



Ashhurst Village Voice

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Draft Animals and Bees Bylaw

A draft bylaw ("Animals and Bees Bylaw 2011") is currently proposed by the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) and the matters it intends to address will likely have significant implications for a number of Ashhurst residents.

In summary, the proposed bylaw will specify requirements for the keeping of animals, birds and bees within the Palmerston North district intended to protect the public and property owners from health and general nuisance concerns. People need to be protected from such concerns but I believe the draft bylaw goes beyond what is necessary and will negatively impact the lifestyle of many of us have chosen to live here in Ashhurst.

Stock: No person will be allowed to keep stock in an urban area without a permit, and even with a permit, no stock can be kept within 50 metres of an occupied house, public place or boundary of an adjoining property. "Stock" includes cattle, deer, horses, sheep and goats and this definition can be further expanded by the Council if deemed necessary.

An "urban area" is defined in the draft bylaw as any land zoned in the District Plan other than "rural" or "rural residential". This means "residential" zone areas will be classified as urban areas.

Cats: No person will be allowed any more than 3 cats on private land smaller than 2000 square metres (half acre) without a permit.

Poultry: No poultry (including chickens and ducks) will be allowed to be kept in an urban area unless permanently housed in an approved poultry house not within 10 metres of any dwelling house or 2 metres within the boundary of an adjoining property.

Permits: A fee will need to be paid to

the PNCC during the permit application process and an issued permit can be cancelled at any time. A person who breaches the bylaw can face a fine up to \$20,000.

I encourage everyone to read this proposed bylaw to gain full appreciation of the scope of the legislation and to make a submission to the Council (letter, email or personally delivered) if anything within it concerns you. The bylaw can be easily found and read (it's only 7 pages) on the PNCC website.

Any submissions must be received no later than 4.00pm on 7 July 2011 so this doesn't leave you much time to respond! A failure to express your views now may have long term negative consequences.

Carl Newton

Editor's Note - Additional points

Stock also includes alpaca and donkeys:

Part 5 - Pigs states that no person shall keep a pig or pigs within 50 metres of any occupied house, public place or boundary of an adjoining property. This part also includes requirements regarding the maintenance of pigsties.

Part 6 - Poultry. The approved poultry house must have a floor made of concrete or other approved material surrounded by a raised nib to which a poultry run may be attached. The poultry run must also be enclosed to confine the poultry.

Part 7 - Bees may not be kept in the urban area without a permit. Permits include the following conditions: No more than two hives on the property. The property must be greater than 1000m³ Written consent from all boundary neighbours is required.

*To find the Draft Bylaw go to www.pncc.govt.nz. Click **Public Consultation** under **Quick Links** on the right hand side and scroll down to find the document.*

A special community meeting will be held to discuss this bylaw on Tuesday, 5th July at 7.00 pm at the Anglican Church Hall.

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Draft Animal and Bees Bylaw Meeting

Tuesday, 5th July 2011

7.00pm Anglican Church Hall

Going Digital Community Information Meetings

1pm and 7pm

Wednesday, 20th July
Village Valley Centre

**August Issue
Submission Deadline
Wednesday, 20th July**

From the Editor

Welcome to this edition of the Ashhurst Village Voice.

It is nice to see that many of our regular contributors have submitted articles this month. This issue is back to normal. I have over the last few months heard from people how much they enjoy reading the Village Voice and I'm glad it is so valued in the community. It is the support of local businesses, clubs and the volunteers who write articles that really keep the Voice going.

If you wish to submit an article, my offer still stands. Email me for more information or drop a note off to Rebecca at the library. I will get back in touch. Clubs are welcome to put in community notices as well. We have many in Ashhurst as the RECAP Community Database project shows.

The Draft Animal and Bees Bylaw has had quite an impact on many people, and is front story this month. Submissions to the Council can be made by mail, email, phone or fax. Please ring the Council for more details or attend the community meeting on Tuesday evening, 5th July.

All the best

Llyvonne Barber



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Ashhurst School

Hi everyone, our After School Care programme run by the well renowned "Holiday Fun" is up and running at the school. All enquiries regarding this can be made to Kevin Hill at Holiday Fun. Details are available at www.holidayfun.co.nz. This service is available to children from outside of Ashhurst School as well and can either be used on a permanent or casual basis.

As I write we have just had a school review completed by the Education Review Office (ERO). The review could not have gone better and they were most impressed with classroom programmes and the engagement of children. We will publish the findings of this review as they come to hand. It is a bit of a process and we expect to get our draft report within four weeks and the confirmed report by the middle of Term 3.

Our school Cross Country was very successfully held at the Ashhurst Domain. We had a magnificent day for it and our

Going Digital

In 2013 the analogue signal will be turned off. To continue to get free-to-air TV you will need some extra equipment such as a set top box and the appropriate aerial. If you have Sky or Freeview you will be watching digital television already.

