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Community Comment

The changeable nature of weather in August is a reminder that winter has not yet passed. Frosts, downpours and snow on the mountains compete with sunshine and warm breezes. Daffodils and blossom begin to brighten the gloom and encourage birds and bees to venture out and investigate our gardens.

Recent weather events in neighbouring regions of localised downpours, and their effects of overwhelming stormwater systems, is another sign of climate change. These intense storms tend to be short-lived, but can disrupt the lives of those affected. We cannot stop it, but we can help limit problems by keeping water channels clear of debris on our own properties and in the streets around us.

The Ashhurst Domain continues to receive some care and attention. This park is the largest in the Palmerston North City Council portfolio of reserves. The formal consultation phase for its Management Plan will resume soon, after Council approves the proposed documents. The previous plan was approved in 1997, so we can expect some revisions on how the public may want to make the best use of this reserve.

The daffodils mentioned last month are now a carpet of colour near the Domain entrance and add to those planted over 20 years ago in other locations around Ashhurst. Exercise and weight training equipment has returned and has been installed on the edge of the picnic oval. These units have



Photos: Exercise Gear in the domain; Damage in the Domain—Photo credit H Jones

moveable weights to match the strength and fitness of the user. While a public workout may not appeal to some, it will likely help others interested in learning the exercises.

Additional native plants have been planted and surrounded by mulch on the edge of the camping area and have softened the fencing barrier. Rejuvenation of these tired areas of the Domain will help maintain the health of this valued bush reserve. New grass is



now well established in the previous low-lying wet areas and will be ready for use in the summer camping season.

The desires of local youth to create a cycle track in the Domain has been a set back to the other positive work underway. This area on the lower terrace is now fenced off and the group involved is better informed. Targeted education to counter youthful inexperience will help to foster some appreciation of the natural bush in our midst. Our native plants are slow growing, and decades of life can be snuffed out in seconds by saws and spades clearing a path for a new trail. Share some knowledge with your children and let them know that the lifetime of a tree can be far longer than multiple generations of human lives.

Spring is just around the corner. Join the birds and bees, and enjoy the blossom, sunshine and warmer weather as our darker days depart.

Harvey Jones

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Letter to the Editor

Hello! I am a newcomer to Ashhurst, having moved here just a month ago, and I was so pleasantly surprised to have your publication delivered to my new address. My family and I are thrilled with our choice to move to your lovely, bucolic community. We are very impressed by the local spirit, with lots of wonderful community initiatives underway.

Apart from my desire to praise amazing Ashhurst, I have also written in to express my disappointment in the maintenance of street lighting. I have recorded 13 streetlights that are not working. I have reported this to the council and I encourage my fellow residents to do the same. The lighting along Salisbury Street, particularly where it intersects with Bamfield, Lincoln, Worcester and Wyndham is very dark and unsafe. I hope there are plans to improve the lighting in this area soon.

Regards,

Ashleigh Nixon

Save the Giant Maidenhair Fern

Join a group of friendly locals for an easy working bee to help preserve the environment of this endangered plant—now only found in the Ashhurst Domain and Manawatu Gorge (and two small pockets in Bledisloe Park and the Esplanade!)

Sunday, 22nd September 2024, 10.00 am-12 noon at the Ashhurst Domain. We meet in the barbecue area by the playground. BYO snacks, drink, sun protection, gardening gloves, sturdy shoes.

This event is weather dependent and updates will be posted on the Ashhurst and Palmerston North Community Facebook groups.

Village Voice Funding

The Village Voice has a circulation of 1880 and is delivered free to households in Ashhurst and the Pohangina Valley. The newsletter is run by a small volunteer incorporated society and funded solely by our loyal advertisers. Please support these community-minded businesses. If you wish to support this publication in any way, please refer to the back page and contact Grey Smith.

Village Valley Fair—Spring Edition

Join us in welcoming a season of bloom and vitality!

You are cordially invited to The Village Valley Fair, where we will showcase the great talent of our local crafters, share laughter and joy, and enjoy a selection of the finest food trucks around.

22nd September 10.00 am—2.00 pm
The Village Valley Centre
21 Guildford Street, Ashhurst.

Explore Unique Crafts: Discover one-of-a-kind creations from our talented local artisans. From handmade jewellery and home décor to stunning artwork, there's something for everyone.

Foodie Heaven: Treat your taste buds to a culinary adventure with an array of mouthwatering delights from our top-notch food trucks. Whether you're craving savoury snacks or sweet treats, we've got you covered!

Fun and Entertainment: Enjoy live music, family-friendly activities, and a vibrant atmosphere that's perfect for a day out with friends and family.

Mark your calendars and come join us for a day of community spirit, creativity, and fun. We can't wait to see you there!

