

Philip John McHale

Wendy McHale

Does anyone in the local community remember Philip John McHale who lived in Pinehaven with his wife Joyce and children in the mid 1980's? His nephew in England who is now in his seventies is working on a family tree and would be interested to hear from anyone who knew his uncle or from any family members still living in the area. He can be contacted on alwend1944.wm@gmail.com

Golden Delicious Apples at the PPA Hall



The apple tree outside the PPA hall is producing well. Please pick as many as you like. It would be a shame if these apples went to waste.

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Old Man's Beard (Clematis vitalba)

Chris Cosslett

Is Old Man's Beard on your property?



Old Man's Beard (OMB) is a serious pest. We have published an article on this plant before but the problem is rapidly worsening. This deciduous layer vine climbs to 20m tall. Creamy white, fragrant flowers 2-3 cm in diameter appear December – May. Seeds are grey and hairy with distinctive white plumes 3-4 cm long in dense fluffy clusters that persist over winter. It has 5 widely-spaced, thin, papery leaflets. The distinctive stems, easy to identify below the canopy, are

long and woody with deeply-grooved, pale, easily peeled bark. If you see this plant, please contact Chris Cosslett on 972 3490, 021 136 0934 or cosslett.hunter@paradise.net.nz. He'll help property owners eradicate it on their land.



Why is OMB such a problem?

In New Zealand it has no natural enemies and grows rapidly to a dense mass, dominating lower forest canopies, shrubland, riverbeds, cliffs, bush tracks, fernland and tussock. It grows rapidly and chokes trees, shrubs and even large areas of forest. It's tolerant of cold, shade, damp, wind, salt and most soil types. Its many long-lived seeds are spread by water or wind. Seed and stem fragments (which can re-grow on the ground) can be spread in dumped vegetation. Common sites of infestation are roadsides, hedgerows, vacant land and willow swamps.

Forest & Bird Upper Hutt have started a project to minimise OMB in Upper Hutt. This project is supported by DoC, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Upper Hutt City Council. They are currently working along River Road, from the southern end, cutting and pasting the growth on the western hills.

If you wish to control the plant yourself:

Cut stems at 1m above ground and at ground level (horizontal to ground) so that you can see where you have been, and to prevent hanging vines from re-rooting.

Swab all cut stumps with weed killer. The easiest to use is picloram gel eg Vigilant (trade name). You can also use metsulfuron (e.g. Escort) at 5 g/L, Tordon brush killer at 10%, or Banvine at 20%. This can be done all year round. Products available in Upper Hutt = Triumph Gel (UH Produce \$35.00), Weed Weapon Invade Gel (Mitre10 \$28.97), Vigilant (Mitre 10 \$49.98). Dispose of cut segments to landfill.

For ground infestations, spray with glyphosphate (e.g. Roundup) at 2%, metsulfuron, Tordon brush killer or Versatill. Spraying is best done in spring when the plant is in full leaf but prior to flowering. Seedling plants can be pulled out all year round.

Site Management

Do not leave cut stems to mulch. Dispose of them by hanging in a nearby bush so they do not touch the ground, by burning, or at the landfill. Stumps re-sprout very quickly. If this happens recut the stump and paste or spray the regrowth.



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Pinehaven School Report

Pinehaven School has just returned from El Rancho camp. It is full of fun and excitement for all ages, such as the water slide, go carts, tubing, horses. It is only an hour's drive out of Wellington to the sunny Kapiti Coast. The food is fantastic and the facilities are amazing, like the dining room has a lot of space. The cabins are comfortable, spacious and airy. The staff are very friendly and are there to help you. There is a forty-minute beach walk and the view is amazing, watching the trees blow side to side in the wind.

by Max, Year 5, Room 6

El Rancho, Waikanae is a place for all ages to enjoy. It only takes 1 hour and 6 minutes from Pinehaven and there are over 20 entertaining activities. You have a wide range of facilities to make you feel comfortable from spacious cabins to exemplary dining halls. El Rancho has a wide range of activities including tubing, air rifles, and horse riding. To ensure you are safe we have a range of staff to support you. El Rancho has a lot of accommodations like school camps, outdoor activities, family reunions, holidays, retreats and conferences. #LIFEHAPPENSHERE By Joseph, Year 6, Room 7

Pinehaven School went to El Rancho Camp. They have marvellous facilities, amazing activities and plenty of fun for the family. They have Horse Riding, Archery, Air Rifles, Tubing, Water Slide, Go Carts, and a bunch more. When you're done, they have great facilities like a dining room, cabins and halls. In the cabins are amazing comfortable beds. In the dining room are white, shiny, clean tables, perfect to eat on. The hall isn't as exciting as everything else. It is very spacious and has a nice comfy fireplace.

By Marshall, Year 5, Room 7

EOTC Week

Logan

On the 7th of March it was EOTC week. I was doing lizard gardens/tracking tunnels with Declan, my cousin. We found a website www.doc.govt.nz that said lizards like messy gardens, prickly bushes and peanut butter.

Mr Bashaw showed us pictures of geckos and lizards. He explained that geckos are basically lizards and can squeeze into tiny places.

We made tracking tunnels, in coloured lizard designs. We put in ink pads at both ends, cut to fit, and white paper between them so you can see the footprints. And peanut butter in the middle. Finally we put the tunnels in the lizard garden. I put mine in a bush. I wonder if we find some lizards.

