

20th December 1976: The Flood



The Christmas of 1976 will long be remembered by Pinehaven residents as the year of the biggest floods in memory. I remember waking up to a torrential downpour that had clearly been going all night. The streets of Pinehaven were turned into raging rivers and desperate attempts by neighbours to build dams could not prevent the water pouring into homes. But the worst damage was caused by the slips from the hills: huge pine trees, carried on torrents of mud, smashed into the houses. The most poignant memory I have of that time was going into a house on Elmslie Road with my mother to help clean up and seeing the presents that had been under the tree, buried in the thick stinking mud. The above picture is of one of the worst hit houses on Elmslie Road.

Ella Kahu



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Pinehaven News



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Christmas Concert

The annual Pinehaven Christmas concert is to be held this year on Saturday December 11th. This popular event, organised by the Lighthouse Church, gets bigger each year and this year's programme looks wonderful.

As well as a sing a long (after all it isn't Christmas until you have belted out a few carols) there will be songs and items from:

- * Gladsome Minds—the extremely talented local musical group
- * Roger Tibbs—our very own Easy Listening/Country star
- * Rita Bota—the driving force behind this event and a wonderful soprano singer
- * The Pippins and Brownies



We are also hoping to have the children from the school choir lead us in our carols.

And of course it wouldn't be complete without a visit from Father Christmas himself. So get out your Christmas spirit, bring the whole family, and come down to the school hall to enjoy the occasion. The concert will be followed by supper—a wonderful chance to catch up with old neighbours and maybe meet some new ones.

The entry charge is only an item to donate to the Foodbank—a chance to share a bit of Christmas with those in need.



When?	7.00pm Saturday 11th December
Where?	Pinehaven School Hall
Who?	Everyone!



The PPA wishes all the families of Pinehaven a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday season. Remember to keep an eye on your neighbour's house while they are away and to drive carefully and keep an eye out for children.





Pinehaven Out of School Care

In February 1991 the Pinehaven Out of School Care Association, (POSCA), was formed by a group of families who felt that there was a need for a quality non-profitmaking community programme for children outside of school hours. POSCA is run entirely by volunteers and all parents and guardians of children using the POSCA programme automatically become members when enrolling their child/ren. The sessions are held at Pinehaven Playcentre next door to the school and so are very convenient for families.

The recent election saw changes in the key positions:

⇒ Chairperson/Secretary – Tanya Williams - New

⇒ Treasurer – Robyn Washborne - New

⇒ Committee members/Supervisors - Gill McIhane & Viv Nugent



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise McLean who has been the Treasurer for POSCA for 9 years. Thank you Denise for your wonderful commitment over that time, you will be sadly missed. Thank you also to Julie Manu for her role as Chairperson for the last 1 ½ years.

If you are interested in your child(ren) being supervised in a safe environment, where children's needs and rights are recognised and supported, and they are provided with a range of activities, then please do not hesitate to contact our supervisor Gill McIhane on 528 2691 for more information.

Tanya Williams



Bonfire Blaze

The bonfire was once again a great success. Due to the site being too muddy on the weekend prior, we delayed opening to receive rubbish until the Sunday evening. Even with this precaution a few cars managed to get stuck (including my husband's!) A bouquet to all the residents who took the time to stack their burnable rubbish so carefully, but a brickbat to the person who left huge, soil bound tree stumps that clearly would not burn and had to be removed to the tip.

We were very lucky that the 5th was a perfectly still evening: the fire was lit at about 8pm and burned through to midnight when the fire brigade came to put it out. The school was kept clear of fireworks both to protect the buildings and to give families a safe place to watch the fireworks from and this new system worked well. Watch out next year for the planned 'Best Guy' contest.

Thanks to the council for their support of this community event and thanks to the PD workers for their excellent job cleaning up and restoring the site.

PPA Goes Online

Thanks to Martin Paulo, the PPA now has a web site. It is in the very early stages of development but we have some exciting plans for the future so keep an eye on:

www.ppa.org.nz



Pinehaven Statistics

The following figures come from the 2001 Census. Interestingly, the area designated as Pinehaven also includes Sunbrae and Blue Mountains up to and including Avian Crescent.

- ☺ Population: 3087
- ☺ 876 families of which 49.7% were couples with children.
- ☺ 22% were under 15 and 10% were over 65.
- ☺ 42.8% of those over 14 had a post-school qualification compared to 32.2% nationally.
- ☺ Ethnicity was 95% European, 6% Maori, and 5% other; compared to 80%, 15%, 13% nationally (some people record multiple ethnicities).
- ☺ Median income was \$25,900 compared to a national median of \$18,500.

PPA Land Development

I am sure many residents have noticed the messy state of the land surrounding the PPA hall at the moment and are wondering what's going on.

At the front, the pool demolition has proven more challenging than anticipated: past PPA committees clearly intended it to last for ever with very thick layers of concrete and steel reinforcements! If there is anyone in the community who has the equipment to cut the tops of the reinforcement poles, that would be very helpful and would get us more quickly to a stage where filling it is possible.

The mess at the back of the hall is a more complex story. The PPA allowed the developer of the section behind the hall to use our access to remove the old pottery shed and the giant macrocarpa tree from the boundary. Access

was then continued through the land clearing stages but stopped some months ago as it became clear that the danger and inconvenience to the users of the hall and to the playcentre was becoming unacceptable with the large number of trucks passing through. The developer has committed to restoring the section to its previous condition however this is taking considerably longer than anticipated and is unfortunately not being given a high priority. It is to be hoped that the work is done early in the new year so that we can once again have the use of the land.

Once the land is restored and the removal of the pool is complete we hope to increase the parking available and possibly look at developing a picnic/bbq area for the community.

PPA Election

At the PPA AGM held in October the following people were elected to the committee for the coming year.

President: Ella Kahu

Secretary: Dominic Baron

Treasurer: Kerry Hinton

Committee: Rita Bota, David Brown, Max Christensen, Pat Christianson, Martin Paulo, Glenys Peterson, Barry Yandle