Free Entry—All Welcome!

Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A.

The R.S.A. has new opening hours.

Monday 3.00 pm-6.00 pm
Tuesday 3.00 pm-7.00 pm
Wednesday 3.00 pm-10.00 pm
Thursday 3.00 pm-9.00 pm
Friday 3.00 pm-11.00 pm
Saturday 2.00 pm-7.00 pm
Sunday 3.00 pm-6.00 pm

Club Updates

A new floodlight has been installed at the back door by Robin Apperly and his son, and was funded by the Ashhurst Pohangina Lions Club.

Get Involved

We have a Working Bee on Sunday, 25th August at 10:30 am. Cleaning,

painting, and tidying up the club. A light lunch will be provided.

Knitting/Craft Group

The group meets Thursdays at 1.00 pm at the R.S.A. We are making woollen garments for flood-affected families in Wairoa. All levels of crafters are welcome. Join the R.S.A. Facebook page for details.

Upcoming event

Quiz night on 7th September at 7.00 pm with a pre-dinner of chicken and rice. For more information, follow the club's Facebook page.

Peter Knight

Ashhurst Images Calendar 2025

Having produced two editions of this calendar in 2022 and 2023, other commitments prevented me from doing one for 2024.

As it nears time to start work on one for 2025, I have realized that with increasing years, accompanied by decreasing energy, I am simply not able to put the effort into producing another one.

I am sorry about this, as many people have asked me about when the 2025 one will come about.

If there is anyone out there who feels

like picking up production of the calendar, I would be very happy to hand over all the material I have—suitable images, the list of advertisers, etc. Feel free to contact me on 029 777 2368. It's a fun project to be involved in, and good too to be able to raise some money for worthwhile village operations—like the Foodbank, and the Anglican Church Hall, now nearing completion. Obviously, if someone did take it on, they would decide which local organizations to support.

Ric Foxley

Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

Kia ora Ashhurst, The other week I was fortunate enough to visit an open home hosted by the Manawatū/Whanganui

Community Readiness and Recovery Team and the Marton Volunteer Fire

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Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

Brigade. What was special about this open home? A fire had eviscerated the inside of this family's home.

Even for myself it was a sobering experience but it reinforced many of the messages Fire and Emergency pushes out:

- Don't overload electrical multi-boards—the cause.
- Close doors when you can—one room came away relatively undamaged.
- Have working smoke alarms and an escape plan—the family were able to get out quickly.

My young sons were very excited to

Ashhurst Senior Citizens Association

The August meeting, once again, was a great chance for a catch up and to also have an afternoon of entertainment and a lovely afternoon tea. Raffles were won and the Lucky Seat is always a favourite.

The Hosts were the Catholic Group and they organised the afternoon and, as always, did a wonderful job. Three St Peters pupils provided the entertainment and they each sang for the group. These teens then interacted with their audience, asking and answering questions. The two girls, in younger years, had also had parts in the production of Les Misérables and so were able to talk about that too. Everyone felt entertained and it was great to hear what these young singers were up to.

Gorge Predator Trapping Report

In July the Ashhurst Volunteer Stoat Trapping Group completed its 15th year of monitoring the 109 egg-baited stoat traps that are located along the Manawātū Gorge Track. The total number of rats and mustelids (stoats and weasels) trapped now stands at 2402. In the latest year, we recovered 103 rats and eight stoats (see graphs), together with three mice and 33 hedgehogs.

The annual recovery for both rats and stoats was similar to last year's record low levels. Fortunately, the ferret that was trapped two years ago still appears to be a single isolated occurrence.

see the house but, after seeing a destroyed lounge complete with melted television and the husk of a couch, came away very sombre. The most confronting thing for me was the "before" pictures put up outside the rooms to show you what they used to look like, only for you to look in and see a charred, gnarly mess.

Go onto our Facebook page to see the house for yourself complete with an actual Real Estate agent showing you around the "open home". Take the time as well to check your smoke alarms.

Matthew Clark—Community Fire Risk Management Office

Afternoon tea gave a chance for more informal chat and then the meeting finished with some going home with prizes and something tasty for later.

The hosts for the September meeting come from the Bowling Club and I can assure everyone it will be an informative and lively time. I also hear there will be something extra tasty for everyone.

Do come and join in on 5th September in the Methodist Hall on Bamfield Street at 2.00pm. Bring some change for raffles and a Koha is always appreciated.

Meetings are always the first Thursday of the month. We are looking forward to seeing new faces and be assured, everyone is very welcome.

Adrienne Harding—Secretary.

Department of Conservation is maintaining its increased poison baiting in the reserve and is about to commence a new operation to reduce both rat and possum populations. Our own results provide an independent assessment of the effectiveness of Department of Conservation's poisoning endeavours.

