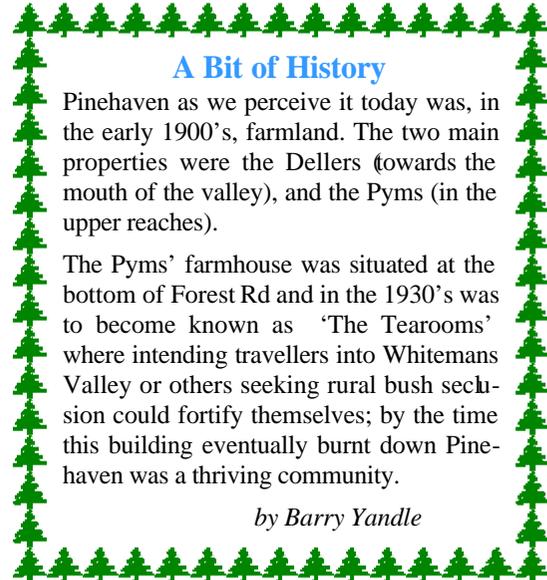




## A fond farewell

Pinehaven School is sad to be losing the services of one of its valued staff members, Angela Campbell. For 30 years Angela has influenced the lives of many of the young children of Pinehaven and she will be remembered for her dedication, commitment and her love of Flippaball! Everyone is invited to the farewell assembly to commemorate Angela's retirement from the school on December 15th at 11.00am.



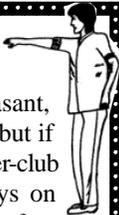
### A Bit of History

Pinehaven as we perceive it today was, in the early 1900's, farmland. The two main properties were the Dellers (towards the mouth of the valley), and the Pym's (in the upper reaches).

The Pym's farmhouse was situated at the bottom of Forest Rd and in the 1930's was to become known as 'The Tearooms' where intending travellers into Whitemans Valley or others seeking rural bush seclusion could fortify themselves; by the time this building eventually burnt down Pinehaven was a thriving community.

by Barry Yandle

Why not come and try Petanque at the Silverstream Bowling Club in Dunns Street. Petanque is a very pleasant, social game suitable for all age groups, but if you prefer to be competitive, then inter-club tournaments are played. The club plays on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. For further information ring Shirley on 528-4639.



Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Please send to:  
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## Community Contacts

Looking for something local for you or your children? Check out these options.

### After School Care

Gill McIlhone 528 2691

### Brownies

Gill McIlhone 528 2691

### City Councillor—resident

Pat Christianson 528 2710

### Cubs & Scouts

Ian McCulloch 528 5797

### Girl Guides

Carol Etchel 527 7047

### Indoor Bowls

George Moen 971 8115

### Justices of the Peace

Pauline Baty 971 9056

Bill Emerson 977 4387

Michael Romanos 528 5861

### Lighthouse Church & Drop In

Rita Bota 939 0442

### Pinehaven Potters

Cynthia Talbot 528 0026

### Pinehaven Playcentre

Angela Browne 971 9804

### Pinehaven Library

528-2208

### Pinehaven School

528 4365

### Table Tennis Club

Nik Edwards 528-8781

### Tennis Club

Barry Yandle 528 7045

### Yoga

Maria Christensen 970 7630

**Correction:** Last issue we mentioned a public walkway from Freemans Way to Pinehaven Reserve. It has since come to our attention that this is not the case. Thank you to local resident Olive Weddell for clarifying this.

# Pinehaven News



Pinehaven Progressive Association

December 2003

President: Nik Edwards 528-8781

Secretary: Dominic Baron 970-9147



## Bonfire a Blazing Success

Thank you to the residents of Pinehaven for your part in the successful bonfire last month. Increasing regulations and concerns over safety have threatened the continuation of this longstanding Pinehaven tradition. The PPA worked hard to improve the safety of the fire (special mention must go to Kevin and Kerry Hinton for their role) and it proved to be a wonderful evening for all who attended. Long may it continue.

## School Network Review

Of course the community's biggest concern at the moment is the Ministry of Education review of schools in Upper Hutt. Last month, following its AGM, the PPA held a special community meeting to find out the views of the wider community. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of fighting for status quo—no merger with Silverstream School. The PPA submission to the review committee was subsequently prepared. A summary of that submission follows and a full copy is available for viewing at Pinehaven Library.

The PPA would like to acknowledge the many individuals and groups who have expended so much time and energy researching, considering and finally preparing submissions. This includes the school staff, the Board of Trustees, Pinehaven Playcentre and many individual school parents and community members. We may not all share the same views, but Trevor Mallard can be in no doubt that this is a community that cares.

### Summary of the PPA Submission

We base our submission on solid facts that clearly show the Pinehaven and Silverstream schools are *necessary* to both the Pinehaven and Silverstream communities, delivering a more sustainable educational result than any other model currently envisaged. Thus we are firmly convinced that both the Pinehaven and Silverstream schools are essential.

We show that:

- Previous statistics are incomplete
- The merged school is not sustainable
- Educational outcomes will be affected

### Last Minute News

It is with regret that we hear Rob Taylor and Nik Edwards are both moving from Pinehaven; Rob to Auckland and Nik to Raurangi. We wish them both well in their new endeavours and will miss Nik's enthusiasm and energy on the PPA.

