



# Ashhurst Village Voice

## *Informing the Ashhurst & Pohangina Communities*

June 2011

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### Barn Dance

The Village Valley Centre was pretty much full on the 7th May as friends, family and supporters of Ashhurst Scout Group put on their dancing shoes and leapt, pirouetted and spun to The Battered Hats, who were ably supported by local band Lookout Joe.

Barn dances may seem a bit old fashioned to some but the chance to get together and share some time at a family orientated event doesn't present itself too often and this really was family orientated with several families bringing three generations together on the dance floor. Judging from the smiles and laughter they had a great evening.

Thanks go to the Scout leaders and the team who put it all together, nice to see

so many hands making light work and a special thank you to Craig O'Leary, The Ashhurst Music Festival and a couple of anonymous donators who provided \$500 of sponsorship which reduced the outgoings considerably and to Ashhurst Engineering and Fusion Cafe for spot prizes.

Thanks also to the parents who provided grocery items for the raffle, which was won by Mike Tate of Lookout Joe.

Overall the event swelled the coffers of the Scout Group by almost \$1100, an amazing response from the community. Thank you, this will enable the team to purchase much needed equipment for the Cubs and Scouts.

*Doug Wilson*



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### Council Community Meetings

7.30pm Anglican Church Hall

Tuesday, 7th June 2011

Tuesday, 2nd August 2011

Tuesday, 8th November 2011

**July Issue Submission Deadline**  
Monday, 20th June

## From the Editor

You may have noticed that this issue is smaller than usual. This is due to the lack of articles submitted for this month's issue.

The Ashhurst Village Voice is run by volunteers as are the contributors. Slowly these have dwindled down and we are looking for new writers. Would you be interested?

It's not as difficult as it may seem. Most articles are about 200-400 words. Once you start writing you reach that figure quite quickly. I distinctly remember saying that I would not be writing any articles when I first took on the role as Editor. That view, as you have seen, has changed.

In Ashhurst we have many community groups, sports groups and other recreational groups. We would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have a unique view of the world and would like to volunteer to write a regular column. Please think about it.

If you would like to discuss the options please email me at ashhurst.voice@gmail.com, or ring me on 326 8066. Children are welcome to write articles as well, although please check with your parents first.

**Llyvonne Barber**



## Ashhurst Library

Hi all,

With the cooler days it sure is good to know the library is well heated and a very cosy place to spend time enjoying browsing through the collection. It is always a challenge to keep the collection 'fresh' and you may have noticed that Tuesdays I am absent from our branch library. This is my day to work from the Central branch to choose new books both from their collection and also from the local bookshops. If you have any suggestions for purchase or topics of interest please let me know as I value your input.

### Diorama Competition – Central Branch

As part of the NZ Post Awards Festival the Children's Team at the Central Branch organised a Diorama competition where children were invited to submit entries based on their favourite book. Prize giving was held Weds 18th May and I'd like to congratulate Aimee Killgour who was awarded 'highly recommended' in the 9+ age group.

### Stories@6

Last Friday of each month for an interactive story session with hot chocolate.

Dates: 27th 24th June, 29th July, 26th August, 30 Sept.

### Jumping Jellybeans

Come and join us for a fun time of stories, crafts and music. Fortnightly on Thursdays at 10.30am, term time.

Dates: 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June and July 14th.

### In the Garden

As described for the May edition it's time to plant garlic, broad beans, and green manure crops also shallots; and you can get away with some of the winter tolerant plants. Winter tolerant plants include brassicas such as broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, silverbeet, lettuce, spring onions, corn salad, mizuna, miners lettuce and arugula. If you do choose to plant seed direct outside it will be important to provide some warmth from a plastic or glass cloche.