Our walk to the start of the Ashhurst end of the track has become a little longer while the approaches to the new Manawātū River Bridge are being completed, but this is offset by good views of the bridge under construction.

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JustOnePlease

Super kia ora. The item for September for the Safe House is **body wash**.

Thank you everyone for the generous donations last month, much appreciated. Kind regards, Louise Bowe. Donations can be dropped off at the Ashhurst Library. Contact Louise Bowe on 020 410 86128 for more information.

Meditation Class—Overcoming Stress and Anxiety will be held every Thursday from 10.00 am - 11.00 am, followed by morning tea. Suggested donation: \$7.

Join us in the lounge of the Village Valley Centre. No special clothing is required. Everyone is welcome. For more information, go to www.meditateinpalmerstonnorth.org.

Ashhurst Ladies Coffee Group

10.00 am—11.30 am at The Village Coffee & Co, 62 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.

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Ashhurst Memorial R.S.A. Inc

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Manawatū Rangitikei Methodist Parish—Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe and Pohangina Congregation

Ashhurst Devonport Worship and Community Centre
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.
Opening Day September 14th at 1.00 pm. Club Days each Thursday. Names in by 1.15.
New bowlers or anyone thinking about playing please either come along and have a go or get more info from Adrienne on 027 2836317.

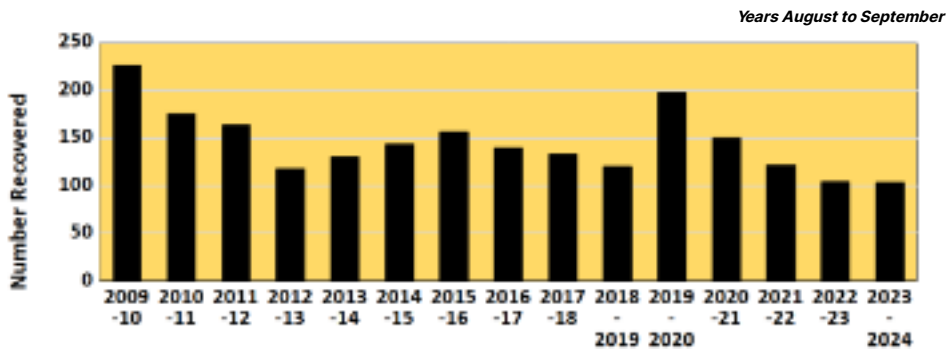
Gorge Predator Trapping Report

Some of our group have been active members since its inception in 2009. Thanks to all the volunteers for their continued efforts and to Department of

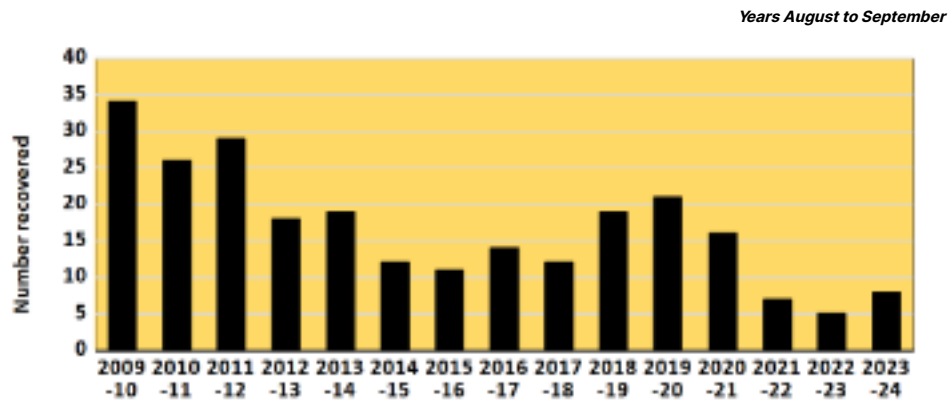
Conservation ranger Aimee Stubbs for liaising with the group.

Mike Shepherd

Rats trapped annually 2009-2024



Stoats trapped annually 2009-2024



RECAP Update

Kia ora koutou from the RECAP team.

One big announcement: The RECAP Permaculture Garden Tour is back! We run this event once every two years and our date for 2024 is Saturday, 26th October 10.00 am-4.00 pm.

This is an opportunity to learn more about RECAP projects (The Ashhurst Community Garden, Olsson Community Orchard, McCrae's Bush and our new māra rongoā) and visit a wide range of

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RECAP Update

private properties and gardens. Enjoy a self guided tour around locations in Ashhurst and the Pohangina valley, while gaining knowledge and insight into permaculture principles.

