

Calling All Five-Year-Olds



Do you have a child due to turn five this year or next? Looking to enrol your child in Pinehaven School? Please contact Kaylene Macnee at 5284365 or office@pinehaven.school.nz to arrange a visit.

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Pinehaven News



Pinehaven Progressive Association

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Questions? Comments? Articles? Email: newsletter@ppa.org.nz

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Planning an Event?

The Pinehaven Hall is available for hire at the standard rate of \$15 an hour. With a stage and piano, a kitchen stocked with cutlery and crockery, a deck, lawn and two toilets, Pinehaven Hall is suitable for a wide range of meetings and events. To hire the Hall for your next event, please see www.ppa.org.nz/hall or contact **Rita Bota** on 021 117 1854 or ritabota@gmail.com



Join the PPA and other community members on www.neighbourly.co.nz



Pinehaven Hall in Desperate Need of Repair

Max Christensen

The future of Pinehaven Hall is in doubt following a recent assessment of its structure, cladding, fixtures and fittings.

“Looking after the Hall on behalf of the community is a key responsibility of the PPA,” says former PPA President David Brown, “but unfortunately the work it now needs to bring it up to a reasonable standard is beyond that which we’re able to achieve on our own.”

Pinehaven Hall was built by locals in 1945. A few years ago, the Hall’s roof was replaced, and the toilets and kitchen upgraded. Last year, as part of the PPA’s celebration of 75 years in the community, volunteers gave the entrance a new coat of paint, including a bright yellow front door, and new signage. Thanks to a generous grant from the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club, new heaters were installed.



Now more significant work has become critical. Replacing rotten wooden window frames and weatherboards destroyed by borer is costly, and the PPA is seeking help from the community.

“There are lots of ways people can help,” says David. “Donations either in the form of directly contributing to costs, or by local tradespeople donating their time and skills to getting the work done, is what’s really needed to ensure the Hall remains available for use by the community for generations to come.”

More overleaf

Pinehaven Hall: An Historic Treasure

Max Christensen

Built by locals in 1945 from the recycled remnants of early ships arriving in Wellington Harbour, the Hall originally stood next to the old community swimming pool. Both were a popular picnic destination, together with the nearby tearooms.

The cost of maintaining the Hall has historically been met by hiring it to Pinehaven residents and local groups; and through the donated time, skills and resources of Pinehaven Progressive Association (PPA) Committee members and local volunteers.



The pool was filled in and the Hall's lawn extended over it in 2004. A few years later the Hall's roof was replaced, and the toilets and kitchen upgraded. Last year, a community orchard was planted. Volunteers continue to help out by being on the lawn-mowing roster, managing hire bookings or assisting with odd jobs.

The PPA is determined to protect the historical Pinehaven Hall and hopes residents will also be passionate about saving its legacy. Any help would be very much appreciated.



To contribute funds, you can donate via internet banking to PPA, account 03-0774-0857067-00; reference SAVE OUR HALL

If you're a local tradie and keen to be involved, please phone **Owen Johnson** on 021 203 6369 or **Mike Salmon** on 021 204 4057, or email hello@ppa.org.nz. To hire the Hall for your next event, please see www.ppa.org.nz/hall or contact **Rita Bota** on 021 117 1854 or ritabota@gmail.com

Pest-Free Pinehaven Calls Residents to Join Database

Mary Hayek-Williams

Autumn in Pinehaven is a beautiful time of year – golden leaves and golden days. Not so golden however, is that predators will now turn to our precious native birds for sustenance as the summer bounty runs out. This will be especially so this year, a 'mega mast' year: some trees produced a lot of seed, and now there are a lot of rats, possums and other predators.

Join Pest-Free Pinehaven and help catch these pests before they get to our birds.

Pest-Free Pinehaven is part of Pest-Free Upper Hutt, a volunteer community group eradicating rats, stoats, weasels, ferrets and possums from our parks, reserves, backyards and waterways with the aim of restoring birdlife and native bush.

We have rat tunnels with traps available for a donation of up to \$20. We'll show you the ins and outs of setting your trap and how to register it in our online database. If you already have a trap, you can still join by registering your trap with us and contributing your catch data. If you have a handy streak, please consider helping out with making the rat tunnels.

We also provide advice on trapping other pests like possums and stoats and are working on a trap library for these more expensive traps.

We currently have 65 traps in our network. We need your help to reach our current 200 trap goal. Let's together make Pinehaven pest free, helping make New Zealand predator free by 2050.

So email pestfree.pinehaven@gmail.com to get trapping!

Save the Date: 49th Pinehaven Arts and Crafts Exhibition September 20-22

This year's Pinehaven Arts and Crafts Exhibition will take place September 20 2019 (Friday night Gala opening) to September 22 2019. This year's guest artist is Linda Mikkelsen, Ceramic Artist

If you'd like to exhibit, sponsor or donate to the exhibition, contact Tam on tamandramon@yahoo.co.nz.



The PPA is a voluntary organisation promoting Pinehaven interests. Donations to aid our work can be made via cheque at the Pinehaven Library or online banking to account 03-0774-0857067-00. All contributions gratefully accepted.