

POHANGINA VALLEY NEWSLETTER



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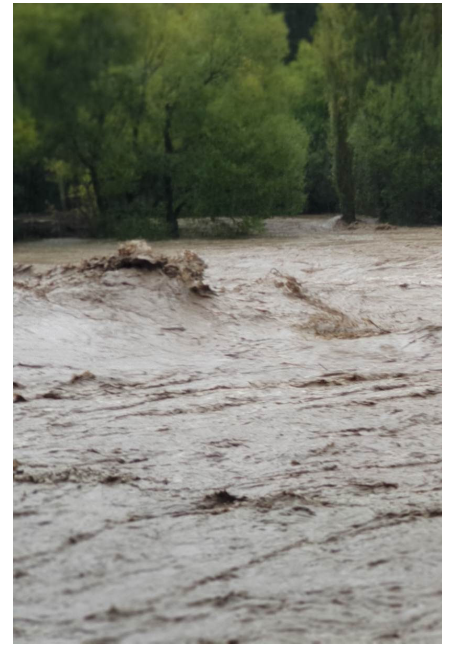
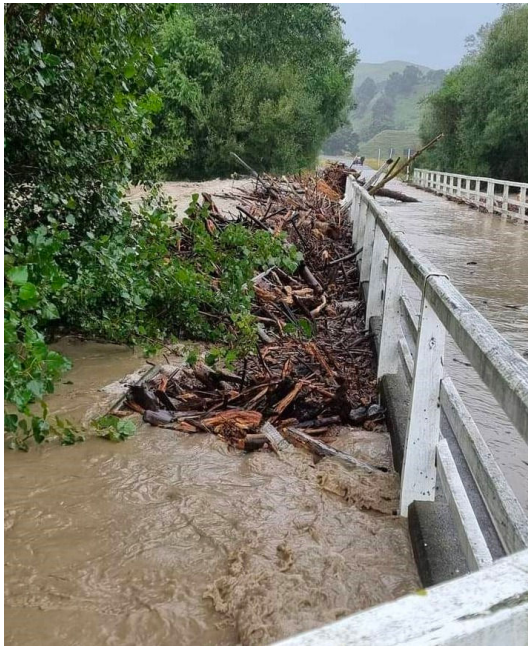
Council are working frantically to support the various communities throughout the district. Pohangina has a bit of damage.

What we want to know is your **Welfare and Health** concerns. Do you require medication equipment or help? If so, please email eoc.welfare@mdc.govt.nz now!

Online sites to follow:

- Metservice website: [Manawatu Weather Forecasts and Observations - MetService New Zealand](#)
- Horizon Regional updates: [Home - Horizons Regional Council](#)
- Horizons webcams: [Webcams - Horizons Regional Council](#)
- Manawatū District Council website: [Manawatū District Council \(mdc.govt.nz\)](http://mdc.govt.nz)
- Waka Kotahi website to monitor state highways: [Traffic map \(nzta.govt.nz\)](http://nzta.govt.nz)





Before



During



After

A significant amount of damage has been caused to the road network on both sides of Pohangina Valley. Council contractors are prioritising this area to open up roads and restore access for residents.

Raumai Bridge is open again and Pohangina Valley East Road is open from Pohangina Road as far as Konewa Bridge.

Pohangina Road is also open again as far as Pohangina Village.

The following roads and bridges remain closed.

Pohangina Valley East Road (the entire length north of Konewa Bridge)

Churchill Road (Churchill Road Bridge has been washed away)

Cole Creek/Makiekie Bridge (has been damaged by flooding)

Tunipo Road (due to slips)

Awahou South Road (due to a fallen tree)

Makoura Road between Pohangina Valley East Road and Āpiti is open to single lane only. (For latest update check [MDC website](#)).



CRICKET IN POHANGINA *By Jenny Coleman*

Following the revival of the East vs West cricket match, here's a little of our local cricketing history, gleaned from the pages of the National Library's Papers Past digital newspaper archive.

