

# **Pinehaven Progressive Association**

## Presidents Report 2016 – 2017

Greetings to the Pinehaven community and a warm welcome to those of you who have taken the time to attend our AGM.

The year of activities and things of note kicked off with the always popular Christmas Concert, this year brought to you by the Silverpine Guide Club with assistance from the Lighthouse Church. It was again a successful event and showcased the talents of the girls and Church members. An annual event not to be missed and coming up again soon.

The library – another year and still here. A part of the community enjoyed by many and providing wonderful programmes for kids throughout the year. Well worth continuing to support it.

The lighthouse Church, the Halls primary user continues to offer spirituality, companionship and social services to the community. The Hall is also home to the Guides, Brownies, yoga, and is used for band practice and a variety of individual events. It is well used and has been deserving of some enhancements for a long time.

Those that do use the Hall will be aware of recent upgrades. This year has seen the spruce up of the bathrooms with new fixtures, paint, flooring and for the first time in its history, hot water to the bathroom sinks. The work being funded by fundraising applications, PPA funds and generous contributions from the community, of special mention here to Mr Paul Cocker for the floor work.

The regular crew has continued to make sure the Hall functions and the grounds remain presentable.

These upgrades have come as a hit to our funds but we remain in reasonably good financial health. We continue to solicit and obtain membership and Hall Rental fees as well the occasional donations which are all put to good use. We

appreciate all the financial help we can get as there is always maintenance or upgrades required.

The Council has continued to progress with a number of various plans, bylaws and resilience issues ie a new tree policy, the flood management plan, Land use strategy and emergency response plans. There never seems to be any shortage of changes or reviews that ask for feedback and consultation. The PPA encourages you all to be involved in the process. Individual submission numbers, as well as submissions from groups like Save Our Hills and the PPA, are important. Get as inform as you can about all aspects and present your particular point of view.

The School continues to be a community focal point, with another successful Arts and Craft show. The school continues to rate very well delivering academic and healthy growth skills for the kids in our community. The Playcentre too seems to be well attended. All this success has brought with it increased traffic and parking issues, hence new road markings. I would ask that we all take extra care, be patient, considerate and maybe walk, if possible, to help ease the pressure.

All in all the year has been pretty typical for the PPA committee, who I would like to give my sincere thanks to for all your contributions –

Chris - for picking up in my absence and helping with upgrades and driving the Old man's beard programme and lawn mowing

Mel - for her outstanding minute keeping, and involvement with the website upgrade, she has brought a new level of communications skills to the PPA.

Dominic - for keeping a steady eye on administration and finances; as well as holding a regular spot on the mowing roster.

Ken - for maintaining the website and input into the upcoming page upgrade; as well as holding a regular spot on the mowing roster.

Carol - for producing our newsletter

Rita - for her work managing and keeping track of the hall rentals.

Owen - for his work with the bathroom renovations, fundraising and also taking a regular spot on the mowing roster

Grant - for his involvement and representation with the local Emergency Management planning and also taking a regular spot on the mowing roster

Max - for day to day hall maintenance and also taking a regular spot on the mowing roster

Pat, Jane and Matt, for their institutional knowledge and their input at committee meetings which at times have been truly memorable.

It is you, and those past, that means the PPA will be able to celebrate it's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming December. A milestone we and the community can be very proud of. It is my hope the community continues to step up and keep the legacy alive. The PPA, contribute in many, often subtle, ways to what makes Pinehaven such a special community to live in. Being able to celebrate 75 years as a local community association makes us quite unique in New Zealand and is an acknowledgement of our community spirit – small but enduring.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure getting to know each of you and to have served as the PPA president for the past few years and been able to continue such a unique and special tradition which is represented by the existence and continuation

of the Pinehaven Progressive Association.

Thank you very much.

David Brown