There will also be a variety of plants and local goods available to purchase at a small central market, discounts at our local eateries, and discussions on a variety of specialist topics at some of our locations.

Registrations are open now at recap.org.nz. The cost is \$25 per person, with free entry for those 12 and under.

This is our main fundraising event with all proceeds assisting our varied community projects, services and education. Ngā mihi nui for your support.

Volunteer Library Gardening happens most weeks led by our wonderful deputy chairperson Suzanne. She updates Facebook/Ashhurst Chat each week, so if you're keen to get involved you can get

in touch there or email: schelius@hotmail.com. Everyone—all levels of experience and ability—welcome. Come along as a one-off or as a regular.

Community Kai has been running low on food of late. We'd like to politely request that you only come through if in real need for the time being. Ngā mihi maioha.

We have a fundraising stall with a variety of plants for sale at the upcoming **Village Valley Fair** on 22nd September.

And finally: **the RECAP Crop Swap**—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 with no cost. It's always a friendly group that gathers, with helpful kōrero on a variety of gardening related topics.

Noho ora mai
Chris Love—RECAP coordinator

County Fayre Update

Passing through Pohangina on a Sunday afternoon drive, lost for something to do, why not drop into County Fayre between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm. The heat pumps will be humming and the place will be cosy and warm while you enjoy a hot tea or coffee with a deliciously warm scone with raspberry jam and freshly whipped cream, or maybe you fancy a muffin, an ice cream sundae or a milkshake instead.

While visiting take a look in the gallery and view the art work of our latest artist Paul Harvey. Paul is a Palmerston North based artist who first exhibited at Square Edge Community Arts Centre in 1981 and completed two solo exhibitions at Te Manawa (1992 and 2013). Currently on display are a selection of Paul's early abstract expressionist oil paintings produced between 1994 to 2013. The art work shown is called "4 Sisters"

An event for all book lovers and budding writers, the County Fayre Readers and Writers Festival will be held on Saturday, 28th September 2024, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. We have an excellent line-up of eight published

writers from the Pohangina Valley and surrounding areas, providing an impressive range of experiences to share across a wide range of topics, plus two mini workshops. Tickets are \$15.00 for Registration or \$25 for Registration and lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be available to all ticket holders. To find out more or to book your ticket email countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

Just a reminder that County Fayre will once again be hosting the Art Trail Manawatū on Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th October. Come along and see the work of our local artists.

Preparations are underway for our annual fundraiser The Pohangina Downhill Walk, Saturday, 9th November, 2024, get this date in your diary. Climb aboard a shuttle bus and ride up to the top of Finnis Road to the entrance of the Branch Road Walkway. From there take an easy walk through six kilometres of native bush and farmland, back to the Pohangina Township where a light lunch awaits you. Adults \$30, Child \$15, Family \$100 (Shuttle Bus ride and lunch

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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
Contact Age Concern phone 355 2832 for more details.

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
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Move it—or Lose it! Join our friendly group for a gentle, low impact exercise class, (no floor exercises) with an emphasis on fun. Optional—go for coffee afterwards.

Village Valley Centre, Monday mornings, 9.45am-10.45am. Cost: \$10 per class.

Enquiries: Maria—phone 329 4166

Ashhurst Budgeting Service

Thursday 9.30am-1.00pm.

Operating from St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, 67 Cambridge Street, Ashhurst.

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.

Lots of warm clothing all ages and sizes, books and household items. Watch out for bag sales advertised. Donations accepted when shop is open.

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

County Fayre Update

included in the priced). Buses will depart from County Fayre from 8:00am and then every 45 mins. Booking is essential, contact us at CountyFayre@inspire.net.nz.

Looking for a voluntary role, come and join County Fayre as a volunteer to help in the kitchen once a month on a Sunday afternoon serving our delicious Devonshire teas, or just become one of our friends on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre>), everyone is welcome to join in.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 28th September – Readers

and Writers Festival

Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th October – Art Trail Manawatū

Saturday, 9th November – The Pohangina Downhill Walk

If you would like to make contact, or find out more about any of the upcoming events then email us at countyfayre@inspire.net.nz or send a message via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CountyFayre>.

Looking forward to seeing you at County Fayre.

**Joanne Morris-Kynoch—
County Fayre President**

Awahou School

Kia ora from Awahou School!

Term Two Happenings and Highlights**The Friends of Awahou Pizza and Movie Night**

This was a great family event, where we could all come together as a school community and share our fundraising plans for the year.