Judging from newspaper reports, it may have taken a few attempts to get a cricket club up and running in the Pohangina district. In January 1890, the Feilding Star reported that a Pohangina cricket club had formed with about 15-20 members under the captaincy of Mr. Reeve. The first practice was scheduled for 15th January, weather permitting, and would include a picnic. Four years later, however, a meeting was advertised to consider the practicality of forming a cricket club. This appears to have been successful with the first game of cricket in the township played in mid-November 1894. Again, it was proposed to form a club and all those interested were urged to turn up the following Saturday. Over twenty gentlemen enrolled as members at the first formal meeting of the club. Mr J.G. Browne was appointed captain and Mr. Welsh was secretary and treasurer, with Messrs Browne, G.G. Adsett, and S. Roberts elected as the match committee. With subscriptions set at five shillings, members were asked to roll up the following Saturday to get the ground in order. A reminder was posted the following month for intending members to send their subscriptions to the secretary.

1896: The Pohangina team narrowly beat Colyton by six runs at a New Year's cricket match, but the most notable part of the day was the luncheon provided by Mrs. Culling which, according to a reporter for the Feilding Star, was "done good justice to" by both teams.

1897: A meeting of cricketers in the Valley resolved that the Pohangina and Komako clubs would amalgamate and be known as the Pohangina Cricket Club. The local member of the House of Representatives, Frank Lethbridge, was patron for the club, with Frank Arbon, who owned the first car in the Valley, as President.

decided to make some improvements and had the playing area ploughed preparatory to being sown in grass suitable for a cricket and rugby ground.

1932: Boxing Day saw a "Married vs Singles" cricket match at the Pohangina Domain with much enthusiasm shown by both players and spectators. Although there were no outstanding (cricket) scores owing to lack of practice, there was a marked display of sportsmanship throughout the game. There were not enough married men to muster a full team so some of the single men were called in to make up the numbers. The Manawatu Times reported that when declaring the grounds officially open just before the commencement of the game, the club patron Mr. F. Roberts made a brief speech of encouragement and advice to the members. Presumably, the advice was of the cricketing variety rather than about the players' marital status!

1933: The weather was ideal for what may well have been the first East vs West cricket match held on April 8th, at the Pohangina Domain. Everyone had a great time with East winning the one-innings match by 14 runs.

1936: It was a busy time in the village on Labour Day weekend. On the Saturday, a picnic and sports meeting with teams from Pohangina, Ashhurst and Raumai was held in Pohangina Domain. Tennis, croquet, and a cricket match were the main attractions for the adults, with swings and games for the children as well as bags of sweets provided by Ashhurst resident Mr. Blakely. Between £5-6 was raised toward health camp funds. On Labour Day itself (Monday 26 October 1936) a team from Colyton journeyed to Pohangina for a match against the local eleven. Once again, the wonderful local ladies served lunch and afternoon tea. The game was not without its drama. Mr. W. Howell senior, playing for the Pohangina team, had the misfortune of being struck on the head with a fast ball and was rendered temporarily unconscious.

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1930: The Pohangina Domain Board

AMUSEMENTS

POHANGINA VALLEY CRICKET CLUB.
LABOUR DAY DANCE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1935.
POHANGINA HALL.
Bramwell's Orchestra.
Novelty Dances.
Admission: 2/- and 1/6.

MOTOR-CYCLE RACES
FOXTON RACECOURSE,
LABOUR DAY
8 RACING EVENTS 8
FULL OF THRILLS.
ALL LEADING RIDERS
COMPETING.
PRICES: Adults 2/- (no tax);
Children 6d.
J. L. CHRISTIE,
Secretary,
Foxton United Sports Assn





Pohangina Catchment Care Group East versus West Cricket Match

The weather smiled on Saturday for the East vs West Pohangina cricket match reconvened by the Pohangina Catchment Care Group. Players assembled from north, south, east & west of the valley at the Pohangina Domain & over a hundred onlookers cheered them on from the grassy banks.

The pitch had been prepared and the crowds assembled for the hotly contested match that was narrowly won again by the West side. The end of the game was close with the eastern side needing 10 runs from 10 balls to take the victory. However the Western side bowled out the last remaining batsmen and the game was theirs.

The trophy that had not been awarded since 2008 was located and rightly presented to the winning team. It has been won a majority of times by the West team, this has inspired those based

on the East side of the valley to put in some extra effort to take the shield next year.

Thanks to sponsorship from the Manawatu River Catchments Collective & the Pohangina Valley Community Committee (from the MDC post covid community fund) PCCG were able to provide a bouncy castle for the kids, a portalo, free ice creams & a BBQ following the event. Neighbourhood Support were at the event which was well received.