On Wednesday, 20th July two community

Ashhurst Playcentre

Ashhurst Playcentre offers a fantastic environment for children to learn through play in a mixed age environment and a great adult to child ratio that enriches children's learning.

Ashhurst Playcentre is open Monday to Friday. Monday to Thursday is open to children from birth to six whereas Friday morning sessions are especially for older children only. There is a maximum of 20 children at each session.

Ashhurst Playcentre is situated at 118 Stanford Street. All Sessions run from 9am – 12 noon, and WINZ funding is available.

- Here are some of the opportunities the children have had this term at playcentre;
- Visits the orchard to pick apples from our tree; visit Spring Grove Farm, being part of the Kids'n'Motion session on Friday, visiting the local library, feeding the horse & going for walks in our local community.
 - Been involved in messy/tactile/sensory play with clay, water, finger-paint and sand.

children all did very well. As always we were well supported by our families. Our Year 5 & 6 children pace-getters went onto the Inter-School events with the Year 6 boys team coming first overall. The team consisted of William Treder, Dylan Simpson, Sam Jagger, Jamie Simmons and Matthew Lord; A top effort boys. William finished a highly creditable 3rd place overall, while Emma Dixon finished 4th in the girls event. An excellent effort kids.

Our ICT focus is continuing to grow. Teachers are confidently using these to enrich classroom programmes. We have just ordered six iPad 2s for our ICT Lead team teachers to trial next term. This will be very exciting for our children. We have an ICT parent evening on the 14th July where children will share their learning with our families. This evening is open to everyone. Regards

**Nick Reed
Principal**

information evenings will be held at the Village Valley Centre to provide you with the information about what you need to do prior to the cut off date. An advisor from Going Digital will be there to answer any questions.

The meetings will be at 1pm and 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Llyvonne Barber

- Build up a repertoire of songs and greetings with actions – a great way to develop body and spatial awareness while having fun!
- Exploring chemical reactions when mixing baking soda and vinegar in pots or in sandpit volcanoes.
- Been creative and expressive through painting, collage, gluing, dying, cutting and marbling.
- Baking
- Exploring water through using funnels, pipes, troughs, bottles and bowls. Washing dolls in baby baths.
- Building at the carpentry table, in the block area or at the playdough table.
- Dramatic Play – dress-ups, face painting, family corner, the shop.
- Listening to stories and completing puzzles.
- Physically active on the slides, swings and challenge course.

If you are interested in coming along to have a look all children are entitled to three free sessions, just give us a call on 326 9270 to arrange a day and time.

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Council Corner

Winter has treated us lightly so far and there are already traces of Spring as bulbs begin flowering. Many of the street drains have now been cleared of Autumn leaves promoting good storm water protection when it rains.

The Council is busy installing a footpath from Custom Street to Hillary Crescent (see photo). The pedestrians and mothers with prams will appreciate the improvements made, which links these homes with the Ashhurst shops and school.



The recent community meeting attracted far more than the half dozen people expected by Council officers. Twenty residents appeared and many were concerned about the proposed changes of the bylaw for animals and bees. This bylaw covers stock, cats, poultry and bees. Proposed changes would likely prevent

horses and lambs from being a common sight in our village. A limit of two cats per property, more control of poultry enclosures and restrictions on bee hives are all in the new version.

Public opposition can make changes, but some activity is required if the special character of Ashhurst is to remain. City values and policies do not always work well in our rural village and some changes may need to be suggested or exceptions provided so that local traditions such as lamb and calf day can continue.

Submissions are due on Thursday, 7 July. Information is available from the consultation link at pncc.govt.nz or from the local library. A public meeting has also been organised at the Anglican Church Hall, 7:00pm Tuesday, 5th July to share information and advise on the submission process.

Harvey Jones

Ashhurst Library

Hi all, I hope you are all well and not struggling too much with the cooler winter nights. I find winter is always a good excuse to curl up with a good book, and if you're like me a few nibbles complete the picture.

School Holiday Program

The program for the July Holidays is still in the planning stage, but will be available by the end of this month. However as part of the program Ashhurst Library is running a Diorama Competition.

Diorama Competition – Ashhurst Library

Come one, come all and enter the world of fantasy and imagination. Use whatever materials you like and create your own wonderful diorama of one of your favourite books. It could be The Hungry Caterpillar,

Zac Powers, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe or even The Wonky Donkey!

Entries open Monday, 4th July and dioramas must be in by 5pm Monday, 25th July. Prizegiving dates and times to be confirmed.

There are no age restrictions so come on Mum and Dad, Nana and Pop get creative!! Prize Group Age divisions: 0-4, 6-9, 10+, and seniors 18++++???. Good luck with your dioramas.

"The reading of a good book is like a conversation with finest of men of the past centuries" - Descartes

Take care everyone, wrap up warm, keep well and I look forward to catching up with you the next time you're in.

