

Community Contacts

After School Care
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Brownies
Glenys Peterson 528 4990

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

Lighthouse Church & Drop In
Rita Bota 939 0442

Pinehaven Playcentre
Angela Browne 971 9804

Pinehaven Library
528 2208

Pinehaven School
John Masson 528 4365

Silverstream Petanque Club
Shirley 528 4639

Pinehaven Tennis Club
Barry Yandle 528 7045

Yoga
Maria Christensen 970 7630



The PPA would like to wish the residents of Pinehaven a safe and happy Christmas. Remember to be a good neighbour and keep an eye on each other's homes during the holidays.

Money Please!

As most of you will know, the PPA is a voluntary community organisation that aims to represent the people of Pinehaven on community issues and maintain the community hall for local groups. We rely on donations from the residents to fund these services and it is once again time for the annual collection.

We ask for a subscription/donation of \$5 per household (although we never turn down any offer!) Collectors will be out and about this weekend, 26th and 27th of November, and will be clearly identified with a PPA badge. If you are willing to help with this task please contact Dominic on 970 9147. If you are not home when we call then please use the enclosed envelope and drop it into either the school office during the day or the library returns slot after hours.

Many thanks in advance. The hall roof is on its last legs and our goal this year is to raise enough funds from donations and grant applications for a re-

Contributions Welcome

If you have something you would like to see included in the Pinehaven News then feel free to get in touch: ella@kahu.org. And don't forget to view our web site: www.ppa.org.nz

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Pinehaven Progressive Association

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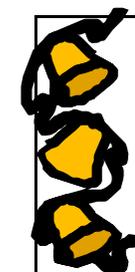
Christmas Concert

The annual Pinehaven Christmas Concert is once again being organised by the Lighthouse Church. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the festive season with the community. It is a wonderful family event with music, singing and laughter all guaranteed. Bring the kids as Father Christmas is keen to meet them all.

Gladsome Minds and Roger Tibbs will once again be sharing their wonderful music with us. If you haven't already heard these local musical talents I highly recommend you come and listen. The Brownies are also planning some songs and of course there will be plenty of opportunity to join

in on some traditional carol singing. I love Christmas carols because even people who can't sing in tune like me are allowed to join in! Supper will follow, a chance to catch up with neighbours.

Note that this year the concert is to be held in the PPA hall on Forest Road. Entry is by gold coin donation—this year all funds raised will be going towards the PPA hall roof fund.



Saturday 3rd December
7.00pm

Pinehaven Community Hall
Forest Road

Want a fun night out?

Heretaunga Players' latest show promises to be great fun.
5 Women Wearing the Same Dress by Alan Ball

From 24th Nov to 2nd Dec
For bookings ring the Upper Hutt Information Centre

With the glorious weather we have been having now is the time to think about the river quality. It is vital that people do not put chemicals and soaps into the stormwater system—remember everything you wash down your driveway goes into Pinehaven creek and then into the Hutt River. With so little water in the river, these chemicals are causing even more problems than usual. A great excuse to take your car to the carwash rather than do it yourself!



President's Report 2004 - 2005

As presented to the PPA AGM in October:

I am glad to report that this has been a fairly quiet year in the peaceful valley of Pinehaven with few issues compared to last year. Some do remain on the agenda however including the fight for Pinehaven Library. The Upper Hutt City Council organised an independent reviewer to look at the library services for the whole of Upper Hutt including the branch library services (Pinehaven in other words). The consultation meeting at Silverstream was well attended by Pinehaven bibliophiles who were vocal in their support not just for Pinehaven Library but for more branch services in other suburbs of Upper Hutt. The report is complete but has yet to be released to the public; we await its recommendation with some trepidation. On a more positive note, the school holiday activities now held at the library are a roaring success with the last one catering to 160 children and adults! Thanks in part to the advertising by the PPA I am sure.

The Pinehaven Hall continues to stand thanks to Dave Brown and Max Christensen who have once again stayed on top of the maintenance issues. The swimming pool demolition was completed and the space turned into temporary parking for hall users. Thanks to the donated time and skills of Malcolm McRae, and the grant from the Upper Hutt City Council, the entrance to the hall was concreted and

ramped, allowing easy access for wheelchairs and prams. The addition of a flower bed planted recently by the Brownies will brighten up the entrance. Inside, a massive clear out day was held with the hall users: much ruthless throwing out was done and with the new shelving and cupboards provided, storage concerns are now resolved.

The issue with the development of the land behind the hall is unfortunately still causing concern. Despite chains, notices and repeated warnings, abuse of our section as access to the development continued through the year and only stopped when the fencing was completed. There remain some concern with the way that our section has been left, in particular the raising of the land levels at the rear has caused fears that this will lead to future drainage problems. Although the council have been involved, little seems to change. A key aim for this coming year will be resurface the land and sow fresh grass - something the developer promised to do. Another aim for the upcoming year is to make progress on the roof – an application to the Upper Hutt City Council has been successful in netting \$800 but much more funding is required for this major project.

The annual bonfire has become an issue this year with the council insisting that the PPA gain public liability insurance for the event. Despite Kerry Hinton's sterling efforts contacting numerous insurance companies in October we were unable to secure

such insurance. After some lobbying the council agreed to insure the event for 2004 and the fire was held on a clear still evening. It was very well attended and a great success. New firework free zones were established to ensure the safety of the school and playcentre buildings and this worked well. Unfortunately as I write this, the bonfire is yet again approaching and nothing has changed – we are unable to secure insurance and the council are unwilling to help. It seems that 2004 may be notable for being the last such community bonfire. A very sad loss to Pinehaven.

Communication with the community has continued with several editions of the Pinehaven News being distributed to the homes of Pinehaven. Martin Paulo has continued to develop the PPA web site and wonderful historical summaries of the area, the PPA and the tennis club have been added thanks to Barry Yandle's careful research. I have scanned and catalogued the archival photos, articles and other historical documents which were gathered for the history display last year and some of these will shortly be added to the web site. Pauline Baty has completed interviews with four long time residents of Pinehaven: Helen Druce, Win Malcolm, Charlie Walker and Les Roughton. Extracts from these delightful stories will soon be available.

The PPA has continued to express an interest in the wider picture and has presented submissions on behalf of the residents of Pinehaven to the council on its long term

plan and on other consultation documents. Dominic Baron, our erstwhile secretary, is in the process of drafting a much needed update of the PPA's constitution which should be adopted this year. As well as those already mentioned I would like to thank the other committee members for their input and assistance throughout the year: Glenys Peterson, Rita Bota and Pat Christianson. It has been another fun and sometimes challenging year at the helm of the PPA made easier by the support of the wonderful committee. Pinehaven should consider itself blessed that there are still such people who are willing to give their time and energy to help sustain the community.

Ella Kahu

At the AGM 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, Sharlene Grooby, Glenys Peterson, Barry Yandle.



We particularly welcome one of Pinehaven's newest residents, Sharlene, to the committee. Martin Paulo has stood down but has kindly agreed to continue in his role as web master. Thanks Martin for all your efforts over the past two years.