The Pohangina Catchment Care Group has been testing water quality at 11 sites in the Pohangina Valley for 2 & a half years and have presented a number of workshops aimed at raising awareness of environmental issues within our community for farmers, small block owners & village residents.

The environment is not the only focus of PCCG as the newly written Mission Statement and three key drivers demonstrates:

Our Mission

For all the Pohangina Valley Community to be part of a catchment that is actively learning and contributing to improving their environment.

Our river

We aim to understand our rivers ecosystem and all parts contributing to it, then facilitate knowledge transfer and build constructive change for its betterment.

Our people

We want to build a positive community spirit through collective improvements to our valley and its key attributes.

Our land

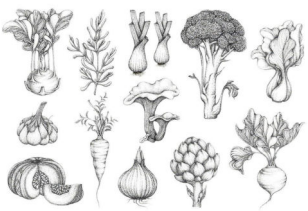
We aim to facilitate the championing of our valley's biodiversity and natural surroundings. We also aim to aid in the protection of these resources and their continual improvement.

Additional information is available by contacting
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RECAP Crop Swap



Ashhurst Library 11am-1pm
February 25, April 29, June 24,
August 26, October 28

Ngā mihi o te tau hou from RECAP (the Society for the Resilience and Engagement of the Community of Ashhurst & Pohangina, Inc.)

A very quick update for the new year, please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates on upcoming workshops and seminars as they are confirmed.

Our annual Summer Pruning Workshop takes place on Saturday February 18th, from 10am-1pm at the Olsson Community Orchard within McCrae's bush. Led by Phil Stevens from Slow Farm & RECAP chairperson Harvey Jones; this workshop will focus on the how, why and what of summer pruning and will give you the opportunity to get stuck in and have a go pruning the varied trees in the orchard. We will talk about shaping, keeping size under control and encouraging fruit production. Please bring gloves, and loppers if you have them (we will also provide some for use on the day). This is a free workshop (although koha is appreciated) but registrations are required. You can register at recap.org.nz.

Our first Crop Swap is on Saturday February 25th, 11am-1pm at the Ashhurst Community Library. Our Crop Swaps are bi-monthly, on the last

Saturday of every second month. Bring any excess produce, seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies to share. Please note: you do not need to give in order to take and vice versa. This is a sharing event where everything is free. No registration required.

The RECAP Rescued Food Distribution is still very well used by the community. Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15 from the library back room, we provide a free no-questions-asked bag of kai. Thank you to Just Zilch, Mission for Men, Bonnie and Neal Rider and all the volunteers who make this possible.

The RECAP Seed Library is located within the Ashhurst Community Library. You can access three free packets each month. Many of the varieties are harvested locally, so are adapted to grow well here. We are always after donations, so if you save seed you can drop off at the library for distribution.

To join our mailing list, please contact us at info@recap.org.nz.

Look after yourselves and others.
Chris Love.



Summer Pruning Workshop

A practical, hands-on workshop
on how to care for your fruit trees.

Sat Feb 18 10am-1pm
Olsson Community Orchard, Ashhurst
FREE (koha appreciated)
Register at recap.org.nz





County Fayre

"County Fayre" the creative, social, and historical heart of the Pohangina Valley Open Sundays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you got the opportunity to have a peaceful and restful time over the festive break. We reopened on the 15th January, and were very busy, it was great to see lots of visitors on our first day back checking out the art and craft created by local residents and the local history of Pohangina, while enjoying a delicious Devonshire tea. Can you make a pot of tea, a plunger of coffee, wash a dish or two and enjoy speaking and being social with people, then you would make a perfect volunteer at County Fayre. We would love for you to join us, once a month is the most asked but whatever you can managed would always be welcome. If your interested, call in on a Sunday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00pm and chat with the volunteers on that day or send us an email to

CountyFayre@inspire.net.nz so we can make contact with you.

Our AGM was held on 31st January, where the election of officers was filled by myself as President, Amy Lennard as Secretary and Kim Archibald as Treasurer. If you would like to become a part of our committee there is no need to wait for the next AGM, make contact with us via CountyFayre@inspire.net.nz to discuss. During February we hosted the Levin Caravan Club, who were camping at the Old Pohangina School, providing them with a delicious light lunch. Thank you to our volunteers who prepared and served them. If you belong to a group or club and are looking for a place to have a gathering, whether it be mid-week or the weekend, get in touch and we may be able to accommodate you. We also celebrated Valentine's day, providing delicious homemade Belgium biscuits to our visitors to take away with them.

