

# **Pinehaven Progressive Association**

## **Annual Presidents report 2012 – 2013**

Welcome everyone.

The year started with a somewhat, new look, new age committee given a number of past members standing down. It is reassuring to see residents prepared to step up and continue the work of the PPA, one of the oldest community groups in the country at 70 years old and counting.

Unlike previous years where decisions by the UHCC and commercial organisations have required the PPA to be very vocal on issues, this year has been relatively quiet.

The Christmas Concert, organised by the Lighthouse Church, has grown such that the school hall is now the venue. It was once again a successful event.

The Waitangi Day Community Picnic having been postponed due to weather was held on the following Friday evening and attracted a large number of people who had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. What I found most heartening was the number of new faces and in particular the number of children present.

The wonderful asset we have in the Hall continues to be used by many local groups and individuals. The lawns continue to be maintained and looking presentable with many thanks to Dave Faulkner. Improvements are always on the agenda, however fundraising is still a slow and difficult process.

The Community Garden has lost its stalwarts in David and Barbara Winters. There is plenty of room and it's a great growing location but could do with a new driving force.

The most exciting development has been the re-construction of the PPA website. With the online history, forums, surveys, links and the new weather station it is becoming an informative and attractive site to visit. Many thanks to Kenneth Dixon for his efforts.

The Library was once again questioned briefly about its viability. fortunately this didn't amount to anything. The PPA will continue to lobby and support the Council on new programmes, but I must stress for its continued existence it requires continued patronage so please use it.

Financially The PPA is in fairly good standing but we do rely on subscriptions to help keep things going. I hope the residents will again contribute generously. We have made it easier by providing a direct deposit option.

We (here I mean Ella Kahu) have produced several newsletters through the year keeping all informed on past and upcoming happenings in the community and look forward to this continuing.

The last of the PPA sponsored events was the Meet The Candidates evening held recently in the school hall. This was a well attended evening and the feedback was very positive, well done and thanks to those involved.

Finally 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.

David Brown

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