



Pinehaven Progressive Association  
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## A Bit More History: The PPA

As mentioned earlier, the Goodwin family, local landowners, supported the fledgling community of Pinehaven by giving financial support, and most importantly gifting the land adjacent to the swimming hole. The Pinehaven Progressive Association was formed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War in 1941 as a social club to organise activities for the Pinehaven community and to act as a repository for any community assets.

In 1945 the PPA built the community hall and from there ran many dances, picnics, sports events, fetes and galas, theatre, and public forums. As well, the swimming hole was built into a pool, the library was started as well as many other groups such as the Pinehaven Garden Circle and the Women's Guild. As well as organising local events the PPA worked closely with the Hutt County and acted as a strong community voice on local body issues such as roading, footpaths, reserves and amalgamations.

In the past the boundaries of the PPA community have been disputed with Sunbrae considered part of Pinehaven in its early years. The president and the committee of the PPA have always been interested Pinehaven residents. The Association never sought to make a profit but merely to be financially sound: in the first 30 years or so most activity was achieved by local volunteers and donated supplies.

The Pinehaven Progressive Association has been in continuous operation for the past 63 years; experiencing the pattern of flux and wane of most such organisations; but ever present as a voice against threats to the community and the promotion of desirable community activities.

*Barry Yandle*

*If you are interested in being involved with the PPA, call Ella on 9765995 or come along to the AGM in October—see front page for details.*

### Community Contacts

#### After School Care

Gill McIlhone 528 2691

#### 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 Potters

Cynthia Talbot 528 0026

#### Pinehaven School

John Masson 528 4365

#### Silverstream Petanque Club

Shirley 528 4639

#### Tennis Club

Barry Yandle 528 7045

#### Yoga

Maria Christensen 970 7630

### Community Contacts

## Library Storytime



For the first time, the Upper Hutt Library has extended its school holiday programme to Pinehaven Library. So let's make sure we pack the place out because if we don't, it may never happen again. Take the opportunity to get the kids out for a walk in the fresh air followed by stories and crafts.

The sessions have an international theme:

#### Wednesday 22nd September 3-4pm

Chinese Lantern Making and stories from around the world.

#### Wednesday 29th September 3-4pm

African Mask Making and stories from around the world.

## AGM

The Progressive Association AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 27th October, 7.30pm in the Community Hall.

Please come along and celebrate a year of successes for the Pinehaven community. Anyone interested in being nominated for a position on the committee please contact Ella Kahu on 976 5995 beforehand. There is strong interest so no need to stay at home for fear of coercion! Coffee & Cake will be served after the meeting and election.

## Council Matters

As you are no doubt all aware the local body elections are underway with the ballot box closing on the 9th of October.

It is not the role of the PPA to tell you who to vote for, but we would like to remind everyone of the importance of their decision. As we have seen this year with the fight for the library, the council makes decisions that impact upon our community. Remember that you have the right to ask the candidates for their views on local issues in order to help you in your decision making. There are three public meetings scheduled, but if you prefer a more personal approach feel free to ring any of the candidates.

## Thank You

We would like to thank the people of Pinehaven for their generosity in the recent collection of subscription/donations. Despite the challenging driveways we had to climb, it was a pleasure to get out and about, meet so many wonderful people—and collect so much wonderful money!

We will be using the funds over the coming year primarily to do some well overdue maintenance on the hall as well as the sad (but necessary) removal of the swimming pool.

## Bonfire Night



There won't be another newsletter before the bonfire so please remember these guidelines.

- Do not dump rubbish early. The council restricts the size of the fire so drop off is not permitted until a few days before November 5th. Failure to follow this rule may jeopardise this event.
- Only dry garden waste such as tree and bush clippings will be accepted: the PPA does not want to be left with a pile of unburnt rubbish at the end
- Removing the debris to the tip costs the PPA and so we will be collecting donations from those wishing to leave rubbish.
- We are working with the school to arrange a safe, roped off area to allow families with young children to enjoy the occasion from a place of safety.
- Please be safe and sensible with your fireworks. The continuation of this tradition depends upon your cooperation .