Rebecca Smith
Ashhurst Branch Librarian

Ashhurst Market

The Ashhurst Memorial RSA Inc, is pleased to advise they will be recommencing the Ashhurst Sunday Market at their premises.

A date yet to be confirmed

Any interested stall holders please contact Gaylyn Knowles on 3268384 after hours. or email gaylynknowles@inspire.net.nz

We look forward to seeing you there

Ashhurst Community Pool

We are very excited for the next season will be starting soon.

The AGM will be held 4th August 2011, at 7pm at the Ashhurst Community Pool.

Everyone is invited. Come along and let your voice be heard

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Neighbourhood Support

Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support is pleased to announce that it has recently appointed three new Suburb Coordinators to look after Neighbourhood Support groups in Ashhurst and Pohangina Village.

In Ashhurst, Anton Woollams and his wife, Tricia Kirkwood has agreed to take on the role.

Anton is a Registered Nurse and has a military background with the NZ Defence Force. He also has a strong background in Emergency Management and pre Hospital Emergency Care Lecturing. Tricia is a Life Coach and Reika Master Teacher, with 30 years in the complementary healthcare profession. Tricia has also worked in the NZ Defence Force and in a Civil Defence liaison capacity. Anton, Tricia and their daughter have lived in Ashhurst for four years.

In the Pohangina Village, Rebecca Buchanan is to look after members in that area.

Rebecca and her husband have been living in Pohangina for just over five years and moved into the area as they thought that it would be a great place to bring up children and feel that they have been proved correct in that assumption. Rebecca says that the people in the community are very friendly and there are many young friends for her children.

Neighbourhood Support hopes that these appointments of volunteers in the Ashhurst/Pohangina Villages will assist people in these areas to get into active groups that will assist the Police in reducing crime and help to ensure that people are able to respond effectively to Civil Defence emergencies.

Warren Wealleans

Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade

An excerpt from my blog "Click FiftyTwo – One Kiwi's Photographic Journey through TwentyEleven"

My Lovely Man is the training officer for the Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade. This week he needed some 'victims'. Our kidlets volunteered.

Where there's no smoke, there's no fire
7pm, it's dark outside. Dressed in warm clothes, camera packed, we wait at home for the call. SSO Loach phones that he's ready, the kids and I jump in the car and head to the site of the 'rescue'.



The scenario – the changing rooms at the Domain are on fire, filled with smoke.

The call goes in to the station, in short order the fire engine arrives and the fire men leap in to action. A witness explains in a rather vague fashion that some children, "three or four of them, about 'this' high", might have been inside the building.



The first team dons BA (breathing apparatus),

the visors of which, for the purpose of the exercise, have been covered. Now, when they enter the site they will be blind, as they would in the event that a building is filled with smoke.

In teams of two, the firemen feel their way around the corridors and rooms.

Once they locate a 'victim' they must work their way back out again, following the walls. One team member leads the way, the other carries the victim, and they must keep in constant physical and verbal contact.

Some of the 'victims' kept running back in, and had to be saved multiple times! But this of course meant that all the fires could practise their rescue techniques.

It was an interesting exercise to watch. And as I've thought about it afterwards, it occurs to me that there is much more to this training exercise than just practicing how to operate in zero visibility. It's also about team building, about putting absolute faith and trust in the other guys to get you in and back out again safely.

Oh, and the kidlets had a blast. Even if they did sustain a few bruises. Better bruised than dead, I say.

Lisa Loach

RSA Incoming Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Ashhurst Memorial RSA the elected Committee is as follows:-

Patron: Tom Romley

President: Matt Anderson

Vice President: Arthur Evans

Treasurer: Mrs Bronia Rankin

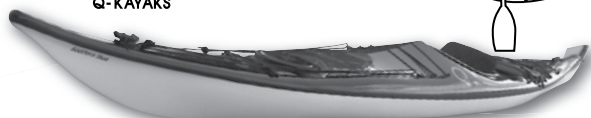
Executive Committee: Dave Kinnaird, Brian Durham, Shane Rankin, Simon

Barton, Ms Gaylyn Knowles, Horowai Parker, Ms Chris Gregory.

If you are a Returned Service Person and wish to apply for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. There are applications available at the Ashhurst Memorial RSA Clubrooms or Contact Gaylyn Knowles on 027 2832831 for a form.