Are you an individual, sports or social group in need of funding for any particular activity or equipment, or know of a family whose child would love to join a group but cannot afford the fees, you may be the perfect candidate for our support. Write to us at countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

Don't forget the public library located in County Fayre, get your own personal key can be made available so you can have access to the library when County Fayre is closed. The books are updated every quarter and come from the Feilding Library. You will also find a great selection of books in our 'Swap a Book' shelves too. If you would like to purchase a key, the cost

is \$10, contact us at countyfayre@inspire.net.nz.

Over the past years we have held BYO Drinks and Nibbles at County Fayre on the 3rd Friday of each month to encourage social gatherings within our community. This past year we have seen less participation and would love to know your thoughts as to whether these should continue or not.

Looking for a local outing, then come and visit us in the Pohangina Village. We are open Sundays, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, however we always close on public holiday weekends to ensure our volunteers get to enjoy those long weekends too. We provide a venue for artisans to display and sell their work as well as display local history of days gone by. We serve Devonshire teas or coffee (scones with jam and cream), Cheese scones, Muffins, Milkshakes and Ice Cream Sundaes, and bags of sweets too. Come and visit, we would love to see you. And finally, my presidential report for the past year:

Presidents Report

This year's report covers the period from January 2022 to January 2023.

Our year commenced with Covid very much still in the forefront of our minds, opening in January operating as a contactless service due to Govt restriction. Customers were served with disposable containers for them to enjoy a Devonshire in the garden or to takeaway. With reduced volunteer numbers we continued to trade on Sundays only, which continues through to today. In March with Covid numbers on the increase in the community we closed and cancelled the March meeting. Being closed for Easter and with Anzac celebrations cancelled, reopening was delayed until May and a decision made to bring our opening hours forward 30 minutes, open from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, which has now become the norm.

During the year we hosted the Milson Rebus Group, Probus Gardening Group, the Heretaunga Caravan Club and a group of cropping famers, providing them with a place to gather and delicious food. We organised and sponsored a community gathering, held in the Pohangina Hall, to celebrate our valley community with live music, BYO picnic dinners and fun for the kids. This was very well attended and an enjoyable evening for all. A Readers & Writers Mini-Fest was held, a very successful gathering of local authors, who provided interesting insights into their writings as well as providing a workshop for budding writers. The Manawatu Art Trail was once again supported and it was great to see many people through the door. In

November we held our annual fund-raising event, The Pohangina Down Hill Walk, however before the event could take place we were confronted with downed trees and branches. Having cleared the way this ensured a safe journey for our walkers. Attendee numbers were up and with rain falling in between bus rides the event turned out a great success, thanks to our enthusiastic and energetic volunteers who ran a very professional event.

Changes have continued to be made to improve the building and grounds and we started with great enthusiasm to tackle the kitchen; this did not eventuate but hopefully will be the focus in 2023. With financial assistance from Central Energy Trust, heat pumps were installed into the tearoom and the library. Manawatu District Council financed the replacement of the existing corrugated plastic skylight with a framed glass unit; and Perspex to doubled glaze the hall windows. Blind were replaced and more installed to keep the sun from damaging history displays as well as the art and craft. The front garden was replanted with hedging around the new library deck and a cottage garden theme planted along the path. The gallery lighting was upgraded along with some earthing to ensure no one got electrocuted. To the volunteers who turn up each Sunday to serve the public, you are the face of County Fayre and your work does not go unnoticed, thank you for giving up your precious weekends to support County Fayre and this community.

A huge thank you to Claire Brock for making your delicious scones, they continue to be enjoyed by the public, who comment on their deliciousness. Thank you to every member of this community who has supported County Fayre over the past year in whatever shape or form.

And finally, I would like to personally give my thanks and gratitude to the committee of 2022, the time and effort you have selfishly given is commendable and without your support County Fayre would not exist. You all bring your own individual skills, which when combined creates an amazing group of people. I have very much enjoyed being a part of this team and hope you will all return to support County Fayre for another year.

*Joanne Morris-Kynoch
County Fayre President*





Peleton climbing on the gravel

Gravel and Tar – a Success in the Pohangina Valley!