## Snippets

Upper Hutt College **school zone** was announced and now includes Pinehaven.

Pauline Baty has started an exciting new **local project**. She has borrowed the oral history recording equipment from Upper Hutt Library and is interviewing some of Pinehaven's long term residents. Look out for snippets from these stories in later newsletters.

With all the rain recently, we all need to be alert—keep an eye on the **stormwater drains** near your property and when they get blocked take a moment to clear the debris away.

I have noticed a number of **drivers speeding** up Pinehaven Road lately. We need to keep our roads safe for the children who walk around Pinehaven so think about how fast you are travelling. If you see someone else speeding then let the police know and they will contact the offender. The easiest way is using the online form below. If we all do this, the culprits will quickly learn that Pinehaven is not a community where speeding is tolerated.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/service/road/roadwatch.php>

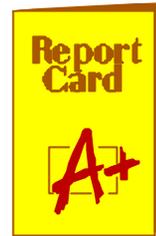
## Art & Craft

The 34th annual Pinehaven Art & Craft exhibition, held recently in the school hall was a wonderful success with excellent sales and a significant sum of money raised for the school. I hope you all managed to find the time to visit the event and appreciate the beautiful art and craft work on display.

Although officially a school fundraiser, the Art & Craft is very much a community event and the PPA would like to thank the school and all the parents for their wonderful work maintaining this tradition. In particular, thank you to Debby Lawson who has convened the event for the past six years and who is now stepping down to take a more back-seat role.

The three basket raffles were drawn on Sunday night and the lucky winners were:

- Basket 1: Rose Gibson
- Basket 2: Donna Vickers
- Basket 3: Hannah Griffin

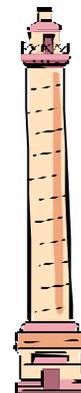


*The PPA and the school are very keen to continue to foster the strong links between the community and our school. To that end, this newsletter will now have a regular 'School News' column provided by the Board of Trustees.*

The BOT are very pleased to announce Mr John Masson has been permanently appointed to the role of Principal.

Our new entrant role numbers are growing so well that we are employing an extra teacher to enable the new entrants class to be split from Term 4. The new teacher will take the class for 4 days a week, and Mr Masson will take the class for one day. This would not have happened without the excellent support we receive from the parents and the fantastic fundraising efforts of the PTA.

Catherine Balmforth, our invaluable office manager has returned to the office after a period of leave. It is lovely to have her back and the BOT and Principal thank Rona and staff for the wonderful support and assis-



## Lighthouse Drop-In Centre

**Wednesdays between 10.30am and 2.30 pm**

We are continuing to enjoy each other's company, coffee, lunch, and sharpening our wits with board games, jig-saws and great conversation. Do come along, don't be shy, make the first move. I promise you, you won't be sorry, in fact you will wonder why it took you so long!!

By the way, we have asked the Council for an Arts grant (won't be big), so that we can run some sessions on crafting your own cards ready for Christmas, or other occasions. Watch out for notices to let you know when this will happen.

*Cheers all, Rita (939-0442)*

## School News

tance provided while Catherine was away. What a hive of activity our school has been over the last month or two. Some of the activities our children have recently been involved in are:

- ☺ Petone Indoor Sports
- ☺ Jump Jam (aerobics for kids)
- ☺ Junior School PMP programme
- ☺ Tournament of the Minds
- ☺ Visit from St Pat's Kapa Haka group
- ☺ Kids for Kids concert with Suzanne Prentice
- ☺ Artsplash
- ☺ Upper Hutt primary schools table tennis competition

*Julie Manu*



Pinehaven Tennis Club welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Adult summer playing hours are as follows:  
 Tuesday morning 9.30-12.00  
 Wednesday evening 7.00-9.00  
 Saturday afternoon 1.00 - 4.00  
 Come along and give it a try or for more information phone Barry Yandle on 528-7045.