

A Bit of History #4

Tennis has been played in Pinehaven since before the Second World War. The Tearooms on Forest Road had a grass tennis court as one of the facilities to attract people to the area. The court was well used by both locals and visitors with many contests for various cups and trophies.

By 1949, however, the court had fallen into disrepair and the Hutt County Council (which Pinehaven was part of) offered a site for a new court, adjacent to where the library was later built, if the local community could form a club to maintain the facility. So, in 1950 the Pinehaven Tennis Club was formed. So successful was the club that by 1957 it needed to expand and asked the County to lease it a larger area. While this is now part of the well kept reserve, at the time it was a remote piece of swampy, scrub covered land behind the dog dosing strip.

The club's success continued and two additional courts were added in 1971, but then in 1991 the clubrooms were destroyed in what was suspected to be arson. The wonderful replacement facility was designed by local architect Jon Craig and was opened in 1992. The club today plays all year round and is always keen to see new members. Phone Barry on 528-7045 if you are interested.

Barry Yandle

Community Contacts

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
Lighthouse Church & Drop In	Rita Bota 939 0442
Pinehaven Playcentre	Angela Browne 971 9804
Pinehaven Library	528-2208
Pinehaven School	528 4365
Silverstream Petanque Club	Shirley 528 4639
Tennis Club	Barry Yandle 528 7045
Yoga	Maria Christensen 970 7630

MISSING

Barry Yandle is compiling a brief history of the PPA and is interested in anyone who may have records from earlier years. Sadly, most historical records prior to the 1980s are missing.

Also missing are the Pinehaven Roll of Honour - a beautiful display board of Pinehaven men killed during WWII, and the Honours Board showing past presidents of the Association. Anyone with ideas on the whereabouts of these valuable community assets, please call Barry on 528-7045.

Pinehaven News

Pinehaven Progressive Association
President: Ella Kahu 976-5995
Secretary: Dominic Baron 970-9147

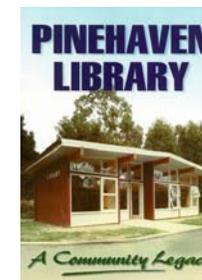
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Another Success!

Pinehaven Library has been saved once again! The Upper Hutt City Council clearly listened to the persuasive arguments put forward by the community of Pinehaven and have overturned their decision to close Pinehaven Library. Many thanks to all of you who wrote submissions. Particular thanks to Janette Andrews for her invaluable help in the process of putting together the PPA's comprehensive submission. The vote was 9-2 in favour of the proposal to remove the closure of the library from the community plan.

While this is cause for celebration, I caution against complacency. The library review scheduled for 2005-6 will incorporate Pinehaven Library and if usage does not remain high then the library will once again be at risk. So take the time from your busy lives to drop in and enjoy this wonderful community asset.



Copies of the newly published history of Pinehaven Library are available for just \$10 from the library or from Ella Kahu, 976 5995.

School Zones

The news that Upper Hutt College was proposing to exclude Pinehaven children from its zone prompted the PPA to write to the college and the Ministry expressing our dissatisfaction. While a zone was clearly necessary due to high enrolments and the MOE refusing any capital funds, the proposed zone was ridiculously small. Upper Hutt College, as the closest secondary school to Pinehaven, is traditionally the school of choice for our families. The proposal that Pinehaven children would have no more right to attend than those from Lower Hutt was clearly unacceptable. After a heated public meeting, the school board have listened to the parents' views and changed its recommendation to the Ministry. We await the Ministry's final decision with interest.

For similar reasons, Silverstream School is also proposing a home zone which excludes Pinehaven children. The PPA believes this is a more acceptable zone as it includes all children for whom Silverstream is their closest school. As Pinehaven School is such an excellent primary school we do not feel this is a major concern for local residents. While choice may be desirable, it is not always practical.



Library Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

12.30pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 6pm—8pm

Saturday 10.30am—12.30pm

Our condolences go to the family of Jill Farrelly, who died suddenly last month. Jill and her husband John, who also died recently, were long time residents of Pinehaven who contributed greatly to the community. Jill will be sadly missed.



