

# OHUI NEWSLETTER



*As we reflect on the vibrant season of spring that has almost come to pass, we're filled with gratitude for all the growth, connections, and accomplishments it has brought to our community.*

Stephanie Noa  
OHUI, Chair



195

Members

320

Mailing List

82

Bookings  
Since Oct 2023

OHUI Annual General Meeting

Hato Hone St John Project

Community Projects

TCDC Works | Wish List

Local Initiatives & Opportunities



Spring has been a time of renewal and positive change. As we look back, we celebrate the energy and enthusiasm that each of you have contributed, making this time truly special.



In this newsletter, we'll highlight our achievements together & look forward to progress and opportunities that await in the seasons to come. Let's carry the spirit of spring forward as we move into the future with hope and excitement!





## **OHUI AGM**

At the recent OHUI Annual General Meeting (AGM), the reappointment of all officers to the OHUI Committee was met with resounding success, reflecting the community's trust and confidence in their leadership. The re-elected officers have been key in steering the community through a period of growth and transformation. Their continued leadership promises stability and forward momentum.

The decision to retain the OHUI committee ensures continuity in strategic planning and the execution of key initiatives for the year ahead. Members present expressed strong support for their reappointment, highlighting the officers' dedication, vision, and ability to effectively represent the interests of the community.



With this committee at the helm, Opoutere Hall United Inc (OHUI) is well-positioned to build on its achievements and pursue new opportunities for progress, collaboration and growth. There have been no changes to the \$5 annual subscription, which are due for OHUI financial members. Account details are on the Opoutere Hall [website](#).

**coastline**  
FENCING LTD



Photo: Children play on the reserve at our Matariki Celebration

## **Coastline Fencing Project**

**The Lottery Grants Board & Coastline Fencing Ltd** have finished creating safe space for families to explore and enjoy our hall. Parents and whānau can relax with peace of mind that children are free to roam without worry. The new safety gates have been installed making access to the hall easier.

A community painting project and mural is also on the cards.







## Hato Hone St John Project

We would like to show our gratitude to Hato Hone Whangamata Area Committee for their generous contribution in funding an external Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This donation enhances the safety and wellbeing of all. Life-saving equipment is now readily available to the community in the event of a medical emergency.



**3 STEPS FOR LIFE**  
+ PLUS ONE



**St John**  
Here for Life

### Ngā Tohu Whakaora e 3 3 Steps for Life

#### What is a 3 Steps for Life awareness session?

A 3 Steps for Life awareness session is for members of the community to introduce them to life saving skills for people in cardiac arrest. The awareness session will cover basic CPR and AED skills, and runs for approximately 45 minutes.

Hato Hone St John's commitment to community wellbeing includes the delivery of the 3 Steps for Life community workshops. Where you can confidently learn CPR and how to use an AED. The next free workshop takes place Dec 1st. Thank you to Jenni Edwards for leading this project and local kaumatua Junior Wairepo for blessing our AED.

## Starlink Internet

Our rural location is no longer a barrier to stay connected. Wi-Fi is available at the hall to all who need it. All thanks to funding from **The Lottery Grants Board**.

**Username :** Opoutere Hall

**Password:** 1OpoutereRd







## TCDC Projects

**Thames Coromandel District Council** have completed more maintenance work on the hall, repairing the rotting weatherboards and replacing stairs to the women's lavatories. Improving hall integrity and longevity is key to ensuring our hall is a safe and durable space. This will require ongoing council-committee communication and collaboration.

A key area of future work is addressing Building Warrant of Fitness (BWoF). Additionally, we are working with the council to improve the current toilets. These initiatives create a safer, more accessible environment for everyone. We acknowledge the TCDC and their efforts to maintain the hall and our partnership. Margot Nicholson's mahi as our council liaison has been pivotal to our progress. Thank you Margot!