Two key factors are missing over the next few months' day length providing sufficient light and warm temperatures. It is difficult to add light to a garden other

### Colouring Competition Winners

As mentioned last month our colouring competition "Design a tee" was a great success and congratulations to the children who won awards. A big thank you to our judges, Darrell and Mark our local police men. Choosing winners is never easy and their support is much appreciated. Unfortunately they were unable to make prize giving as they were called out so the children had to make do with me presenting their awards.

#### Ages 0-5 years

- 1st Abbi Killgour
- 2nd Adelle Ballantyne
- 3rd Anna Poyzer

#### Ages 6-9 years

- 1st Emily Killgour
- 2nd Tayla Barratt
- 3rd Khairene Harris

#### Ages over 10 years

- 1st Paige Morgan
- 2nd Oscar Atkinson
- 3rd Jessica May

### Branch Hours

Just a reminder that we are back to winter hours so the library now closes at 5pm on Friday nights. We are open Saturday mornings 10am-1pm.

*Anyone who says they have only one life to live must not know how to read a book.*

*Author Unknown*

Keep well and I look forward to catching up again soon.

**Rebecca Smith**

**Ashhurst Branch Librarian**

than considering some reflective materials. Warmth can be improved with the use of a cloche. Nutrients can't move into the plant without sufficient warmth that moves water through the plant. So don't get too enthused about planting too much at this time of year as little growth will occur until the days become longer.

May and June are good months to divide old strawberry and rhubarb plants. After about three years of growth it is a good idea to dig up your plants. Discard the oldest part of the plant and trim dead and diseased parts. Refresh the ground with some compost and fertiliser then replant the younger plantlets of a strawberry and divisions from rhubarb.

**Sian Cass**

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## Council Corner

In City Council affairs it seems that as one set of consultation closes another one opens. The past month saw the back of annual plan submissions with some people taking the opportunity to talk to councillors directly.

The recent meetings in Ashhurst about the proposed revision to the dog policy attracted dozens of local residents. Council officers and dog owners shared information and opinions. We suspect that submissions will defer some of the changes being suggested, which would limit off leash areas for dogs.

Consultation on Ashhurst's residential growth options is currently in process with a deadline of 24th June. Information documents are available from the Ashhurst Library or the City Council. An information open day will also be held at the Village Valley Centre on 13 June from 3pm to 7pm. There are 6 possible growth options listed. Two are on Harrisons Line/Mulgrave Street area, another on the top terrace of Wyndham Street. Closer to the village are the Oxford Street/North Street/Wyndham Street block and another behind existing houses on Winchester Street. The Manawatu District side of North St

provides the final option. The submission document asks a range of other questions and wants your opinion on zone changes and other possibilities which may exist.

Parallel to this is the planning being done regarding boundary changes between Manawatu District and Palmerston North City. While much of the publicity has been about the changes to the Bunnythorpe area, an extension of Ashhurst also looks likely. The proposed boundary change would move the border from North Street up the valley to include property boundaries and Davis Road. Land south of the Saddle Road is also proposed for change from Manawatu District to PNCC. Details on this project can be found at [www.abcproject.co.nz](http://www.abcproject.co.nz) and consultation is expected in July or August.

The Autumn to Winter change brings leaves, rain and clogged drains. Please help to keep these clear or let the council know via their help desk if the job needs their attention.

An update about the Cambridge Avenue Reserve, which was renamed as the Whitten Reserve by a decision of council.

**Harvey Jones**

## Ashhurst School

Term 2 has got off to a busy start. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to both inside and outside of the classroom. Over the next few week classes are due to conclude their Inquiry, which has been centred around 'Walking in my Shoes'. There has been some excellent inquiries take place across the school and we look forward to sharing these.

We had our Book Week last week which was a huge success. A big thank you to Sue Bird for her wonderful organisation and Paula Trownson for her excellent work too. Ryan Wiesenburg, the Jets Basketball coach, came to the dress up parade, and did a great job of judging as well as passing on valuable messages to our children about the importance of reading.

Training is well underway for our school cross country. The 500 metre lime based

fitness track is proving to be a great way for children to monitor their own progress. We look forward also to hosting the Manawatu Inter-school Year 7 & 8 Cross Country at the Domain in June.

