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2013/2014 PPA Committee

Elected at the AGM on 23 October 2013:

- **President:** David Brown
- **Vice President:** Chris Coslett
- **Secretary:** Max Christensen
- **Treasurer:** Dominic Baron
- **Committee Members:**
 - Rita Bota
 - Pat Christianson
 - Matt Conder
 - Grant Crawford
 - Kenneth Dixon
 - Jane Mehaffey
 - Owen Johnson
 - Mike Rickard

Many, many thanks to all the committee members, to those who are stepping down your presence and contributions will be missed. To new members and residents welcome to our slice of paradise.

The Lighthouse Church and Drop-in Centre

Annual Christmas Carol Concert

Pinehaven Community Hall(PPA)
Saturday 30th November
6.00 p.m.
Entry gold coin.
Come and have a good sing
and enjoy yourselves
Santa could be coming!



Community Contacts

After School Care

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Community Garden

Max Christensen 970 7630

Keas, Cubs & Scouts

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Lighthouse Church & Drop In

Rita Bota 939 0442

Pinehaven Playcentre

Kate Beaumont 563 5140

Pinehaven Library

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Pinehaven School

Kaylene Macnee 528 4365

Silverstream Petanque Club

Claire 972 4406

Pinehaven Tennis Club

Tony Packer 527 3001

Yoga

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Pinehaven's Pine Trees - A Growing Concern?

Chris Cosslett

One role of the PPA is to bring matters of common interest to the community's attention. We recently became concerned that the large pine trees on slopes above Elmslie, Pinehaven, Blue Mountains and Wyndham roads and Jocelyn Cres may pose a risk to property and public safety.

Informal discussions with a forestry consultant indicate that pines are not naturally long-lived and become increasingly unstable and susceptible to wind-throw as they age. The current trees, planted as a production forest, have now outlived typical harvest age.

The PPA prepared an internal discussion paper on the matter (available on the PPA website). The issues involved are complex. Though the forest was planted as a single large block, ownership is divided among many small parcels and a well-planned harvest operation would require extensive cross-boundary co-operation. Commercial harvesting might be done at no cost, or even a small profit, to landowners, while employing arborists to deal individually with dangerous trees is very expensive. Then there is the question of liability, given that trees growing on one property are often tall enough to fall across one or more neighbouring properties. Are there potential implications for our insurance?

We shared the discussion paper with the City Council. The Council's position is that, because the trees are all on private land, it is not a matter in which the Council will play a role. Further, the Council considers that widespread clearance of the forest would create an unacceptable risk of slipping in a severe storm. We agree with this point.

The PPA thinks the issue warrants discussion within the wider community because it is only a matter of time before the trees become dangerous. As a first step, we intend to call a public meeting to canvass support for employing a forest consultant to carry out a risk assessment.



Yoga in Pinehaven



Yoga is a wonderful way to take full advantage of Pinehaven's tranquil atmosphere. We are fortunate to have highly experienced yoga instructors available for anyone who would like to extend their interest, or to simply have a go.

Maria Christensen has a meditation/yoga class on Saturday morning from 7.30am- 9am; the first half hour is meditation; you can also come in at 8am for just the yoga class.

Phone Maria on: 9707630

Magrita Freie has a yoga class on Tuesday 6.45pm-8pm. You're welcome to come in anywhere between 6.45 and 7pm.

Phone Magrita on: 5297398

Maria is a long term resident of Pinehaven, as a child in the 1960's and returning to Elmslie Road her husband in the late 1980's. Maria has lived and breathed yoga for 30 years and for the past 18 years has been sharing it with others.

Magrita is Dutch and has been doing yoga for over 25 years. She started teaching yoga while sailing to New Zealand to earn money on the way. Recently moved to Pinehaven, she also does yoga with children and she works as a movement therapist for children with learning difficulties.

Pinehaven Tennis Club

Tony Packer

There's been plenty happening! Our Club Captain, Marshall Wray, ran a Parent/Child handicap tournament and, soon after, another handicap event for our Sunday afternoon players where male/female partners are selected randomly, handicapped according to their playing strengths, then drawn to play against each other with first-time losers taking part in a plate event. Both of these events are now firmly embedded in the Club Calendar.

Those of you living near the Pinehaven Reserve will have noticed a great deal of evening activities of late using floodlights, in addition to Wednesday evening Club sessions. Mark Hurly has organised the pre-Christmas Night League Competition on Monday and Thursday evenings. Another Night League Tournament will be held after Christmas.

The Christmas lunch this year will be held on the 10th December. Joy Windelev, our Tuesday morning convenor, will hold a competition on that day. Attendees, please bring a suitably filled plate for a shared lunch.

We wish our members and the wider Pinehaven community a very Happy Christmas, in particular to a very young Charlie Bailey, son of member Katie Bailey and Bede, who has been in and out of hospital since birth. The newspapers report his progress from time to time. The fortitude shown by this family is a lesson for us all.

We can accommodate new members of all ages, in a club that was originally open to Pinehaven Residents alone. For more, see www.sportsground.co.nz/pinehaventennis.



Pinehaven School Report

Kaylene Macnee, Principal

Pinehaven School ends the year with 257 students and farewells 35 Year 6 students. We wish them all the best.



The Marine Life Science unit and our production around care for our environment was an especially significant area of learning.



A huge thanks to all supporters, including our very proactive Board. Our Home and School have donated \$20,000 towards additional resources. Their Spellathon alone made a whopping \$9231! One parent has worked with us to access funding for ICT equipment.

We are very grateful to the committee who organised the Pinehaven Art and Crafts Exhibition, and the community support which made it a success. All these events, initiatives, and parental support have provided extra classroom equipment, experiences and exciting learning opportunities. We welcome anyone who wants to help with school fundraising. We are very lucky to part of such a great community.



The Heretaunga Rotary Club funded and built 6 raised bed gardens for our classes to plant. Many children have enjoyed eating what they planted! If anyone can bring a watering can and water our raised bed gardens over the holiday period, it would be much appreciated.



Do you have a child turning 5 next year or early in 2015? Many from outside our school's enrolment zone would like to attend, so we urgently need in-zone numbers. Please contact our office - office@pinehaven.school.nz

Feel free to use our grounds, but please respect the spaces and refrain from bringing dogs.

If you see anything needing attention over the holidays, our school phone has an emergency redirection service, or email principal@pinehaven.school.nz

We wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



Pinehaven Library

Mon Wed Fri 12.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 5-7pm

Saturday

10.30am - 12.30pm

pinehaven@uhcc.govt.nz

Phone: 528-2208