Well, the 2023 Professionals Gravel and Tar is done and dusted – although with the early morning rain, the conditions on the gravel sections of the 140 km circuit were anything but dusty. In fact they were ideal for the riders, many of whom came from places such as Germany, Australia and Guam plus a host of local and national Kiwi riders.

The field got off to a good start, waved away from the Ashhurst Village Centre by Mayor Grant Smith. Now in its seventh year, this is the first time this prestigious international race (it's the only one-day UCI accredited race in NZ) has started and finished in Ashhurst, and what a great venue it proved to be. With many Pohangina residents out to cheer the riders on as they did three loops of the Pohangina Valley circuit before heading for more of the gravel from Finnis Road up into the Watersheds, and finally finishing back on Wyndham Street, Ashhurst (I'm feeling tired just writing about it!).

For those with limited knowledge of cycling, the riders use normal road racing bikes, with some opting to add slighter wider tyres to handle the gravel sections. The Gravel and Tar has become known as one of the hardest one-day races on the Oceania circuit, due to the mixture of gravel and sealed roads, and as some riders describe it, "The Paris-Roubaix of the South". Over recent years, full-on gravel racing has become very popular with the first world champs held last year and the Manawatu has been involved since the early days with our Gravel and Tar. In fact, the Greasy Chain Charitable Trust, organisers of the event, are having a specific gravel event for amateurs on the 1st April, starting and finishing in Apti (known as the

Slicks and Stones Gravel Assault). So, if you're keen to have a go, look out for more details on www.gravelandtar.com

Now, back to this year's event.

Commonwealth Games mountain bike medallist, Ben Oliver was at home in the conditions to claim first place. Oliver, who finished one spot outside the podium at the recent New Zealand Cycle Classic for his MitoQ - NZ Cycling Project team, was thrilled to grab the victory.

The North Canterbury rider went away in a group of eight that included a number of riders from the powerful Bolton Equities Black Spoke team, with their leading rider James Fouche (national NZ Road Champion) and Oliver pushing clear on the major gravel climb.

"I was making sure there were no surprise moves from Black Spoke that I couldn't cover myself or one of my teammates helping out. I always knew they would have numbers up there. I rode the gravel well and got to the big gravel climb where it was me with Fouche up that climb together but he got a flat", said Oliver.

Oliver clocked 3:21:17 to win by 3:16 to Fouche and his teammate Paul Wright at 3:31.

The Greasy Chain Charitable Trust would like to thank the residents of the Pohangina Valley and Ashhurst for their positivity and great support for this event. Running and managing road cycling events, is very challenging, and it's great to have such support from the local community. With the 2023 event now finished, we'd love to have your comments and suggestions for making this an even better event in the future. Please feel free to email me on bob@familybusinesscentral.co.nz or phone 027 565 1110 with your suggestions.

*Bob Selden
Chair, Greasy Chain Charitable Trust*



Helping all New Zealanders become fitter through cycling

Pohangina Valley Community Committee

The Pohangina Valley Community Committee held its Triennial Meeting on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.00pm. The committee appreciated the attendance of Mayor Helen Worboys and the meeting was opened by the PVCC's MDC liaison Councillor Stuart Campbell.

Nominations were called for for committee members and due to only 5 current members all were reelected with the Chair Liz Besley, Treasurer Julie Ann Bolton and secretary Yvonne Forlong. Ideally we need a committee of 7 members but will function with 5 until new members can be coopted on the committee. It was disappointing that no other members of the Pohangina Valley community in attendance. We would love you to join our happy band of volunteers, so get in touch with any of us as we'd love to your thoughts and concerns for our valley.

An abbreviated PVCC meeting followed and several issues were raised including the high traffic accident area on the Valley Road corner just below the Lookout, the antisocial behaviour at the pool at the weekend and the continuing grass control around the track at the Domain. All these tasks have been delegated for enquiry and/or solutions.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm The next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of April 12th 2023 at County Fayre. Please consider just coming along to see how it all works and whether you think you could make a contribution

Regards Yvonne Forlong

Tour Aotearoa Brevet Riders in our Valley

Cyclists riding the Tour Aotearoa (TA) route from Cape Reinga to Bluff via our Pohangina Valley started coming through earlier than usual this year, and are about to reach maximum numbers per day over coming weeks.

