while there I thought you had run out of time; well done you!

Many thanks from a Long-standing Fan xx.

I feel like I know you after reading your new book and that we have quite a lot in common—same age, similar upbringing in New Zealand in the 50s and 60s. We both love movies and have a love of literature and the music. Oh. and yes a love of animals and good vino!

On a more serious note, this memoir by Sam Neill is an absorbing read, full of anecdotes and much name-droppings, but always in an honourable and polite manner. He says he is an actor by "Trade" rather than "Profession" and would rather be known as a jobbing actor, never a star.

When you were filming the Piano near my home, I kept hoping I would bump into you, but it didn't happen—I loved the movie itself anyway but agree with your opinion that you should have swapped roles with

His tone is self-deprecating and modest in a Kiwi way and many of his acting opportunities appear to have been accidental or just pure luck.

Very readable and has a "Happy Ending".

Robyn Dare

Ladybirds Part Two

In this article I will describe some of the medium-sized ladybirds I have found in Ashhurst and the wider Manawatu, but will first mention three species from Australia that I have found elsewhere in New Zealand. It is possible that some or all of these species will eventually spread into the lower North Island, if they haven't already done so.

insects, and is common in the warmer parts of New Zealand. It is an orange-brown colour with black wing covers, and is about 5 mm long. The Southern Ladybird was released more recently (1977) to control eucalyptus tortoise beetle. It feeds on the beetle larvae and eggs, and also on psyllids. This ladybird is yellow-orange with prominent black zig-zag lines across its body and is about 6 mm long. It has become established in Marlborough,

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Ladybirds Part Two

Bay of Plenty and Northland. The most recent Aussie arrival is the yellow and black Fungus-eating Ladybird which was first found in Auckland in 1985. It feeds on powdery mildew, especially on cucurbits, and is about 5 mm long.



A medium-sized ladybird I have found several times in Ashhurst is the Yellow-shouldered Ladybird, also from Australia. It is about 4 mm long and is black with yellow shoulders. First found in Auckland in 1961, it eats



Photo: Top Left Southern Ladybird—*Cleobora mellyi*; *Bottom Left*: Yellow-haired Ladybird—*Adoxellus flavihirtus*; *Right*: Yellow-shouldered Ladybird—*Apolinus lividigaster*

mainly aphids. Only slightly smaller is the endemic Yellow-haired Ladybird, which is widespread but not often seen. A rather drab dark brown and tan colour, it is covered with short yellowish hairs, and eats a wide variety of small insects. I have found this ladybird near native bush in the Pohangina Valley.



We also have several species of Scale-eating Ladybirds (*Rhyzobius* genus), including a native species (*Rhyzobius fagus*). These ladybirds are black, with a covering of short hairs, and measure around 2.5—3.5 mm. The native species, which is slightly smaller than the introduced species, is often found feeding on scale insects on flax. Its smallish size and black colour probably explains why few people will have seen this species.

Grey Smith

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

Stream diversions key to preserving highway landscape.

When most people think of road construction, they might picture diggers, dump trucks and rollers, but there's another, equally important, aspect of the work that often goes unseen on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

'Treading lightly' is one of our project's principles, and our environmental, ecological and kaitiaki

teams play a key role alongside our constructions team towards achieving our intention to leave the environment in a better condition than when we found it.

There are natural streams in the landscape surrounding Te Ahu a Turanga, which are habitats for fish, tuna (eels) and kōura (freshwater crayfish).

Whenever the highway crosses through a stream, the waterway needs

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Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

to be diverted to preserve the habitats for wildlife.

A stream diversion involves recreating a stream that has been impacted by construction and diverting it away from the highway.

A total of 11.4km of stream diversions will have been made on Te Ahu a Turanga by the end of the project.

Many stream diversions have habitats constructed within them that cater to the wildlife that will be living in them.

For the tuna, deep pools with slow-flowing water are created and large pieces of native wood are placed in and around the streams to ensure they replicate what might be found naturally in the area.

Rock cascades and riffles – shallow, fast-running water over rocks – are used to slow water down and create pools of water for fish to rest.

Where the highway interrupts the path of streams, culverts are built under the road to connect streams and allow the passage of aquatic life.

These culverts—which are large underground concrete pipes—are fitted with extra add-ons to make it easy for wildlife to pass through them.

They have features that mimic natural streams, such as ebbs in the

water flow to create rest pockets, helping the fauna find their way upstream.

The project's iwi partners are heavily involved in the construction of these new waterways. Iwi have also been engaged in the defishing process, which involves aquatic life being transferred from a waterway interrupted by the highway to a nearby location.