Gaylyn Knowles

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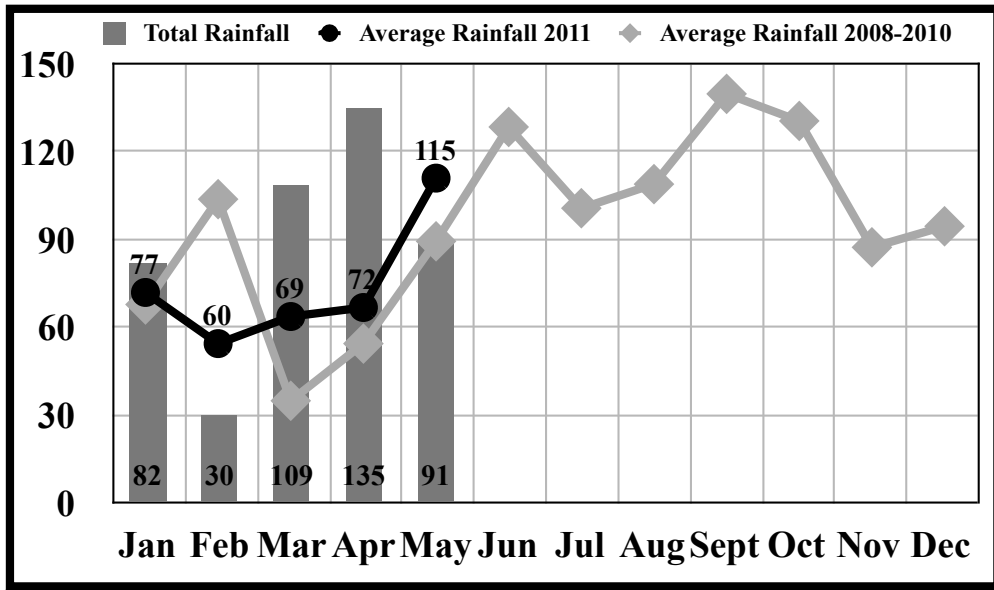
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Ashhurst Rainfall

90.8mm of rain fell in April 2011, below the average of 115 mm. Rain was recorded on 20 days with the highest one day rainfall

of 23mm on the 15th May. Total rainfall to the 31st May is 448.15mm. This is above the average of 393mm.

Margaret Pemberton



In the Garden with SuperGrans

Unseasonably warm weather creates all sorts of questions about what is possible in the garden. Traditionally I would only plant in July for the routine of planting each month but now I am more enthused to put a few more things in. Growth will continue to be slow until the days start to lengthen again. It's still worth getting some garlic, shallots, broad beans, and green manure crops in. Winter tolerant plants include brassicas such as broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, silverbeet, lettuce, spring onions, corn salad, mizuna, miners lettuce and arugula.

A few pests and diseases emerge in the cooler months. Many gardens I have looked at have slugs and snails and some disease particularly around the base of lettuce. Both these plant effects are more likely in wet conditions. First, ensure good drainage with raised beds. Second, ensure the vegetables are well weeded. This will lessen moisture and create better air flow around the plants.

Slugs and snails love debris so in winter it is particularly important to keep the

garden clean and tidy. Lastly a few control measures may be necessary. For the lettuce I wouldn't consider a spray but just pick off the diseased leaves. For slugs and snails there are many remedies that are offered such as sand and eggshells around plants. I have had little success with these. Containers of beer (or yeast and honey) can attract a few drunkard slugs and snails. Animal biscuits are pretty good in a container but you will need to collect the snails as they are not killed. I have found some success with lime around the plants. There are a number of controls to purchase. Look at the ingredients as some are less toxic than others. For example iron chelates and ammonium sulphate are far less toxic than Metaldehyde.

Winter is also a great time to put in new trees and there are lots of variety out there, especially heritage fruits. Make sure the hole you dig is bigger than the roots. There are lots of options for large and small gardens including dwarf trees that can be grown in pots. You can also keep a tree small, or espalier it along a wall, with judicious pruning.

Sian Cass and Llyvonne Barber

Te Manawa me Te Wairua

The group will meet Wednesday, 20th July at 7:30 p.m. in the Ashhurst Library. Our speaker is Anton Woollam on the topic of home-based energy generation and back-up sewage treatment. All welcome



Ashhurst Scottish Country Dance Club

Meets Wednesday from 7pm to 10pm at the Whakarongo Hall, Stoney Creek Road, March to November. All Welcome. Weekly door charge: \$3 Annual subscription: \$15 Contact: Anne 357 1832, Gae: 357 6564



Ashhurst and District Senior Citizens Association Inc

Meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall, Bamfield Street, at 2pm. We invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and entertainment. Contact: Rosemary Pinkney, 326 8590



Ashhurst Memorial RSA

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Pippins, Brownies and Guides

The Pippin/Brownie Unit, is for girls aged 5-10, and meets 5.30-7pm, in the St Magdalines Church Hall in Cambridge Ave.

The Guide Unit, for girls aged 10-14, meets 7pm-8.30pm at the same venue. Contact Kat Laird, 355 5201



Ashhurst Plunket Coffee Group

Contact Liz Jessup - Phone: 358 9201.



Before School Checklist

Before School Checklist for 4-4 1/2 years growth development and hearing check. Contact Jackie or Barbara, 357 4844



Kids in Motion!

