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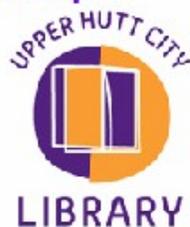
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Pinehaven News



Pinehaven Progressive Association

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Pinehaven Christmas Concert



The annual Christmas Carol Concert run by the Lighthouse Church will be a little later this year on 17th December, in the school hall starting at 6.30 p.m.

The concert is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christmas with neighbours and friends. We will be having the Brownies, Cubs and school choir to join us again;



something we always look forward to! Also our friends from Gladsome Mind, James Middleton, and well-known country singer Roger Tibbs, recently back from touring America, will entertain us. Lots of carols for you to sing, some old and some new, with solos thrown into the pot! Come and have a great time - Ella Kahu will be our M.C. again, and what a great one she is too! Father Christmas (aka Santa Claus) has also agreed to drop by for a visit so bring the kids.

See you there!

Rita

Lighthouse Church



**Pinehaven
School Hall**

**Saturday
17th December**

6.30pm

PPAAGM

The recent AGM was attended by a small group of Pinehaven residents. The annual accounts and President's report were approved and the committee was re-elected for the coming year. While we are lucky to have people who want to continue on the committee, it is also important that new people join - something to think about next year!

President's Report

Presented at the AGM 26th October 2011

The Pinehaven Progressive Association has been in existence 60 years this year. Our role in the community has changed and evolved over the years to meet the community's needs and protect the community's assets, environment, and welfare. This year has been no exception with the Canterbury earthquakes highlighting that Civil Defence Centres needed locals to operate them. We have liaised with Civil Defence ensuring we have access to Pinehaven's Civil Defence Centre if ever required.

The hall has been improved again this year, with the holes from the previous year's rewiring repaired and

painted, and new second-hand carpet on the floor. A patio is being built outside the side doors this summer. The kitchen and bathrooms are next on the to-do list, with a plan and building specification finalized. We are currently awaiting quotes to apply for a grant.

The community garden has benefited from a rainwater collection tank being installed as part of a roof water-harvesting seminar held at the hall. A garden shed has also been donated to the PPA for the community garden's use.

Fundraising has continued with income from Pinehaven t-shirt sales. We have introduced an Internet payment option for donation payments and started to supply printed envelopes to further prompt residents to donate. Both these initiatives have helped increase donations on previous years. We have also made a modest hall rental adjustment, with the aim of the hall's income covering its regular expenses such as power and rates. This leaves donations, fundraising, and grants to fund maintenance and improvements of the hall.

We have kept the community informed with our community newspaper, the "Pinehaven News" and I would like to thank everyone involved - the editor, printer, and those that hike around our hills delivering it. Our website www.ppa.org.nz is also a useful resource with past newsletters, up-coming events, and our historical archives.

We continue to have a good working relationship with the council; for example, we recently liaised with them on replacing the trees that were removed with natives. We also had the walking paths through the reserve upgraded.

It is easy to forget how lucky we are to live in Pinehaven, but where else can you find a bush clad suburb with its own library, decile 10 school, tennis club, open space reserve and all the clubs and community groups that help make Pinehaven a people haven.

Paul Hope-Cross
PPA President



A thought

I love Pinehaven. I feel lucky to live somewhere that still feels like a community and I wanted to share with you a recent experience that reflects that. I have recently volun-

teered to be a visitor through Age Concern - a small role where you are paired up with an elderly person and commit to visiting with them once a week for company. I said to the organiser that, while I would be happy with anyone, it would be really nice to get to know someone in my own immediate community, Pinehaven. Imagine my pleasure when he replied that Pinehaven was one of only two suburbs in the Hutt Valley from where he almost never had people on his books - that in his experience people in our community were already well looked after by family, friends, and neighbours and so don't need this service. Isn't that nice?

But, while Pinehaven is a lovely place to live and it still has a community feel, it is not as strong as when I was young. And it could get even less so. If we want to hang on to the special nature of Pinehaven then we each have a responsibility to contribute to it. This doesn't just mean bigger things like joining the PPA committee (but feel free ☺), it also means welcoming new neighbours and saying hello to people when you are out walking (I think this is especially important with children - we need to teach them that that is how you behave in Pinehaven). It also means coming to events like the Christmas concert and using the library. A community is made up of individuals - people like you. So it is up to you to keep Pinehaven special.

Happy Christmas
Ella Kahu
Editor



Dave Falconer is a great example of a community member. Dave has a Green Acres franchise and some months ago he volunteered to maintain the hall's lawns for free. We are extremely grateful - the money it is saving us will help with the planned kitchen and bathroom upgrade. Thanks Dave! So if you are needing something done at your place, why not support your community by giving Dave a call?



Community Contacts

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Cubs & Scouts	
John Cavill	529 8994
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Pinehaven Playcentre	
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Pinehaven School	
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Pinehaven Tennis Club	
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