Recently, project staff visited Ashhurst School to show students what's involved in creating stream diversions and other environmental works.

Kaitiaki James Kendrick and Trish Harris—along with ecologist Caitlin Lavery and local contractor Brado Roberts—attended a school assembly to explain how the project takes care of flora and fauna in the area.

They also created a tuna enclosure at the school to give ākonga a close up look at what this mahi involves.

Construction update

Progress on pavements, drainage and earthworks has been slower than anticipated due to some extremely wet weather this winter, but good progress continues to be made on the major structures.

At Parahaki Bridge, across the

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Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association Inc

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

Contact: Terry Carr, 326 8074

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

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

Manawatū River, the first section of the superstructure (the part of the bridge the road goes on) is nearing completion on top of Pier 1. This is an exciting milestone and allows for the form traveller—a large steel structure which allows the bridge deck to be constructed out from the piers—to go up in September. Initial ground works on the north abutment are also underway.

Over the Manawatū River at the Eco-Viaduct, construction of the 12th and final column has begun, while steel beams continue to be delivered to site.

At Mangamanaia Stream Bridge at the Woodville end of the project, the eastern abutment is nearing

completion and work has started on the western abutment.

On the landscaping front, the team has planted well over 200,000 native shrubs and trees so far this season, and they'll plant the millionth plant (since construction began) in coming weeks.

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

Grant Kauri—Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

Ashhurst School

Staff

Over the term holidays, we welcomed and farewelled some staff. Lizzie Ash has resigned from her teaching position at the school. We thank Lizzie for all she has done for the school and wish her well with her future endeavours. Ashleigh Hinton has joined the Whārite team. Ashleigh is a very experienced teacher who has come from Palmerston North Intermediate. As well as teaching in Room 1, she has become the new team leader. Hayley Childs is the new classroom teacher in Room 22 until the end of the year. Sarah Ashcroft is now on maternity leave. We also welcome Lauren Hudson to the teaching staff. Lauren, again, is an experienced teacher from Dannevirke. She is teaching in Room 1 on Thursdays and Room 16 on Fridays.

New School Fence

Many parents may have noticed the fence that is being constructed at school. This fence will wrap around the entire field, then around the pool and then it will also be out the front. The fence is a Ministry project and managed by a project management

company. It is being constructed to the Ministry guidelines and regulations. Experts have completed assessments on the specifications of the fence. As a school we do not have much say about the construction or design.

Sports

As winter sports come to an end we would like to thank all of the parents, caregivers, whānau, students, and teachers who volunteered to coach and/or manage teams this season. We really appreciate the time you have given to our tamariki to make these teams possible. Without your support this would not be possible. It has been great to see the commitment the students have given to their teams over the season. All the best to all teams for your final few games. Also good luck to any teams who are involved in semi finals and finals. Summer sports registrations are now open. All information and registration details can be found on KINDO. Sports on offer are Volleyball (Year 7—8 only at the moment), touch rugby (Year

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0—8), summer hockey (Year 0—8), and summer football (Year 0—8).

A big congratulations to our Year 7/8 girls basketball team who won their division recently. I also understand that our Year 7/8 boys team also placed 3rd in their league. A big thanks to Brandon and Reece for coaching the teams.

Kitchener Park Coronation Planting

Recently students from Room 3 and Room 4 took part in coronation planting organised by the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust. This celebration was to mark the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust being selected to plant King Charles III Coronation celebration trees and to celebrate the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park restoration programme. Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park was one in only 15 regions across New Zealand that will plant 100,000 trees over this winter and next winter. The students did a fantastic job and were amazing ambassadors for Ashhurst School.

Roading Project Visit

The school has been extraordinarily lucky to have the kaitiaki from the gorge roading project come to school and speak with our students. Last

week a few teachers braved the trek over the new road. Last week we also had a special visitor, an eel that was being relocated. A huge thanks to our own Ashhurst parents Brado Roberts, James Kendrick, Reuben Fergusson, Caitlin Lavery and Patrica Harris for taking time out of their busy schedules to share the incredible work they are doing.

2024 School Year

Our school is currently sitting at 499 pupils. We are only one student away from the 500 mark, which will be the highest role in decades. There are plenty of spaces available for pupils to enrol at our school who live inside the zone, but we are becoming very limited for out-of-zone placements. At the moment we are planning for the 2024 school year. We would really appreciate any parents whose children will not be attending Ashhurst School next year, to please let us know. You can either contact the office, Kaz, Kyle or myself. We are happy to keep it confidential if you wish. We have people who are wanting to enrol at our school and we want to make sure we are able to cater for any parents out-of-zone who are wanting to come in.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, we hope by the time you read this our weather has settled. While our lake that occurs on our lawn is a nice water feature, we are looking forward to more sun over spring—hopefully.