A preschool music & movement session. Every Friday during the school term. 9.45am Village Valley Centre. Gold coin donation. Come along & have some FUN! Contact: Anne Tankersley, 326 9034

To Mozambique and Home Again

My name is Jono. I live in Ashhurst (sometimes) but I work in Mozambique, for a French Non Government Organisation called Handicap International in a project involved with the clearance of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (or ERW). Mozambique is situated on the east coast of Africa and is bordered by Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Mozambique has suffered through two wars; the War of Independence (from Portugal) from 1964 to 1975 and then a civil war which lasted from 1977 until 1992. As a result of both wars, Mozambique was left with approximately 12 million square metres of land suspected of contamination by landmines and ERW. These items cause huge problems by denying the population access to basic things such as water, schools and land for farming and grazing animals.

What we do is known throughout the world as "demining", which means that we are involved in removing the threat of landmines and ERW from suspected areas

which in turn allows the contaminated land to be released back to the affected communities (once cleared, of course).

I am the Chief of Operations, which means I am responsible for all operational aspects of the project. We have eight demining teams in the field, with each team totalling around 20 people including drivers, a medic, a cook and of course the actual "Deminers", who find and clear the mines. In case you're wondering, the teams have to have a cook as they conduct all their work in the bush – no "Maccas" or KFC in the jungle I'm afraid, folks!

We also use explosive detection dogs who are specially trained to literally sniff out mines or ERW. We also have three special machines to clear vegetation in order to make the deminer's job easier. To top all that off we also have logistics and administrative support.

The hardest job in the project is the deminers'. These guys and girls spend their working day in body armour (similar to what you see in the movies) in temperatures up to 38 degrees, on their knees most of the time with metal detectors and working very, very slowly and carefully. Once they find a mine or item of ERW, it is partially uncovered and then blown up where it lies, with explosives. Not only do the deminers have to put up with the heat and terrain, but also the likes of snakes, scorpions and other nasty creepy crawlies as well as the ever present hazard of malaria.

As for me, out of 365 days a year I spend 315 in Mozambique. What time I have on holiday is spent in New Zealand with my family, back here in little old Ashhurst. Believe me folks, there's no place like home!

Jono Johnson

Ashhurst Model Railway Group

Recently Phillips Models of Ashhurst opened its studio to locals to create a model railway layout for the community.

The layout project gives local enthusiasts the opportunity to work in the creation of a model railway. The concept is to encourage local modellers, or those interested in model railways, to participate in the joys of the hobby. Socialisation with those keen on railways is also part of the joy of getting like minds together in the area. Often we learn more by doing things and working with experienced modellers than we can from a book or magazines and a community project encourages this interaction.

The project will create a 16 metre railway layout based on the English Southern

Railway in the late 1940s however the track will run any models in 00/H0 gauge. Phillips Models are generously providing rolling stock, equipment, track, its own scenic models, digital control systems, the material to build the base boards and space for it to operate in. Modellers will be encouraged to bring along their own trains and are welcome to run them on the layout as well.

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Music Marathon Review

Hi everyone, after a couple of months of preparation, many phone calls and emails later the 28th of May saw a music marathon happen at the local Ashhurst Inn. Just about every genre of music was represented during the 12 hours of music and fun with performers ranging from 10years up to 50 plus. We had a couple of pullouts at the last moment but thanks to some fine local talents the show went on.

A big thank-you to all musos, especially the local talent - too numerous to name, and those who attended. Also thanks to Wayne Olysmas, Clint Bremmner, Wayne Higgison, Phil Stevens, Doug Wilson, for the gear provided for all to play. Thanks to the Inn for the venue.

If you enjoyed the show please email feral@inspire.net.nz and let me know if you would like to do another. We raised \$169.00 for OZNAM house, thanks

Grant

Ashhurst Pohangina Lions

The Ashhurst Pohangina Lions meet every second Thursday of the month at the RSA Clubrooms at 6.30pm.

This upmarket and friendly Lions Club is community oriented.

Contact Tom Shannon, Phone: 326 8628

Greg Brown, Phone: 326 8102

Bus Services From Ashhurst to Palmerston North

Time	Day	Pick Up Point	Operator	Fare	Arrives PN
8.00am	MTWTF--	Service Station Napier Rd	Rose Coachlines Ph 3746654/0274354919	Contact service provider direct	8.15am Main St
10.40am	-TWTF--	Service Station Napier Rd	Transit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	11.00am Main St
10.25am	M-WTF-S	Service Station Napier Rd	Intercity Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	10.40am Main St (on to Pitt St)
10.35am	-T-T---	Plunket Rooms Cambridge Ave	Tranzit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	\$3 per Adult \$1.50 per Child	10.55am Main St via Terrace End
1.30pm	MTWTFSS	Service Station Napier Rd	Intercity Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	1.50pm Main St (on to Pitt St)
2.40pm	-T-T---	Plunket Rooms Cambridge Ave	Tranzit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	\$3 per Adult \$1.50 per Child	3.00pm Main St
3.35pm	MTWTFSS	Service Station Napier Road	Naked Bus (ex Bay Express)	Contact service provider direct	3.55pm The Square
5.45pm	----F-S	Service Station Napier Road	Tranzit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	6.05pm Main St