Riders can travel the route at any time, but most do it by registering for the

annual Brevet, a long-distance self-supported cycling event. This year the first starting date is 15th February at Cape Reinga, with numbers limited to 100 per day over a number of days.

Pohangina Domain is at 1278km on the 3000km route, and the fastest riders take 4 or 5 days to reach here, while most riders take 12 to 14 days, some taking more depending on personal preferences, fitness, weather, equipment and bike challenges, etc. So we can expect the numbers here to start to build from about the third week in February,

peaking towards end-Feb/early-Mar, and gradually decreasing throughout March.

While most are Kiwis, there are also riders from many other countries this year who will be enjoying our beautiful valley as they ride down from Apiti on Makoura Road and Pohangina Road through to Ashhurst.

Thank you for helping make them welcome with a friendly wave and our renowned courtesy on our roads.

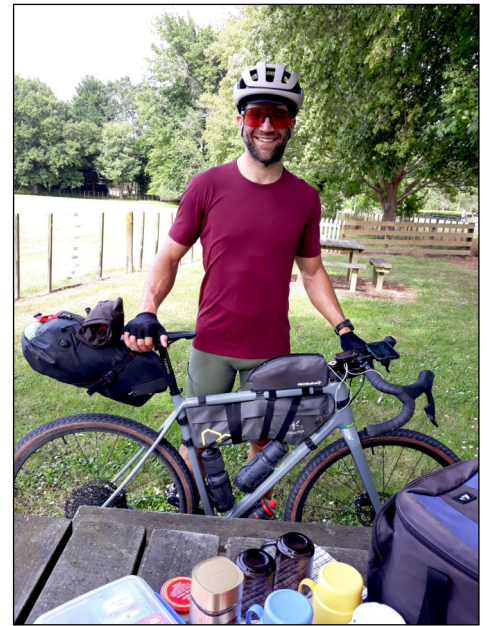
Mary Nettle



Craig Pope, 57, of Tauranga, at Pohangina Domain 30th January 2023



Craig Pope's "number-8 wire" (a stick and some blue tape) repairs to his broken rear rack - he was heading into a bike shop in Palmerston North



Jonas Caruana, originally from a tiny locality 1 hour out of Toowoomba, Queensland, now living in Vancouver, Canada, thoroughly enjoying a stop at Pohangina Domain on 30th January 2023

CPR Course

for Parents & Extended family of Preschoolers
Kimbolton Community Hall
9.30 Tuesday 21st March

Programme:

9.30 - 11.30

CPR training

11.30 - 12.30

Rolling lunch during the
defibrillator training and Easie
Living demonstrations

\$6.00 per family

RSVP to: Aevryl - 02108234809 - mrssincrcw2@gmail.com or
Jo - 0274223544 - mrssincrcw1@gmail.com



Hato Hone
St John



facilitated by:
John Mitchell - MediTrain
Pauline Cooper - Hato Hone St John
(Defibrillator training)
Lesley Harrison - Easie Living Van
(Supportive aids)



Awahou leaps into 2023

Kia ora from Awahou School!



We are back! It has been a very smooth start to the year and it's been awesome hearing about all the holiday adventures.

In preparation for 2023 we have had a big clearout, all the carpets cleaned, buildings washed down, gutters and decks cleaned, as well as the trees and bushes trimmed. So we are looking fabulous!

Over the holidays we have embarked on some Ministry of Education professional development called the Better Start Literacy Approach. This approach will enhance what we are already doing in our junior Literacy programme.

We have kicked off this year with more learning about Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This term's overarching learning focus will be 'Amazing Me!' So we will be exploring each student's current strengths and interests, learning more about their whānau, identifying goals and their future aspirations. We will be getting into swimming lessons in preparation for swimming sports.

Our annual Whānau Fun Night was a blast! Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy it with us!

We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Ngā mihi, Trudi
Trudi Blinkhorne - Principal
0272420079



Seeking volunteer radio operators

No experience required. Full training provided. Must live in Pohangina. Rostered system that suits your availability.

Radio checks performed every Sunday at 1pm from County Fayre. First check for the year starts 15 January. Come along to find out more. Any questions email Sonya on stevenssonya@gmail.com

Home Radio Network

In addition to the council network above - in light of the recent weather events and the related communications troubles, a group of residents are getting setup with resilient radio comms at their houses. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved, get your own radio, and grow our network radio@pohanginavalley.nz.