Money Please!

The PPA is a voluntary organisation which supports the Pinehaven community. As well as being an advocate for local issues, the PPA maintains the Community Hall, keeps the community informed through this newsletter and organises events such as the annual bonfire and the recent history display.

Like all community groups, the PPA depends upon donations to provide services to the community of Pinehaven. Each year we collect subscriptions from the households in Pinehaven. The suggested amount of the donation is \$5 per household (though we happily accept greater amounts!)

The Hall was built in the early 1940s and is still used by many groups such as the Lighthouse Church, Brownies and Guides and Yoga. It is however in need of some overdue maintenance and this will be the focus of the PPA funds collected in this subscription drive.

Collectors will be out over the weekend of 24th and 25th July. If you are able to help with this demanding job, please call Dominic on 970 9147. All collectors will be identified by a PPA badge. If you are not at home when we call, please use the enclosed envelope and drop it into the school office.

Newsletter

Printing: Due to my husband's job change, we no longer have access to free colour printing for this newsletter. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the printing, preferably colour, or has access to free facilities, please give me a call on 976-5995.

Email: The Pinehaven News is sent by email to people outside Pinehaven. Anyone wanting to be added to this list please send your details to ella@kahu.org.

Contributions: If you know of local events or items of interest please feel free to phone or email me.

Ella Kahu—Editor

What we have done?

It has been a busy and successful year for the PPA. We have:

- Researched and written submissions on school, library and zoning issues**
- Helped save the library and school!**
- Attended council meetings**
- Organised the annual bonfire**
- Presented a display of Pinehaven History**
- Issued five community newsletters**
- Edited and organised the publication of the Pinehaven Library history**

Terry Wesselink is organising the collection of children's books for donation to the Timberlea Resident's Association. Donations can be made at the school office or at the library. Well done Terry for coming up with this excellent idea—a wonderful way for our community to help another.

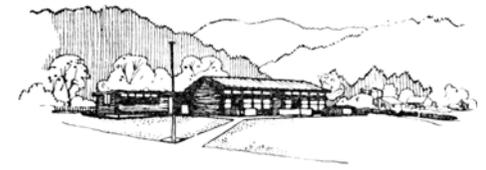
A Wonderful Weekend

Thanks and congratulations must go to the Pinehaven School Jubilee committee for such a brilliant weekend. The sun shone all weekend and Pinehaven was at its absolute best. The organisation was superb and the attention to detail added an extra sparkle and polish to the weekend. It was a celebration of not just a wonderful school, but a wonderful community.

The Mix and Mingle on Friday night was jam packed with current and ex Pinehaven people reminiscing fondly about their childhoods growing up in Pinehaven. Saturday was a day of ceremony, speeches, cake cutting, tree planting and photos followed by a feast of both food and company at the dinner on Saturday night. The talk and wine flowed freely and the Moen family took the prize for longest stayers!

Sunday's church service was a perfect ending with another opportunity to hear ex pupils and residents tell tales of the fun they had growing up here.

The PPA put on a display of memorabilia from Pinehaven's past and this was well received by all. We are currently in the process of scanning



all the material in order to preserve the photos and documents for future generations to share.

The weekend was a forceful reminder of how lucky we are in Pinehaven and of how many people worked in the past to create our community facilities—the library, the community hall, the reserve, the school hall and playgrounds. It is now up to us to keep things going so that the 75th Jubilee in 2029 will have as much to celebrate.



Jubilee Cake by Chris McCullough



Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

Attention! Calling all girls from 5 - 12 years of age. Come down to the Pinehaven Reserve on Sunday 1st August at 1.30pm for an afternoon of fun and laughter. Silverpine Pippins, Brownies and Guides are having an open day to show girls and their parents the sorts of activities that they do.

Come and join us. If the weather is against us then the event will be postponed until the following week, the 8th August. For further information contact Glenys on 528 4990 or Anne on 527 8383.

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Friendship and Fun