Bus Services From Pamerston North to Ashhurst

Time	Day	Pick Up Point	Operator	Fare	Arrives Ashhurst
10.00am	MTWTFSS	Cnr Pitt/Main St	Intercity Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	10.20am Service Station Napier Rd
10.00am	MTWTFSS	The Square	Naked Bus (ex Bay Express)	Contact service provider direct	10.20am Service Station Napier Rd
2.20pm	-T-T---	Main St Terminal	Transit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	\$3 per Adult \$1.50 per Child	2.40pm Plunket Rooms Cambridge Ave
3.20pm	-TWTF--	Main St Terminal	Transit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	3.40pm Plunket Rooms Cambridge Ave
3.45pm	MTWTF--	Main St Terminal	Rose Coachlines Ph 3746654/0274354919	Contact service provider direct	4.05pm Service Station Napier Rd
4.45pm	MTWTFSS	Cnr Pitt/Main St	Intercity Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	5.05pm Service Station Napier Rd
7.15pm	----F-S	Cnr Pitt/Main St Main St Terminal	Transit Coachlines Ph 3555633 (option 2)	Contact service provider direct	7.35pm Service Station Napier Rd

Schedules are subject to change and availability and arrival times are approximate. For more information contact the service providers. Naked Bus Phone 0900 62533. Seats can also be booked via Palmerston North iSite 06 350 1922 - payment upon booking.

Ashhurst Christian Fellowship

Meet in the Village Valley Centre each Sunday at 10am. All welcome.
Contact: Richard Tankersley, 326 9034 or 326 8446. www.act.org.nz



Anglican Parish of Pohangina

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashhurst
10am every Sunday; 9am every Thursday;
8am First Sunday of the month.

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako
10am 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7pm 3rd Sunday

Messy Church

St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Ashhurst, 4pm on the second Sunday of the Month, including a meal.

Contact Rev Julia Budd, 3549574

Email: budds@xtra.co.nz

www.parishofpohangina.net



Ashhurst Foodbank

Open 2-3pm every Thursday.
Methodist Church, Bamfield Street, Ashhurst. Eddie Chapman, Convenor.

Ashhurst Police

We have probably had one of the best Summers and Autumns out here as far as criminal activity goes (or lack of it) for a long time. Our local roads were safe with no fatalities which is very pleasing and it means that you are all still here safe and hopefully well.

Unfortunately we had a very big problem in the last 4 - 5 weeks with someone breaking into vehicles in and around the Domain but mostly at the Manawatu Gorge Walk Car Park. The good news is that with some help from members of the community/public, we were able to identify the person responsible and have charged him with 15 separate thefts.

This person was not from Ashhurst but had been staying here for the last six weeks. It has been very satisfying returning some of the property back to the rightful owners and we greatly appreciated the help from the public. This re enforces the important role that you all have out here and shows

what good results can be achieved when we work together.

On a similar note, we have found two willing people to take on the role of Neighbourhood Support Coordinators and are working at getting the local network up and running again in Ashhurst. Once a bit of housekeeping has been sorted through, we will hold a local meeting and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

We held a meeting recently at the Highland Home for Valley residents which went very well. We had a great turnout which shows the fantastic support you have for each other up there. We have also found a willing person to carry on the role in the Pohangina Village as well and we look forward to having a meeting up there in the near future too.

In the meantime, stay safe and we will see you all soon.

Regards

Darrell & Mark

Changes at the Ashhurst Transfer Station

The Palmerston North City Council would like to advise those people using the Ashhurst Transfer Station in Mulgrave Street that the payment options have changed.

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Paddy Clifford, Chief Executive

22 June 2011

TASC Force Update

I think we've just had the most complex sporting event requiring traffic management ever held in Ashhurst during the running of Bike Manawatu Inaugural "Manawatu Schools Cycling Championship" held on Sunday, 19 June.

If you ventured down you would have witnessed over 100 of the region's top school age sports cyclists racing around the Village Valley Centre streets encapsulated by 400 road marking cones.

Thank you to all the retailers on Cambridge Avenue for their support of the Champs which we plan to become an annual event. Thank you to all considerate motorists who drove sensibly through the narrowed lanes, and to onlookers who crossed over the controlled pedestrian crossing and not through cones.

There were three events on the Sunday. A 3.2km hillclimb from top of The Terrace to the "Red Woolshed", a 10.2km Time Trial out Pohangina Valley road and back, and the very exciting Criterium around VVC.

For a full cover of results please go to BikeManawatu website, but here's a brief of the local kids who did well.

Grace Castle won all 3 events and overall GC (General Classification) and Kate Lewis was 3rd in GC in Yr7/8 Girls. Cody Simpson was 2nd in 3 events and 2nd GC in yr 7/8 Boys.