MRSS now coming to County Fayre

MRSS will now be alternating between St Bartholomew's Church Komako and County Fayre Pohangina Village on the last Tuesday of the month. We will be at County Fayre 28 February 2023 from 10.30am - 1pm and we'd love to see you there. We will be back at St Bartholomew's 28 March alternating from location to location to make contact easier for families on both sides of the river. Having the option of extra support when times are tough is so important, especially as we recover from this latest weather event.

Hall Happenings

The puppet show "The Boy With Wings" coming to the hall on 2nd March sold out very quickly, partly because Awahou, Apiti and Colton schools were invited. We are very sorry if there are community members who have missed out on this. We could have easily run two sessions and in future will aim to do so.

Rural Expo

We are in the early stages of organising a rural expo for the 18th May, 2023. Community service organisations with a focus on health and wellbeing, that support our northern Manawatū communities, have been invited. If you are a northern Manawatū rural home business that supports health & wellbeing, e.g. Hairdresser or a nail technician, and would like to have a stall there, please get in contact with Jo - 0274223544 or Aevryl - 02108234809



CONTACTS

Pohangina Mindfulness

Contact Dee at sudhana_2000@yahoo.com or txt at 0210442922. Facebook page: "[Pohangina Mindfulness](#),"

Pohangina Valley Community Library

The library is in the County Fayre building in Pohangina Village. Open during Country Fayre hours, key available to buy. Contact countyfayre@inspire.net.nz

Hauora Yoga Studio

Weekly classes in the Yoga Barn.

Contact Catherine on 021 0270 4400 or email hauorayoga@gmail.com
website: www.hauorayoga.co.nz

Gumboots and Coffee

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining please contact: Liz Besley on 329 4891 or Raewyn Moar on 329 4745

Pohangina Valley Community Hall

Available for hire for all functions

Email: pohanginahall@outlook.co.nz

Pohangina Old School Reserve

For information on bookings contact Kim on 329 4150. For swimming pool key contact Vicki Pask (0211864492)

Knit and Knatter

First Tuesday of every month in the old school building. For information contact Nancy on 021 933 220.

County Fayre

Open Sundays 1pm -4pm
countyfayre@inspire.net.nz

Awahou Playgroup

We meet every Wednesday at Awahou School Hall 9.30am-12noon. All welcome.
Contact: amiemelody13@gmail.com

Manawatu Rural Support Services

St Bartholomew's Church in Komako on the last Tuesday of each month between 10.30am – 1.00pm. Home visits available.

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RECAP

Contact Chris Love
RECAP coordinator
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Articles for the newsletter are very welcome and are accepted at any time.

Next cut off 7th April

Email Julie Ann at newsletter@valleynews.nz

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Don't forget to check out our [Facebook page](#)

Knit and Knatter

Monthly Knit and Knatter evenings are being held in the Old Pohangina School (in the Pohangina village) from 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Come along, bring any craft you have on the go at the moment - there is no requirement to bring along a craft if you don't want to – just come down, have a cup of coffee, a chocolate biscuit and a chat. The French doors will be open to the fresh air in summer, the fire going in winter and so far the conversations have proved to be quite lively. Hope to see you there. Any questions or if you need a hand to get there – please ring Nancy on 021 933 220.

COUNCIL REPORT

On 30 Jan to 1 Feb Councillors enjoyed a tour of the District, visiting many of our reserves, infrastructure assets and proposed project sites. These included Mt Lees Reserve, Totara Reserve, Feilding, Rongotea, Sanson water bores and treatment plants, the Feilding Wastewater plant, the Resource Recovery (solid waste) plant, the new residential zone in Feilding, Turners Road industrial area and other sites.

The first formal Council meeting of the year is on 2 Feb which will consider submissions on our proposed Traffic Safety and Road Use Bylaw, the renewal of Council contracts, roading strategy and the governance of Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park.

Work on the triennial review of our long term plan will commence shortly and will form a large part of work this year. The review is clouded with uncertainty whether the government three waters proposals will proceed or not. That has a massive effect on how our Council will operate. We remain

strongly opposed to the proposals and hope that the new Prime Minister will put the project on hold and a change of government will scrap it. We will continue to voice our opposition and wait for announcements.

Stuart Campbell
Councillor MDC