National Young Leaders Day

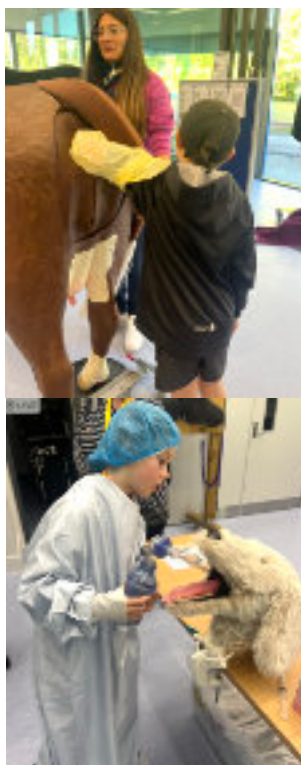
Our Senior Leaders had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day at The Regent this term. It was a jam packed day, full of inspirational speakers and leadership activities. The students came away buzzing and can't wait for next year's event.

Trip to Te Manawa

This term our learning focus has been centred around 'Our Fascinating Whenua'. We have explored how earthquakes occur and their effects, and we have also investigated the causes of volcanic eruptions and erosion. To enhance this learning we took a trip to Te Manawa Museum to study more about erosion, the causes, effects and prevention.

Junior Tough Guy and Gal

We had over half the school attend this



event this year at Massey University. Our students showed grit and resilience, all finishing the event with mud in their eyes and a smile on their faces! They were all Tough Guys & Gals on the day!

Kainui Schools' Group Cross-Country Event

This term was a busy one with the annual Kainui Schools' Group Cross-country event held here at Awahou School. The event ran smoothly and the participants did their very best over a gruelling course. Thanks to everyone who helped to support this event!

Hockey Manawatū

We had Kylie from Hockey Manawatū come to run some hockey sessions with us. We were impressed with the level of skill the students developed, some future hockey players for sure!

Coming Up!

The Awahou School Matariki Disco is coming up on Thursday, 27th June, 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm at the Pohangina Hall. The theme is STARS! The students can dress up in anything to do with stars... rock stars, movie stars, twinkle twinkle little stars! Awahou School students can purchase tickets for themselves and

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Awahou School

their pre-school siblings from the school for \$5. There will be spot prizes and pizza provided by the wonderful Yvonne Forlong from Property Brokers.

We hope you are all keeping safe and happy out there! Ngā mihi nui,

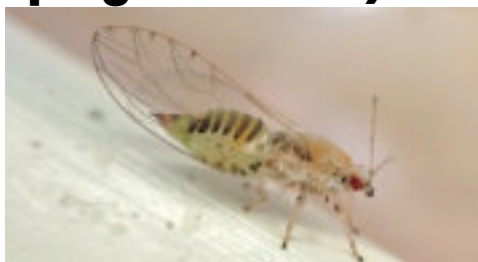
Trudi Blinkhorne—Principal

Psyllids (AKA Jumping Plant Lice)

Most people probably will not have seen a Psyllid or even know what it is. And for those who have heard of psyllids, it may well be in relation to the Tomato/Potato Psyllid which somehow arrived in New Zealand in about 2005. It has had a devastating affect on crops like tomatoes and potatoes, both commercially grown and in the home garden. Actually, the crop damage in this case is not caused by the psyllid itself but by a bacterial disease that is spread by the psyllid.

Psyllids are tiny insects, around 2-3 mm in length, that live on certain plants. During spring and summer the winged adults lay very tiny eggs on the plant which hatch into nymphs within a few days. The nymphs grow in size, gaining nourishment by sucking sap from the plant, especially the young leaves. After 2-3 weeks, the nymphs hatch into adults with wings, much like a butterfly hatching from a chrysalis.

Most psyllid species live on only one, or perhaps a few closely related, host plant species. Thus the Tomato/Potato



Psyllid (see photo) prefers plants of the Solanum family (potato, tomato, capsicum, egg plant, tamarillo). The Pittosporum Psyllid (see photo) is an example of a native species that lives on the leaves of Pittosporum trees, especially Karo. Another native example is the Kōwhai Psyllid that lives in the flowers of Kōwhai trees. In fact, there are two species of Kōwhai Psyllid, with the one that is prevalent locally having the charming name *Psylla frodobagginsi* (see photo).

Although we have many native psyllids in New Zealand, comprising about half of the 100 or so species here, many have not been formally described. Of the introduced species, many have come



Photos: Left —Tomato/Potato Psyllid; Right Top—Pittosporum Psyllid; Bottom—Kōwhai Psyllid

Ashhurst Yoga Classes

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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 2.00 pm. We invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and entertainment.

Contact: Adrienne Harding—Secretary
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Psyllids (AKA Jumping Plant Lice)

from Australia due to host plants being brought to New Zealand (e.g. Eucalypts and Acacias) and from being carried here by the prevailing westerly winds. The Tomato/Potato Psyllid likely came from America, perhaps with illegally

introduced plant material, and other new introductions are almost certain in the future.