Michaela Drummond won all 3 events and overall GC, and Britteny Baker was 3rd in all events and 3rd GC.

Jordan Castle was 3rd in GC U17 Boys. Miguel Dib was GC U19 Boys.

So out of 8 possible GC winners we ended up with 3 from our awesome little town

of Ashhurst. A special thank you to Marc Winterburn and Mike Simpson for their tireless efforts laying out traffic equipment, and to Anne Redgrave for supporting the event officials, and to Sidney at Café Fusion for keeping the coffees rolling out the door.

22 May a bunch of kids rode at the Sunday morning schools ride and then headed off to Santoft Forest for Race 1 of the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club Winter Series. It was wet! All had a good time and best placed was Britteny Baker who won U15 girls..

A correction to last update – Kelly Looner was part of the silver Medal team at Moonride, not Lani Ainsworth

During the month of July there are two fund raising activities the kids may tap you on the shoulder for, and we hope you will support our cause. The fund raising is to buy a series of stationary trainers for the kids to use for training and warming up before events and for group spin sessions on rainy days etc. The first event is an overnight event held at Rugby Clubrooms where the kids (and any older riders...) will ride on trainers and rollers. The event will start at 6pm. All bikes will have distance computers and we ask you to sponsor the kids ...\$/km for the distance they actually ride.

The second activity will run from 2- 24 July. Every morning between 6-8am many of the kids arrive at a certain garage for breakfast and ride stationary bikes (on borrowed trainers) for two hours before school. We estimate some of the kids may ride in excess of 1000km over the 3 weeks..... !!!!!

These kids are outstanding and are having fun, so please be generous and help us prepare them for the NZ champs in October.

Ross Castle

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19th July

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26th July



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The next closing date for Community Fund applications is 20 September, 2011.

For more information on the Community Fund, or for an application form, please visit www.meridian.co.nz or email community.fund@meridianenergy.co.nz You can also call us on 03 357 9732.

Ashhurst Ukulele Orchestra

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For info please phone Jane: 326 8223



Ashhurst Indoor Bowling Club

The Indoor Bowling Club meets every Thursday from 7.30pm at the Village Valley Centre.

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RECAP Community Database Project

In this article, I share some of what I've learnt through working on a database project for RECAP (www.recap.org.nz). It has been an immense privilege to witness the many groups led by passionate individuals with a deep sense of caring and community. With community use, this database can help further strengthen relationships and enable people to learn about the wonderful opportunities that exist for all ages in Ashhurst and the Pohangina Valley. When and if we are faced with a natural disaster or some other challenge beyond our control, then familiar knowledge of community support systems will help us be resilient.

So far, I have been in contact with over 70 groups, and over 50 have provided information about their particular club, group or organisation's activities, contact information, and volunteer opportunities. This information will soon be accessible online. Below is a sampler.

Ashhurst Girl Guides: Kat Laird, District Coordinator for the newly reformed Guides, shared that 38 girls turned up for their first gathering! Kat is looking forward to using the online RECAP database to seek volunteer leaders and resources.

Ashhurst Community Pool: President Joanne Doyle says the pool has just been successful in a grant application for a new feature that will appear in the near future. Joanne told me the database is perfect timing as they would like to advertise events online. They had been looking at

setting up their own web site but costs were prohibitive.

The Women's Institute: This world-wide organisation is the biggest women's organisation in NZ. Yvonne Osborne, Secretary of the Ashhurst branch, invited me to their annual coffee morning to raise money for a charity, this year for Christchurch. There I met about 30 of the most inspiring and dynamic women and listened to guest speaker Mary Bowling give a down to earth account of her two weeks in Christchurch helping earthquake victims as part of the Salvation Army team. I came away not only with a new perspective on the importance of community in time of disaster but with my arms full of home grown produce, preserves and baking.

Ashhurst Domain Tree Trail: This is the 'brain-child' of Ken Pratt, Caretaker of the Domain, and of Bob Sproull, Ashhurst Park Coordinator. It involves walking a trail of between 1-2km through native bush with some trees named and others numbered. The challenge is to name the numbered native trees. Maps of the trail and copies of the quiz sheet can be downloaded from www.pncc.govt.nz or picked up from the Domain Office: phone 3268203.

Manawatu Gorge Biodiversity Project: I could not help but be affected by the contagious enthusiasm of representatives Neil Mickleson & Margaret Metcalfe for this project, which includes a proposal to link the Domain with the Gorge via walking and cycling access across the railway bridge and also via a 'clip-on' on the main

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bridge. Additionally, the Living Legends Community Conservation Project will provide opportunities for local individuals, groups or businesses to become involved in the Gorge. Read about World Cup conservation events at www.Livinglegends.co.nz.

Emergency response organisations: In addition to sharing their activities, various

groups have provided information about resources they can access in emergencies. Ashhurst police Mark Glenworth and Darrell Cowan have provided positive feedback about the proactive nature of this project, and they have also suggested this information can help the Ashhurst Pohangina Emergency Management Group to assist in planning for any natural disaster.