Our Year 8 children are heading to Wellington for the National Young Leaders day next week. This will be a very worthwhile venture for these children and I am sure they will all get something out of it.

In mid-June we have the Education Review Office (ERO) coming to the school. We look forward to this and I am confident they will have a lot of good things to say about our learning environment.

**Nick Reed**  
**Principal**

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## 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

## 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 in the same venue. Contact Kat Laird, 355 5201

## Kids in Motion!

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## 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](mailto:budds@xtra.co.nz)  
[www.parishofpohangina.net](http://www.parishofpohangina.net)



## Ashhurst Foodbank

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



## Ashhurst Budgeting Service

Operates from St Mary Magdalene  
Anglican Church, 67 Cambridge Avenue,  
Ashhurst. Hours: Thursday, 10am to 2pm  
For an appointment phone: 358 2279  
For cell phones: 0800 228 343

## Te Manawa me Te Wairua

RECAP's sharing and discussion group will next meet on Wednesday, 15 June, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ashhurst Library meeting room accessed through the gate beside the library. All welcome.

Te Manawa me Te Wairua is a supportive community space for discussing the day-to-day challenges and joys of building sustainable lives amidst the complexity of contemporary society.

The format for group meetings includes time for anyone who wishes to do so to share desires, hopes, challenges, and successes

## Draft Dog Control Policy Feedback

Recently, we held two meetings to discuss these proposals, attended by about 45 people, including Council Officers and Counsellor Duncan McCann.

Concerning the proposed prohibition of dogs from the Camping Ground, Council Officers advised that this proposal was added to the document in response to a question raised by one City Counsellor, who asked why, given that the Palmerston North Holiday Park was a dog free zone, the Ashhurst Camping Ground should be any different. It was pointed out firmly to the Council Staff (who are there to implement policy decided upon by City

## Ashhurst Free Health Clinic

The Ashhurst Free Health Clinic has a new day and time. It will now be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 9.30 to 12.30. Location is still at the Plunket rooms and no

related to living more sustainably (defined broadly), followed by a brief presentation from an invited speaker and time for open discussion. People are encouraged to come share their vision of a positive future for our village valley region in a mutually supportive, no-pens-and-paper, no-task-list environment.

Our June speaker is Tim Handley, who will present a discussion called, 'Don't let the turkey's get you down', a lighthearted view on dealing with everyday issues.

## Sharon Stevens & Tim Handley

Councillors) and to Councillor McCann that this was a nonsensical proposal, given that the path round the Domain runs right through the Camping Ground, and also that many campers, including people here for dog shows, specifically come here because they can bring their dogs.

Strong representations were also made that the area leading from the Railway Bridge down to the Kennel Club field, and on to the corner of the Domain, which has recently been declared a dogs 'on lead' area should be an 'off lead' area unless there is a dog show on or if there is stock grazing there.

## Ric Foxley

appointment is required for general health checks.

