

# Pinehaven Progressive Association

## Presidents report 2015 – 2016

Hello to all Pinehaven residents in particular new residents and a special thanks to those of you here tonight.

For content I reviewed our newsletters and minutes and a couple of things stood out that were a significant focus of the community.

Those issues being the Flood Management Plan, Urban Tress and the Land Use Strategy all of which have been adopted to some extent. The PPA has been involved to some degree with all these issues taking a balanced, considered and constructive approach with our submissions.

We were invited by the council to participate in a series of workshops, their hope to be more proactive and inclusive. I believe it was a worthwhile exercise with the group thrashing out the issues. Although there was good discussion sadly the group were unable to present a completely unified front as there are some issues where it seems there is no room for movement. Despite this I hope the Council continue to push for more community involvement early in the planning process.

The Land Use Strategy in particular sets a direction, but actions taken are still open to community consultation and I urge you all *for or against* to take the opportunities offered, to present submissions with your views.

Pinehaven's annual events had another enjoyable and successful year. These being the Lighthouse Church's Christmas Concert and the recent Pinehaven Arts and Craft show.

The hall continues to have regular use as it is home to the Lighthouse Church who also provide drop in sessions and regular Sunday service, The Brownies and Guides, yoga, band practice and the occasional one off use.

The Hall itself is continuing to be upgraded with the kitchen the latest area to have received attention. With upgraded cabinets, zip, polished wood floor and new dishwasher, its looking very presentable. A big thank you to Chris Cosslett for heading the project and Paul Cocker for the floor work. The bathrooms are next on the list and we hope to have those completed in the coming year. The grounds are regularly groomed and the lawn mower has paid for itself in the first year, many thanks to the members on the mowing roster.

Within the community we have seen a number of things happening.

We have seen the installation of the UFB infrastructure.

The School continues to rate highly due to the guidance and enthusiasm of principal Kaylene and her staff.

The library remains, all be it with a few changes to the opening hours. The really good news here is we are seeing a lot more positive interest from the Central library support team so I encourage you all to take advantage of the programs on offer.

A huge welcome to the new business “Little haven” which has established itself in the shops on Jocelyn Cres. and by all accounts its proving very popular. A lovely space to browse, chat and enjoy a good cup of coffee.

Finally the existence of the PPA and its facilities would not be possible or function were it not for the efforts of the committee who genuinely try to make Pinehaven a wonderful community in which to reside. From the hall maintenance, hall bookings, website (with planned upgrades), financials, to the production and distribution of our newsletter. I would like to thank you all for your assistance over the past year.

So, to you, and all of Pinehaven I wish you a happy and healthy year.

David Brown

President PPA