Grey Smith

Book Review: The Life of Dai

The Life of Dai—Dai Henwood

Not so much about Dai's life but more about how (through his cancer diagnosis) he has learnt to view life in general in a completely different way.

As is pointed out in the book's foreward - Dai is as "kiwi as hokey-pokey, jandals and L & P". We have enjoyed his comedy in this country for 27 years, he's probably, along with Billy T James, our most awarded and loved comedian.

Starting with an initially terrifying diagnosis, Dai takes us as readers along with him as he confronts his mortality and deals with lifechanging health issues. It is not a morbid or depressing account, but is full of practical advice and information on how to deal with the inevitable problems and questions that arise in these circumstances.

He suggests that, when offering help to a cancer patient or those closest to them, it is more helpful just to do something practical rather than ask

them what they want and need. They probably don't know, so just drop off that batch of scones or offer to take the kids or dog out for the day.

Dai recalls the night he went to his studio where "The Project" was filmed and was interviewed about his diagnosis. He was overwhelmed with the response from viewers, even though he dreaded talking about his illness. He calls it "Letting cancer out of the bag" - lets talk about it, hard though it is for everyone'.

He sums up at the very end of the book - "In fact, the whole cancer diagnosis has been very freeing...since having cancer I am more honest with my feelings...Thanks for reading, Live Well, care for others, be gracious, be kind and do the right thing simply because its the noble way to live".

It was a privilege to read this book as it is both brutally honest and good-hearted in its intentions. Well done.

Robyn Dare

Ashhurst School

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been lovely to see a bit of sun towards the end of the week and it has been great to see our tamariki get outside and have a run around.

Staffing News

On the staffing front, we are pleased but saddened to announce Miss Lay in Room 15 will be leaving us at the end of Week 8 this term. Eva and her partner will be moving to Spain, as Cody has secured a rugby contract.

New Entrant/new enrolment

Do you have preschoolers who will be attending Ashhurst School? Do you know of other whānau with preschoolers who are thinking about attending our kura? No matter what age the preschooler is, we would like to know if it

is your intention to send them to Ashhurst School. Please come into school or contact us to let us know. Having this information as early as possible helps us with future planning for classrooms and teacher.

Mathex

Some of our Year 5—8 students competed in the Manawatū Mathex on the 8th August. Mathex is an inter school competition that is held by the Manawatū Mathematics Teachers' Association. Students compete in teams of four completing quick fire maths problems and then a hands-on practical round. Thank you to Phillipus Gerber, Jess Morris and Paula Thompson for supporting the teams in the build up to the competition.

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DanceNZmade

Our students have had an exciting time participating in DanceNZmade, a nationwide initiative aimed at embracing the joy and creativity of dance here in Aotearoa. In a relaxed, supportive atmosphere, DanceNZmade celebrates energy, artistry, and a passion for dance, with dancers and specialists alike being honoured for their craft. This year, our social group performed wonderfully, showcasing their hard work and talent. We're especially proud to announce that our elite group achieved an impressive third runner-up position. We are so proud of everyone who was involved.

Elite Sport Futsal

On Tuesday, 13th August some students from the Whārite team

represented our school at the Futsal Elite Sport competition. It was a great day full of tight games. The students did really well. They all displayed amazing sportsmanship, a high level of football skill and some resilience with some tight games early in the schedule. We placed third out of the eight teams.

Jan Williams Netball Tournament

What a wonderful day we had recently at the Jan Williams Memorial Netball tournament. Our Turbines Netball team showed amazing sportsmanship and gave every game 100%. Many thanks to Pam for taking the team and coaching on the day.

Heath Chittenden—Principal

Karyn Giles—Deputy Principal

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

Work on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway is progressing well through the winter months, with some important milestones being reached, particularly on the road surface and the major bridges.

Almost all of the highway is now covered with pavement aggregate (compacted rock), with 250,000 tonnes having been brought to site so far.

Having so much aggregate sub-base laid has allowed the pavements crews to progress laying asphalt concrete. Since May this year, the team has placed about 21,000 tonnes of asphalt, out of a total of 110,000.

Until July, all of the asphalt was being supplied by an asphalt plant located in Bulls, but our own on-site mobile asphalt plant is now in full production, enabling our teams to increase asphalt production.

This asphalt plant, located in Zone 3 near the middle of the highway, will provide about 60% of the project's total asphalt supply going forward.

While our pavement crews look forward to the days getting longer and warmer—which makes road construction easier—our structures teams have been in full swing.

The bridge deck on Parahaki Bridge is closer to being completed, with 44 of 54

concrete segments now poured. These are on track for completion this year.