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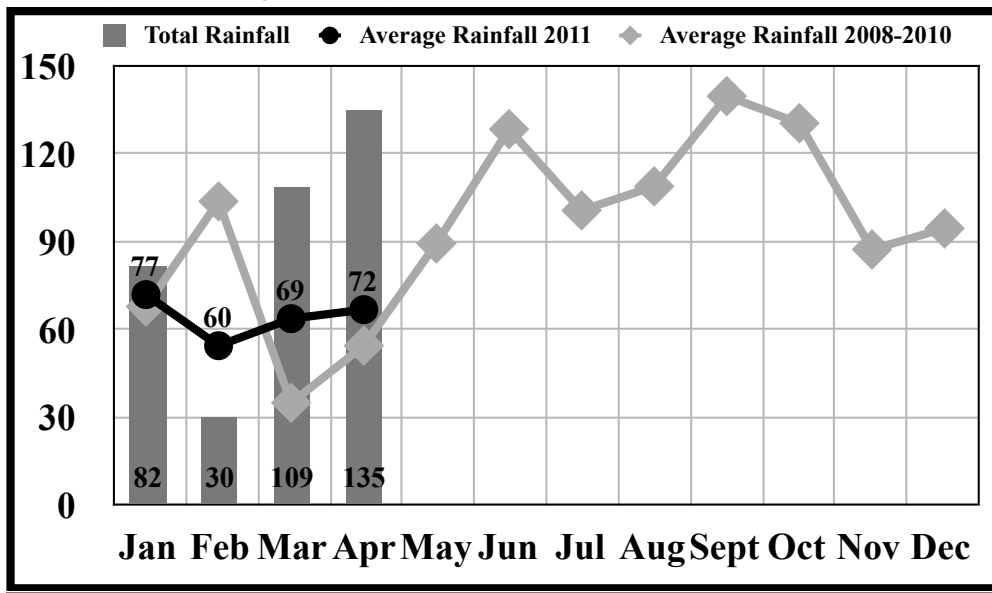
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## Ashhurst Rainfall

135mm of rain fell in April 2011, above the average of 72 mm. Rain was recorded on 13 days with the highest on day rainfall

of 32mm on the 25th April.  
Total rainfall to the 30th April is 357.35mm.  
This is above the average of 278mm.

**Margaret Pemberton**



## Pohangina Wild Food Feast

Fancy a bit of Venison? How about Duck? Or Rabbit? Well you could find yourself munching a selection of tasty game courtesy of Awahou School.

On the 25th June at Camp Rangī Woods Awahou School are hosting their Wild Food Feast with special guest Davey Hughes, founder of Swazi, who will no doubt have a few interesting tales to tell about his travels and the world of Swazi clothing.

Tickets are limited to 120 and all proceeds from the evening are going towards the new fitness track that the school wishes to

construct.

For tickets and further information contact the School on 06 329 4844. Details are also on [www.eventfinder.co.nz](http://www.eventfinder.co.nz) and Facebook. Tickets are also available from Fusion Cafe.

Tickets are priced at \$40. Doors open at 5.30 pm and it's expected that food will be served around 6.30 pm. Bar facilities will be available along with raffles, spot prizes and an auction, so you had better fill your wallet or purse with cash.

**Doug Wilson**

## 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

74 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst  
Phone: 326 8296  
Opening Hours  
Monday to Thursday 4pm - 7.30pm  
Friday 4pm - 12 midnight  
Saturday 11am - 7.30pm

## 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

## Ashhurst Ukulele Orchestra

Come along and enjoy the fun!  
We are playing alternate Sunday afternoons, in Ashhurst.  
If you are a beginner, lessons are available.

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.

New members are welcome to the game and if you have not played before, we have coaching available. We invite secondary school students to come along and enjoy this fun and challenging game.

Contact Jill: 326 8778



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## Quiz Night at the Pohangina Hall

Quiz night will be held on Saturday, 30th July at the Pohangina Hall. Jeff Huston will be quizmaster. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. There will be raffles and prizes available and supper will be provided. Please bring your own drinks.

There is a cost of \$30 per team, with up to

6 members per team. There is a maximum of 20 teams, so please register early.

To register, provide your team name, team leader and contact details to either Raewyn Searle (329 4739) or Anna Huston (329 4199) by Wednesday, 20th July.

Registration forms will be in the rural mail soon.

**Gordon Pilone**

## TASC Force Report

Wow! What a media frenzy first half of the year focused on cycling.

At this stage it is disappointing not to be preferred city for the Velodrome funded by SPARC, however we may still get the Cycling Centre of Excellence, and possibly a locally funded facility.

The previous article from the TASC Force was in January, and in this issue we'll briefly cover some of the more significant events and achievements our amazing kids have participated in since then.