- The merged school may cause long term disadvantages to minority groups

If our position is unacceptable for economic, as opposed to educational, reasons, our community would support a school spanning the two existing sites, with a single Board of Trustees and a single Principal.

Lastly, if the consolidation were to go ahead against the clearly expressed wishes of both the Pinehaven and Silverstream communities, then we accept the most logical location for the new school would be the existing Pinehaven School site.

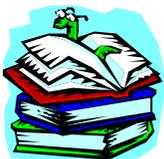


## Carols for Kids

And for the adults too! Christmas just isn't Christmas without an opportunity to sing carols, so come along to the Pinehaven Progressive Association Hall on Forest Road and sing your heart out. Father Christmas has promised to spare us a moment to visit and refreshments will be served after the singing. Thank you to The Lighthouse for organising this community occasion; yet another of the annual events that help to make Pinehaven such a special place to live. A chance to share a little Christmas spirit, meet neighbours and make friends. **Saturday December 6th starting at 7.00pm.**



The PPA would like to wish all of Pinehaven a very Merry Christmas. Remember during the holiday season to be a good neighbour and keep an eye on empty properties, and also take care with fire hazards—we don't want a repeat of the other week's near disaster.



## Library at Risk

It would seem that Pinehaven Library is once again under threat of closure by the Upper Hutt City Council. The PPA is in the process of getting more details from the council but at this stage it looks like the proposal is to close our library in 2006. The PPA feels very strongly that this would be a tragic loss to our community and we must all do what we can to prevent it.

The history of our library has been faithfully recorded and in many ways reflects the history of Pinehaven and its community spirit. The seed that started the library was planted in 1945 when the Pinehaven Women's Guild was donated a single book, *Gunner Inglorious*. From such tiny roots, our library has grown. On April 12th 1947, the official opening day was held in a tin shed at the back of the Humphrey's home at 20 Forest Road. Of the stock of 100 books 29 were issued.

An important hurdle was overcome in 1962 when the current building was opened and the library finally had the space it needed to accommodate the growing resources.

Until the late 1970s the library was run en-

tirely by volunteers and I am sure that, like myself, many long term residents will remember having done their tour of duty. As well as managing and staffing the library, residents donated books, maintained the buildings, and raised additional funds.

But fighting for funding and then for its very existence is not new to Pinehaven library. In 1995, after continual battles, Pinehaven lost control and the library was amalgamated and became a branch of Upper Hutt library.

As ratepayers it is still our library and it is still a fight worth fighting. As Ross Mason, the final chairman of the library committee, said in 1995: "keep our door mat dirty, ensure that the books become tatty, wear out the computer keyboard, overload the computer connection, overwork the librarians, keep your children and grandchildren enthused ...".

Library hours are 12.30 - 4.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 6-8pm Tuesday and 10.30am - 12.30pm Saturday. Make the most of this invaluable community asset and prepare to fight.

## The Pottery Shed

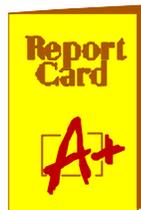
In 1977 the Pottery Shed was moved from the school to its current location behind the PPA hall. A quote from John Donaghy in the yet to be published history of Pinehaven Library records this achievement: "I always think the most fantastic thing we ever did as a community was moving 'The Pottery Shed'. The community got together. We had - don't ask me how many people, round the building, and we quite literally physically lifted it by hand and shifted it to where it is now. We had just about every man in Pinehaven there. You couldn't do that in every district!"



In agreement with the owners of the land behind the hall, the building was placed predominantly on their land. Recently this land was sold and the new owners are planning to subdivide and want the pottery building removed.

Neither the pottery club nor the PPA has the wherewithal to move the building to the other side of the hall and so, sadly, we are faced with the loss of this community asset.

The PPA is offering the building to anyone who is willing to take it! If you are interested, please contact Dave Brown on 973-9947.



## School Report

Pinehaven school is buzzing with end of year activities for and by the children.

The Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a week long camp at Akatarawa where they shared endless fun and learning with two classes from Tawa School, some very dedicated teachers (thanks go to Nik Edwards and Jeanette McCullough), and many keen (and tired!) parents. Well done to all.

The junior school have been equally busy preparing for their annual Production. These shows are always testament to the talents of our children and also the hard work of our teachers. If you would like to watch and be delighted, they are putting on a matinee performance to which the community is invited: Friday 12th December 11.00am

The biennial senior school Talent Quest was hotly contested last week with a wide range of wonderful performances of music,

drama, dance and speaking. Highest honours went to Meredith Baron who displayed her talents in all four categories. Congratulations to all the winners but also to everyone for taking part. Well done.

## PPA Elections

The PPA AGM was held on the 29th October and the committee for the coming year were elected as follows.

- President: Nik Edwards
- Secretary: Dominic Baron
- Treasurer: Kerry Hinton
- Committee Members: Rita Bota, Barry Yandle, Max Christensen, Ella Kahu, Pat Christianson, Glenys Peterson, David Brown.



It is wonderful to have a core group continuing on the committee while also welcoming some new individuals with fresh energy and ideas.