The "stitch" connecting the bridge deck sections from Pier 1 and Pier 2 is due to happen in September.

Work is also progressing on the northern abutment, with two more concrete pours to go until this part of the structure is complete. Attention will then turn to connecting the abutment to the bridge deck from Pier 3.

Over at Eco-Viaduct, the team has now completed the bridge deck with all sections now poured.

This is a massive milestone and a huge achievement for the team, which brings this structure very close to completion.

They're now starting to work on installing barriers, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The landscaping teams are just winding down their planting season, having put 350,000 plants in the ground since April. They expect to plant a total of 423,000 for the year.

That brings the total number of plants planted since the start of construction to nearly 1.5 million, out of an expected 1.8 million.

The team usually doesn't plant over summer, but they're planning to have a short planting season at the start of

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St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst
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10.00 am every Sunday

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Priest—Rev Pam Barnett. Contact the Parish office for further information:

Phone 326 8543 or

Email: info@parishofpohangina.net

www.parishofpohangina.net

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

Ashhurst Pohangina Squash Club

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

Courts are located at the rear of the Village Valley Centre on Guildford Street

Contact Braydon on 027 390 5611, ashpohsquashclub@inspire.net.nz, or find us on Facebook.

Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

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

Contacts:

Jack Zwart (President) 326 8958

standishzwart@gmail.com

Brent Besley (Secretary) 329 4891

brent.liz@inspire.net.nz

Mike Forlong (Memberships) 329 4741

forlong@inspire.net.nz

Ashhurst Music Club

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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.

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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

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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.

All members welcome.

Te Ahu a Turanga Highway Update

2025 to put in the remaining trees and shrubs.

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

Ashhurst Library

Hi everyone, as we are heading into spring you are all most welcome to walk through and enjoy our gardens and help yourself to some of the produce when ready. Our volunteers do an incredible job and we are very appreciative of their efforts, thanks so much gang.

Summer Reading 2024-25

Our Summer Reading programme which promotes reading enjoyment will be back in the summer school holidays. This involves talking with kids on the programme about what they have been reading and other reading interests. It is great fun and has been running for over 20 years. Each participant receives incentives through the programme and we finish with a big celebration party. Keep an eye on our Facebook page over the coming months for details.

Ashhurst Christmas Parade and Market 2024

We are greatly looking forward to this year's parade and have started planning on our float entry, we hope many of you are doing the same. Keep an eye out on the Christmas committee's Facebook page for more details and keep your

fingers crossed for the weather. We always seem to get lucky.

Ashhurst Elevenses—Every Friday at 11.00 am during term time

Come along every Friday during term time for a cuppa and a friendly chat. Everybody is welcome! There will 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. There is always a theme and we finish off with yummy cheese toasties.

Wednesday, 4th September 10.30 am

Wednesday, 18th September 10.30 am: Visit from the Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

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 Clay Target Club

A fun Sunday for the July shoot with 5 squads which whipped through quickly, leaving time for a fun shoot.

Congratulations to the winners on the day:

Club shoot 25 DTL: Chris Higgie

Handicap winner: Andre James

Sporting, 25 DTL: Joby Stella

Also, at that club shoot, Judy Wright indicated that she will be standing down from the voluntary position she has held with the club for over 20 years—running the office, taking registrations and in charge of our handicapping system. A presentation will be made to Judy at the next club shoot.

Karen Pawson—Secretary

Ashhurst Rainfall

113.5 mm of rain fell in July 2024, slightly above the July long-term average of 111.3 mm.

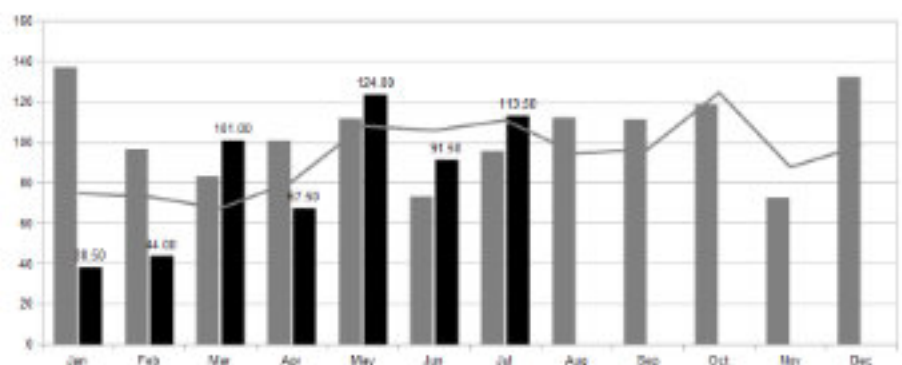
Rain was recorded on 13 days, with the highest one-day rainfall of 29 mm on the 2nd of July.