## Opoutere Hall Wish List

- Heating
- Insulation
- Solar Panels
- Exterior Paint
- Storage Space
- Accessible Toilets
- Commercial Kitchen
- Double Glaze Windows
- Open Plan Outdoor Area
- New Kitchenwares

**\$ 320,000.00**

## Pub Charity PA Project

The new PA system is available for use during your public or private meetings and events. Improved sound quality will make it easier for everyone to hear and engage in discussions. For smooth operation, detailed instructions on how to use the PA system are posted on the hall noticeboard. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself these. We hope this new visual audio project and technology enhances your experience.

## Opoutere Hall PA System

OHUI updated October 2024

### PA Instructions

1. Open the PA cupboard. Plug the white cord into the wall plug and turn it on.
2. Push main switch on (A)
3. Push AMP switch on (B)



Plug in your device and enjoy!

Leave the PA door open to keep the system cool.

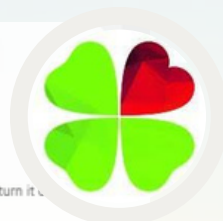
Complete instructions in reverse to turn OFF.

### Projector Screen Instructions

- ★ Point the remote at projector wall screen
- Push arrow to open and up arrow to close.

### Projector Instructions

- ★ Point the projector remote at the projector
- Push blue button to turn the projector on and off.







### **DOC Community Hui**

Join us for the next week Wednesday for a community hui/meeting hosted by DOC, Department of Conservation. This community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27th November from 9am. Contact [Shania Hills](#) for any additional information regarding this event.

### **Fire Risk & Summer Plan**

Don't miss out on the upcoming community emergency planning meeting with TCDC, as we work together to discuss local safety measures, strategies, and ways to strengthen our neighborhood's, and preparedness. We'll discuss keeping our community safe and resilient during the summer months. This community meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th December from 10am. Contact [Pamela Balt](#) for any additional information regarding this event.



**Department of  
Conservation**  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



### **Invitation to get Involved**

Are you passionate about making a difference and helping to restore our community hall? Consider joining our mailing list or volunteering your time and skills to support events.

### **Bookings | Hall for Hire**

Internal hall occupancy is currently capped at 50 people due to council requirements. Bookings will be accepted around planned works. Please check our website [calendar](#) for hall availability.

### **Jane Mabbott Photography**

The beautiful Opoutere photography on our website and in our newsletter was captured by and given to us by local photographer Jane Mabbott. Any enquires for purchasing these images can be sent to Jane, via Facebook.

Thank you Jane!







## Community Donations

A heartfelt thank you to our community for the generous donations of furniture home decor and kitchenware. Your contributions have made a meaningful difference, helping to create a more comfortable and functional space for everyone to enjoy. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support!



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Coromandel  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

[www.communityservices.org.nz](http://www.communityservices.org.nz)

*Thank  
You*

## ECCS Grant

Also a big thank you to Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust for upgrading our kitchen with a new fridge, oven, pie warmer, and bain maries. These valuable additions will enhance our ability to serve and cater to the community, making food preparation and storage more efficient.

## Calendar - Key Dates

Wednesday 27th Nov	DOC Community Meeting
Sunday 1st Dec	Hato Hone St John - 3 Steps for Life Workshop
Monday 9th Dec	TCDC Fire Risk & Summer Planning Session
Friday 13th Dec	All community classes finish for the year
Thursday 2nd Jan	ORRA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11th Feb	Chorus Fiber Network Information Session







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## Local Initiatives

Hato Hone, St John three steps for life awareness sessions are free to attend. Yoga with Tesh started this term, classes take place Tue & Fri mornings 9-11am. Kōrero Māori workshops and Zumba classes with Maringirangi Pohatu are well into the 5th week. All community classes will conclude for the year on Dec 13th.

These events provide wonderful opportunities for relaxation, fitness, cultural learning, and connection. We're grateful for these facilitators and everyone who participates in making our community vibrant and inclusive. Who knows what next year has install for us!

### He Whakatauki | A Proverb



Nāu te rourou, nāku te  
rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

*With your food basket and my food  
basket the people will thrive*

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