Every now and then you might catch our new staff member—Hope—who is working around all our libraries. Welcome Hope.

Ashhurst Elevenses

Friday, 8th September, 11.00 am

Come along to Ashhurst Elevenses at the Ashhurst Library, beginning

Friday, September 8th, for a cuppa and a friendly chat. We will be hosting an informal community get together each Friday between 11.00 am and 12.00 pm during term time. Everybody is welcome! There will even be tea, coffee and the odd biscuit provided, but if you want to bring along some home baking, we can easily have our arms twisted. Come and check out our resources too, wonderful books, magazines, puzzles, free computers, scanning to email, and printing/photocopying.

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10.00 am every Sunday

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Monday: closed,
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: 9.30 am—3.30 pm
Thursday: closed
Friday: 1.00 pm—3.00 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.

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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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Weekly Art Workshops Exhibition

We are thrilled to be displaying the wonderful artwork of the kids enrolled in the Weekly Art Workshops taken by our great friend Reanda. Every now and then an exhibition will be here for you all to come in and enjoy. If you think your children may be interested send Reanda an email at reanda.debeer@gmail.com.

Village Valley Centre Bookings 2024

We are getting a flood of bookings for the Ashhurst Village Valley Centre for 2024 already. If you have an event all confirmed for next year and you wish to use the centre, it may be an idea to let us know soon.

Ashhurst Mighty Kids

Ashhurst Mighty Kids is our preschool programme of stories, songs and crafts.

Wednesday, 13th September 10.30 am—with special guest Constable Phil Robinson.

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.

Karu Kanakana

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).

Nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai rā!

Proudly supported by Pascal Street Community Trust.

Tuesday, 6th September 10.30 am

Tuesday, 20th September 10.30 am

Ashhurst Library Facebook

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

Ross Meads—Ashhurst Library

Ashhurst Rainfall

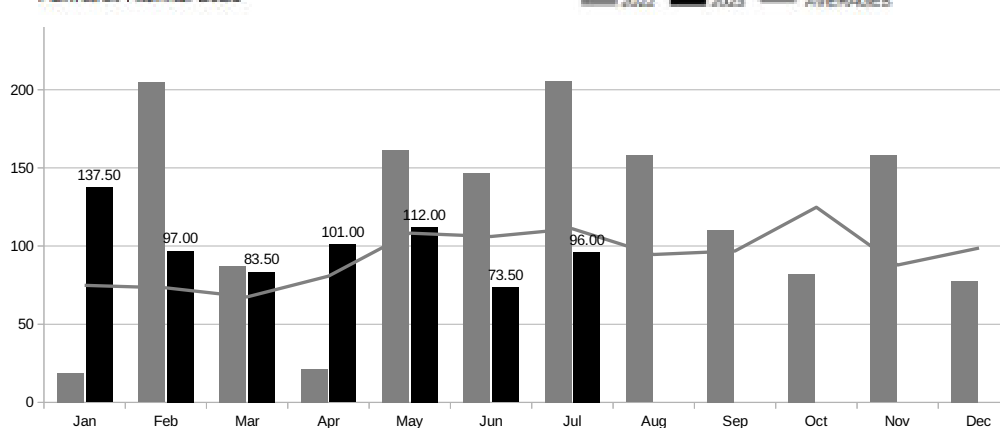
96 mm of rain fell in July 2023, below the monthly average of 111.6 mm.

Rain was recorded on 17 days with the highest one-day rainfall of 15 mm on the 16th of July 2023.

The total annual rainfall is 700.5 mm. This is above the annual average of 623.2 mm.

Mai Quang

Ashhurst Rainfall 2023



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Mayor Grant Smith

Kia ora tātou

Well, it's finally spring although some might question that! With finer weather and longer days coming, hopefully there'll be more opportunities to enjoy Ashhurst's great outdoors, while we can all start looking forward to the end of what has proved to be a difficult and particularly challenging year.

Adrian Walcroft

Things don't get much more difficult or more sombre than this. It's hugely sad to open on a note of condolence. The Ashhurst-Pohangina and indeed Palmerston North and wider Manawatu community is still coming to terms with the sudden death last month of Cartwheel Creamery cheesemaker and businessowner Adrian Walcroft.

Our deepest sympathies to Jill, family members, friends and colleagues, and the wider community who all held Adrian in such high personal and professional regard.

