

## Gardening Contacts

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# Pinehaven News

Pinehaven Progressive Association

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## The Never Ending Saga

I am rapidly running out of different ways to say the same thing—Pinehaven Library is once again under threat from its erstwhile enemy, the Upper Hutt City Council. The Long Term Community Plan proposes the library be closed in 2009 when the newly upgraded central facilities are completed. Sadly it also recommends the closure of the mobile library service, evidence that centralisation at all costs remains the council's mantra. Without the mobile library, branch libraries become even more critical: A flash central library can not replace the benefits of easily accessible books.

The Plan includes the following statement about the possible negative impacts of the library proposals: "This activity does not have any significant negative effects on the social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the local community when the asset is properly maintained." One can only assume that they did not read our past submissions outlining in detail the negative impacts.

So I urge you all to reprint your past submissions, update them as you see fit, and resend them. Closing date is Friday 12th May. Forms have been delivered to every household or are available online at [http://www.upperhuttcity.com/Documents/Draft\\_LTCCP\\_2016](http://www.upperhuttcity.com/Documents/Draft_LTCCP_2016). If you do nothing else, tick the "I don't agree" box for closing Pinehaven Library and post the form as soon as possible. Better still write a detailed submission and arrange to present it at the council meeting.

In addition, the public consultation meeting is to be held next Monday night. The Upper Hutt Leader will be there, and a large turnout is essential. It is to be held in our own school hall, so why not take a pleasant after dinner stroll and join in - the more the merrier!



"The effort being made by members in establishing such a cultural amenity in Pinehaven is making an impression—not immediately spectacular, but having lasting benefit especially amongst the young people as they take their place in the community. The success of many of these youngsters can be traced back to their early introduction to wise reading."

*Upper Hutt Leader, August 1966*

Public Meeting  
Monday 1st May, 7.00pm  
Pinehaven School Hall

## Working Bee & BBQ

We are having a working bee at the hall on **Saturday 6th May**, starting at 10.00 am.

We are planning to repair part of the hall floor, do some minor plumbing and drainage work and tidy up the grounds. The PD boys have done a great job spreading the top soil and sowing the grass seed but there is more to be done to restore the section. All help gratefully accepted—either just come along with some gardening tools or ring Max or Dave for details of what to bring.

We also **need a large chainsaw** so if you have one you could bring down or that we could borrow, please contact Dave or Max.

BBQ sausages provided, BYO beers.



## Lighthouse Drop In

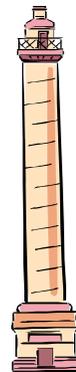
Every Wednesday

10am—2pm

PPA Hall

Coffee, lunch, conversation, games, crafts

**Everyone welcome**



# Organic Gardening Workshop



Following the very positive feedback from the March soil workshop, Jim O'Gorman returns on Sunday the 14th May at 1pm to present another gardening workshop.

This time, Jim will be talking about and demonstrating methods for **seed raising and composting**. Composting is a relatively simple process that remains a mystery to many. Jim will be making a compost heap in the hall grounds.

He will also be making **"compost tea"**, a brew of beneficial organisms (bacterial and fungal) to spray on the garden to promote healthy soil and plants. For more information check out [www.soilfoodweb.com](http://www.soilfoodweb.com).

The cost is \$40 per person, and you will go home with 10 litres of compost tea to

immediately apply to your garden.

For enrolments or queries please contact Max (details on back).

## Compost Gathering

We are also after organic matter for the compost:

- Dry items such as *ferns, pine needles and dross from beneath the pine needles, leaves (not oak)*
- Green items such as *grass, green leaves, hedge clippings, comfrey. NOT convolvulus or Wandering Willie.*
- *Chook, horse or sheep poo.*

***Please don't just dump the stuff at the hall, but call Max or Dave first (details on back).***



# Pinehaven Community Garden

The PPA is custodian of the large piece of land surrounding the PPA Hall. In looking at possible uses of the land, the committee has discussed the idea of a community garden. Ideas include:

- ✂ Planting a crop of garlic for sale at the school Gala next year
- ✂ Comfrey crop for use in the garden
- ✂ In the absence of the bonfire, we are investigating hiring a mulcher for locals to recycle their greenwaste

- ✂ Making compost for use on the community garden
- ✂ A native plant nursery to raise seedlings for sale or planting locally

So in looking to start a community organic garden, we are aiming to provide our community with the opportunity to learn more about gardening without chemicals, and to give locals a chance to meet each other. We need keen volunteers to provide help and more ideas so please contact Max (details overleaf).

**Only \$10**

# CDs For Sale

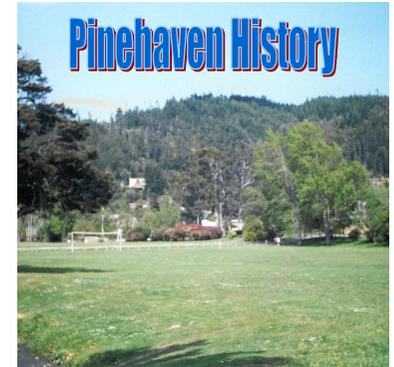
The PPA have put together a CD of Pinehaven History containing: **Slideshow of over 150 images**

**Photographs, newspaper articles, and documents of:**

- ☺ Pinehaven's changing landscape
- ☺ Disasters including the 1976 flood
- ☺ Pinehaven School & Playcentre
- ☺ Pinehaven Library
- ☺ Pinehaven Progressive Association
- ☺ Art & Craft Exhibition
- ☺ School and Community Hall
- ☺ Scouts and Guides
- ☺ Pinehaven Tennis Club

**Written Histories of:**

- ☺ Pinehaven, written by Pinehaven School pupils in 1985
- ☺ Wellington region highlights including Pinehaven, compiled by Barry Yandle
- ☺ Pinehaven Tennis Club, written by Barry Yandle
- ☺ Pinehaven Library, written by Alison Robinson (also available for \$5 as a printed book)
- ☺ Pinehaven Playcentre, written by Nicki Tulloch



All photographs and documents are listed in an index document with details of the original source, date and other known details. To order please email [pinehaven.ppa@gmail.com](mailto:pinehaven.ppa@gmail.com) or ring Ella on 976 5995.



## Pinehaven Home Group

Looking for something new? The Pinehaven Home Group meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in a home in Pinehaven. The group is connected with the Upper Hutt Baptist Church and is organised by David and Kate Turner. The group get together for Bible readings, social evenings and pot luck dinners.

All newcomers are very welcome, so if you think you might be interested phone David and Kate on 528-4415.



## Swinging High

Not sure what the council thought they were doing when they arbitrarily removed the swings outside the library a month ago.

Their response to initial enquiries was that they were planning to add a swing to the school playground and not replace the library swings. The rapid and vocal response from the residents, pointing out that the school playground is unusable in school hours, soon put paid to that idea and the swings were replaced. While we congratulate the council on listening to the people, it is a pity that they did not think to consult in advance.