February 12 and 13 Michaela Drummond won four medals, including two golds, at the West Coast North Island (Taranaki to Wellington – 14 clubs) Track Cycling Champs in Wanganui.

Feb 26 and 27 Ultimo 2 Day Junior Tour of Central Hawkes Bay. Michaela Drummond was best placed with 2nd Placing in U15 Girls. This event was also the first big outing for the new crop of kids from year 7 and 8. Some of them found out they needed to do a few more kms to get their fitness up. The same weekend Britteny

Baker rode in the NZ Secondary School Mountainbike Champs for a 4th placing U15 Girls after completing the X-Country and Hillclimb, and deciding to pass on the very wet and slippery Downhill.

March 19 and 20 saw a bunch of kids head to Ohakune for the weekend and ride several tracks including one of the National Cycleways, The Old Coach Road. We did the proper thing - slow nature trail reading all the signs, doing the tunnel and viaduct bridge, villages, and so on and then raced like crazy back. Good fun. Recommend it AAAAA++.

April 9 and 10 WCNI Road Cycling Champs. Michaela won gold and Britteny gained silver in the U15 Girls Individual Time Trial and the Road Race. Miquel Dib placed 4th in the U19 Mens ITT and Silver in the Road Race.

April 15 to 24 was a big adventure up into the roads around Rotorua and Te Awamutu for the two Junior Tours that are part of a National Points series of 7 events,

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4 events in the North Island and 3 in South Island where each Islands elite riders for each age group compete.

21 kids headed off to Waikite Valley School for 6 days and then to Mt Pirongia Lodge for 4 days to compete in the events.

A total of 6 titles up for grabs U15, U17 and U19 for both boys and girls events.

Michaela Drummond continued her outstanding form by winning the Rotorua event U15 Girls, and Bronze in Te Awamutu.

Perhaps the most remarkable rider of the tour was the unfit Jordan Castle who suffered concussion for two months after a nasty Track accident in February, and who had only just started to ride again. After poor showings at Rotorua and a slow ITT at Te Awamutu, he startled everyone with a very gutsy ride in the 3rd stage race to hang with the lead peloton and finish 11th in a field of almost 70 riders. Britteny also seemed to get her mojo back after 6 months of rehab caused by a crash in late October 2010. Though she was not in the front bunch of riders, she managed to lead the second bunch in several times.

The other boys and girls had a wonderful time and though not up with the leaders yet, and most of them being the youngest by almost two years, they gained a lot of experience that will see them improve throughout the year.

May 1 Pukeora Forest 4hr Mtb Relay. Our kids rode really well with great results. Jordan Castle and Daniel Terpstra won

Secondary School Boys grade.

May 15 Manfield 6 Hr Road Race Relay. Unfortunately the weather wasn't the most favourable and the event was shortened to a 4hr Relay. The rain won on that day.

May 13 to 15 Moonride 24hr Mtb Relay Rotorua. Yeeehhaaaa!! Mud! Glorious Mud!!

Many thanks to Q Kayaks for their generous sponsorship for reduced entry fees, and to Truckstops for the use of their marvellously large and roomy Marquee. We had 4 teams entered. 2 x 12 Hr, and 2 x 24 Hr teams. The kids performed famously and deservedly were well placed amongst the 2000+ riders. Our 12/13 year old girls Britteny, Grace Castle, Siobhan McDonald, Jess Bird, Lani Ainsworth gained Silver in Open Women 24hr. They were pretty stuffed at the end, and slept well on Saturday night. The Young Gun boys improved a place from 2010 and also gained Silver in U17 12Hr. A fantastic event and a great weekend away topped off by a midnight swim at hot water river – Kerosene Creek.

There are heaps of other events not reported here, and hundreds of photos of the kids and events. Check out these two websites to keep track of what's going on with our high performance and fun chasing cycling team, from this great little village.

[www.sportsground.co.nz/tasc](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/tasc)  
and [facebook/tasc/team](https://facebook.com/tasc/team) ashhurst sports cycling

**Ross Castle**

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

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

## Cr Duncan McCann

Warm greetings to everyone, despite the short days and cooler weather.