Liz Besley and Sharon Stevens

Ashhurst Pohangina Junior Rugby

All of our four junior teams have made solid starts to the 2011 season. While there may have been one or two lopsided results on the scoreboard, the early signs are that the players are progressing well in their development of skills and team play.

A major factor in that rate of development has been the professional manner in which all of our junior coaches are running their team training sessions this year. Some of the rugby on display is as good as you would see anywhere and the players and coaches are to be congratulated on the continued rise in skill levels.

Our junior club was lucky enough to be invited to watch the Hurricanes practice at FMG Stadium prior to their game against the Western Force in Palmerston North a few weeks ago. Thank you to all those parents who provided transport for the children to attend. The majority of the junior club attended and an enjoyable time was had watching the practice and then getting autographs from the players

afterwards. The childrens foreheads were a novel item to be autographed.

We welcome Dave Treder to the junior committee. Dave is also the coach of our Under 10's junior rugby team so comes with a passion for the sport and dedication to our children. On Saturday, 25th June we have our Club day where all the teams including the senior teams play at home. It is a chance for us to show what a great club and facilities we have.

We have recently received sponsorship from Ashhurst Engineering and the Ashhurst Four Square Discounter which has allowed us to provide a \$5 Player of the Day Voucher for each of our four junior teams each week. Thank you to these businesses for your support it is very much appreciated by the children and the club.

For further information regarding this club please contact the Junior Convenor, Pete Fowell Ph 326 7430 or 021 616 436 or e-mail fowellinthecoop@inspire.net.nz

Gill Hoskins

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Deadline for articles and advertising submissions for the next edition is: **Wednesday, 20th of July 2011.**

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

Cr Duncan McCann

Greetings everyone.

It was great to see such a well attended Council Community meeting in June. A lively discussion covered many topics but none more relevant than aspects of the Draft Animals and Bees By-Law. There was much support for amending the proposed Stock in Urban Areas (clause 6) which denotes that no stock should be within fifty metres of property boundaries. Many of us see this as an oversight that does not adequately take into account the intricately woven rural residential layout and 'feel' that makes Ashhurst different to the city.

Also creating a buzz was bee-keeping (clause 12) which, again was considered to be lacking in foresight with regard to the impact on the rural residential sector.

Cr Bruce Wilson

Hello, Village Voice readers. NIWA was in the news at the end of May telling us how much warmer it had been. Also wet, with a shower of rain on lots of days, but only an average amount of rain for that month. Thank goodness – the ground was wet enough at the end of May, and June delivered plenty more. I'm routinely finishing my morning run with the street lights still on, but the shortest day for the year will have passed when you read this, and so we're on the way towards spring.

Two days of debate at the end of May produced about 20 changes to programmes listed in the Draft Annual Plan. Some things came out; some other things (which had been shown as 'not included') got allocated funds, and yet others had the number of dollars changed. Two items in Ashhurst which were not altered during this debate were the financial support for the Ashhurst pool, and the walkway off the end of Mulgrave Street. Nothing is absolutely certain until after the final vote in the rates-setting process on 22nd June, (a few days hence as I write this) so the final budget and increase in rates will have been published by the time you read this.

The Community Meeting in Ashhurst on 7th June was well attended. There was a vigorous discussion about the proposed

There are also concerns about the wider impact of lack of bee pollination. This is a real issue to all of us in the local food-chain.

Additionally discussed at the meeting was the Residential Growth Strategy. Once more, valuable local knowledge was imparted about real 'on the ground' issues that could affect and influence future growth decisions.

If you have some input for either the Draft Animals and Bees By-Law or the Ashhurst Residential Growth Strategy then please make a submission to support your views. If there's something you'd like to discuss in person please always feel free to call me on 3568199 or (021) 357 704 or email me at duncanmccann@ashhurst-fitzherbert.org.nz

revision of the Animals and Bees Bylaw, particularly in respect of the several items which seem to ignore the realities of life in Ashhurst. I expect that some forthright submissions will arrive at Council from Ashhurst residents by the deadline (7th July) and hope that some useful adjustments can be made. This is what the consultation process is all about. The Ashhurst Residential Growth Consultation document, and the six possible areas for development, was also discussed. Many sensible comments were noted by the City Planner.

May committee meetings included several items connected with road safety – Walding Street (which has a Coroner's recommendation for unspecified improvements), Railway Road, and some parking matters. The meetings decided that the proposals were not yet ready for implementation, so they were sent away for further refinement. Along with a number of other councillors, I spent a Friday evening (10pm – 2.30am) with Police on patrol in the city to look at other aspects of community safety.

There is a link on the front page of the Council's website (www.pncc.govt.nz), so that you can see responses to issues raised at the community meetings. Go to <http://www.pncc.govt.nz/YourCouncil/CouncilActivities/CouncilMeetings> and select the period you wish to see.



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