In May this year Adrian was named New Zealand's top cheesemaker at the annual New Zealand Champion of Cheese Awards while winning three championship awards – two for his Opiki Ma Camembert style cheese and one for his Opiki Milk feta.

Ashhurst Domain

Work to stabilise and repair the damage to Ashhurst Domain along the bank below the rail bridge has been agreed but will be on hold until river levels drop, with the affected area remaining fenced off to the public.

As this portion of the bank is outside the Horizons Regional Council river management scheme, the City Council as the landowner will have to carry the cost for the stabilisation project, which could take several months to complete. Although this is the legal position, we are advocating with our Horizons colleagues for a change as we already pay Regional rates, and it seems strange we pay again.

On the positive, Horizons is on board to provide us with technical advice and support about the best way of proceeding with the repairs.

The important thing is to find a resilient solution for the protection of this valuable recreational asset so residents and visitors can continue to make the most of it.

Village Moneywise

With so many compounding cost-of-living increases recently, it's no wonder there are those who are finding their financial circumstances stretched or unsustainable.

For anyone in this boat, Moneywise Manawātū operating out of Hancock Community House in King St, is a service to help rein in spending and gain control over finances.

Moneywise offers free confidential budgeting advice at the Community Library every Thursday morning.

There's no shame in seeking help, and with Christmas approaching, now is the time to make sure you are not on course to break the bank.

You will need to make an appointment to see a Moneywise advisor. Call 0800 228 343, info@moneywisemanawatu.org.nz, or enquire at the library.

Christmas on the Cards

Congratulations to those fronting up on the new Ashhurst Christmas Parade and Market coordinating committee. From the Council's perspective, I thank you all for volunteering, and to those in the past as well.

With plans for the Saturday December 2nd parade approved by Traffic Safe NZ, my encouragement is for residents to seriously consider entering a float so the event – a day before the Palmy parade on Sunday 3rd - truly showcases and celebrates the Ashhurst community.

Organised through the Ashhurst Community Library for the past five years, details of how to sign up for this year's parade or to have a stall at the market can be found on the Ashhurst Community Facebook page.

General Election

Make sure you are registered for the General Election on Saturday October 14 for either the Rangitikei or Te Tai Hauāuru electorates.

Meet the Mayor

This month's Meet the Mayor session will be from 5 – 6pm at the Ashhurst Community Library on Tuesday September 26.

Check the Council website and Facebook page for 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 Wednesday, 20th September.

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

Ashhurst Indoor Bowls

With only a few weeks left of the indoor bowling season, club members have been taking every opportunity to play as many tournaments as possible.

The Manawatu Centre has been busy with Rep games with quite a few of our members being selected.

The Centre has also held the Open and Masters Championship Triples at the Civic Centre in Feilding. Tough competition in the Open event with several very good teams from other Centres competing. Well done to Bruce and Sarah Meyer and Danny Moore for taking out this Championship, defeating Kyle Waldron's team from North Wellington. The Masters event was won by a Composite Takaro Star/Ashhurst team



Ashhurst Clay Target Club

Our shoot on Sunday was a great end to July and the weather was on our side, providing a beautiful sunny



Photo: Top Winners of the Champion of Champion Pairs—Bruce Meyer & Max Grant; Photo Bottom: Brad Turner

featuring Wayne Cockburn, Diane Davies and our Club Captain, Alan Cowley. Gloria Hall, Joyce Williams and Margaret Grant placed third.

The Ashhurst Club has done extremely well in the Champion of Champion events, where all the Club winners face off, with Ashhurst members winning three Championships.

Triples: Bruce Meyer, Sue Cowley and Jennie Veale.

Singles: Tim Veale.

Pairs: Bruce Meyer and Max Grant.

Our Fours team of Alan Cowley, Marian McKenzie, Jennie Veale and Ety Wells was so close, losing the final to St Brigids Club with a score of 5-6.

We have had good turn outs on Club nights with most of the club attending. We enjoyed a visit from past members, John and Victoria Witt, showing that they had not forgotten how to play.

The annual Patron's Trophy was held with the team of Phil Clinch, Marion McKenzie, Sue Cowley and Ety Wells the victors.

We have our Mixed and Married Pairs competition to be played before we close our season on 28th September.

Margaret Grant—Publicity

day—not what we had expected.

A lot of squads turned up and it was good to see Brad back again,—well kind of—because when he's not there others think they have a chance to win something! We even had time for a third shoot!

Some new faces turned up which we're always happy to welcome and show them around.

Results were as follows:

Club 25 DTL: Brad Turner

Club Handicap: Terry Robinson

Sporting Shoot: Paul Wheeler

Karen Pawson—Secretary