Total rainfall for the period January to July 2024 is now 580 mm, which is slightly below the long-term average for this period of 623.3 mm.

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Ashhurst Rainfall 2024

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Kia ora tātou

Officially its spring and here we are embarking on the last third of 2024 with school holidays underway from September 27. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to warmer temperatures, less rain, longer daylight hours, and a reduction in seasonal illnesses, coughs and colds. At this rate it'll be Christmas before we know it.

Jingle Bells already?

Speaking of which, this month is perfect for Village residents to start planning for the coming festive season. Last year's newly minted Christmas Parade & Market organising committee would love to replicate the huge success of their first Ashhurst parade in 2023.

Encouraged by the great response and community engagement, the committee has opened registrations for 2024 parade floats and market stalls. The traditional local launch of Ashhurst yuletide will take place on the first Saturday in December, December 7, with the market underway from 10am and the parade rolling at 11am. I'm sure you'll want to be involved.

Just for laughs

Something else to look forward to is the Ashhurst School fundraiser comedy night on Saturday October 19 with Ben Hurley and Hayley Sproul. This topflight comedy entertainment is on at the Village Valley Centre with tickets on sale soon – if they're not already by the time you read this. Enquiries about the event should be directed to the school. It'll be a great local night out for a great cause. Well done Ashhurst School!

Spring fever fair

Nearer at hand and kicking off 'Spring-fling fever' in Ashhurst is the Village Valley Fair taking place this month on Sunday September 22 at the Village Valley Centre. With free entry, local foodies, artisans and crafters, the live music and activities will provide family-focused entertainment from 10am with this the perfect place to celebrate the new season and bid any winter blues and blahs bye-bye.

Ashhurst Domain

A reminder that Council's draft plans for the future development and management of Ashhurst Domain will be made public shortly. Village residents will be invited to have their say on the plans, which follow extensive community and stakeholder input and engagement earlier in the year. See the pncc.govt.nz website for more details.

Water works

My thanks to the Council Waters team who responded so quickly to the burst water pipe on Oxford St last month. Work had been scheduled to upgrade the pipe commencing Monday August 19, but this ageing piece of infrastructure decided it couldn't wait out the weekend. Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation, but the fix was made, and water was restored by 4pm that Friday afternoon. More extensive repairs commenced the following week.

Meet the Mayor

This month's Meet the Mayor session is on Tuesday, September 24 at an earlier time, between 4-5pm at the Community Library, but do check the Council website and Facebook page for confirmation. Happy spring!

Ngā mihi nui

Mayor Grant Smith JP



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5.00 pm Friday, 20th September.

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Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

The Ashhurst Club has hosted a visit from the Takaro Star Club. This is an annual visit alternating between probably the two strongest clubs in the Manawatū Centre. There is always great friendship but definitely "competition" and I am pleased to say that Ashhurst took out a narrow victory. We look forward to a visit to their club next year.

Our Patrons Trophy has been played with Bruce Meyer, Gloria Hall, Ewen Morrison and Margie Rogers winning on a deciding end after finishing equal on points with Alan Cowley, Jeanette Cotton and AJ Bond. The final trophy to be contested, will be the Mixed and Married Pairs in September.

Bruce was at very short odds to do the



Photos: Bruce Meyer – New Zealand Champion of Champions Singles.

Trifecta in winning all the major Centre Singles Trophies and did not disappoint in winning the Champion of Champion singles.

There is still the Champion of Champion Fours to be played and we have Bruce, Jeanette, Sue Cowley and AJ as our representatives. Also the Triples with Tim Veale, Margaret Grant and Margie Rogers.

On the big stage, the North v South Island test was held at Waihi Beach. Tim excelled in winning all three of his games against the South Island representative, which means that in a month of medals, Tim came home with a medal as well. It is not easy being the Singles Player in these Island teams and to win all games is a feather in his cap. Congratulations Tim!

New Zealand Indoor Bowls has just held the Super Weekend in Wellington. This is where all of the eight zone finalists come to play to see which Centre is the overall winner. These bowlers have first to have won their Centre Title, and then their Zone final (in Manawatu's case against Hawkes Bay, Bush Ruahine, and Wairarapa) and then go on to the Super final. Manawatu winner was Bruce Meyer who has kept up his amazing singles form by winning this New Zealand final. His opponents were from North Otago, Otago, Buller, Upper Hutt North Taranaki, Thames Valley and Auckland. Congratulations Bruce.

The Ashhurst Club is just so fortunate to have Indoor Bowlers of this calibre attending club nights most weeks, as they explain what shots they plan to play in a game, and why. Very good coaching.

Margaret Grant—Publicity

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