Thank you to all the Village Voice readers who made submissions to the Draft Annual Plan. There was strong representation from the Ashhurst community on a range of issues. This range included submissions on issues that affect the Ashhurst community directly and those with a more general Palmerston North city focus. Submissions were received both in support of and against projects and budgets. In all, Council received over 300 submissions and groups submitted to Draft Annual Plan hearings over seven sessions. April and June will see the submissions discussed in depth around the council table before the Annual Plan is finalised.

I'd like to make special mention of the passionate and intelligent presentation to councillors by young Jordan Castle. Jordan presented a petition to accelerate the development of the bridal track.

Council matters over the last month have included the approval of the boundary alterations between Manawatu and Palmerston

North which adds an additional two areas to the Ashhurst-Fitzherbert Ward. I welcome our new constituents as part of our Ward and look forward to meeting them.

The Community Well-Being Committee met and discussed draft by-laws to be put out to public consultation. These include Traffic and Parking, Nuisance, and Speed Limit Bylaws. If you have a viewpoint on these issues I'd encourage you to make a submission.

The Ashhurst community meetings to discuss the Draft Dog Control By-Law included representation from a considerable number of dog owners. Council officers were present to hear views and take part in the discussion. I am thankful to Ric and Ken for giving me a tour of the problem areas in the Ashhurst Domain. It was useful to look at the current zoning and explore some practical and sensible options. I look forward to representing Ashhurst on this when the submissions close and are debated in council.

Hope to see you at the Council Community meeting on the 7th of June. Don't hesitate to contact me at any other time if there's something you'd like to discuss. I am always keen to hear and discuss your views

## Cr Bruce Wilson

Kia ora, Village Voice readers.

I guess that many of you will have been at a parade on Anzac Day. My own observance started with no rain at the Dawn Service in Ashhurst, continued in moderate rain at the Civic Parade in The Square at 9.30am, and concluded at the 11.30am Parade in the Village Valley Centre at Ashhurst, because rain made that a sensible choice. There were good attendances at all three services.

Were you among the 4500 people who visited Te Manawa on the re-opening weekend at the start of May? If you did visit you will almost certainly have been amazed by the displays in those areas that are now open for the public. Over the next few months the NZ Rugby Museum and the remaining display areas will be completed. There is no charge for entry, and the section for children had the first weekend's kids awestruck, and then 'into it'.

During May Council was quietly busy. Seven sessions of 2-hours (or longer) were devoted to hearing oral submissions on the Draft Annual Plan. About 50 people made an oral presentation (for themselves or for a group) out of the 300+ written submissions. Many useful ideas were presented by the people who came

to speak to the hearings group of Councillors. Two young men of the Ashhurst-Fitzherbert ward each made presentations about matters they felt strongly about. Both had done a great deal of preparation and each presented most impressively. Jordan Castle was one of these talented youngsters. Several Ashhurst adults also presented, and acquitted themselves well.

Councillors will have had to make decisions about what to commit money for, and what to cut from the budget, during meetings at the end of May. And after that process is completed by mid-June we'll all know what is happening to the 'rates bill' for the coming year.

The informal Community Meetings series continue in Ashhurst on 7th June. The location is the Anglican Church Hall starting at 7:30pm. At the 7th June meeting I expect that the Ashhurst Residential Growth Consultation will be a topic for discussion. We want plenty of feedback by the deadline on 24th June. You can see the details of the choices by collecting a copy from the Ashhurst Library or from the web at [www.pncc.govt.nz/YourCouncil/CouncilActivities/PublicConsultation](http://www.pncc.govt.nz/YourCouncil/CouncilActivities/PublicConsultation)

I intend to sit in the Ashhurst library on Saturday morning, 18th June from 10am until noon so that anyone who wishes to chat with me can do so without an appointment.



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