

OHUI NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Summer or Raumati edition of our Opoutere Hall United Inc. newsletter, where we share exciting updates, events, notices, and ways you can get involved in making each season one to remember!

In this issue, we'll take a closer look at what's been happening behind the scenes this summer. Let's plan and work together to create a 2025 calendar, that is full of fun activities and events for all to enjoy.



It's well and truly time to bid farewell to another unforgettable summer in Aotearoa and look back on the stunning days, community events, and the moments in time that made the season so full of special memories.

Stephanie Noa
OHUI, Chair



199

Members

327

Mailing List

25

Bookings
Since Jan 2025



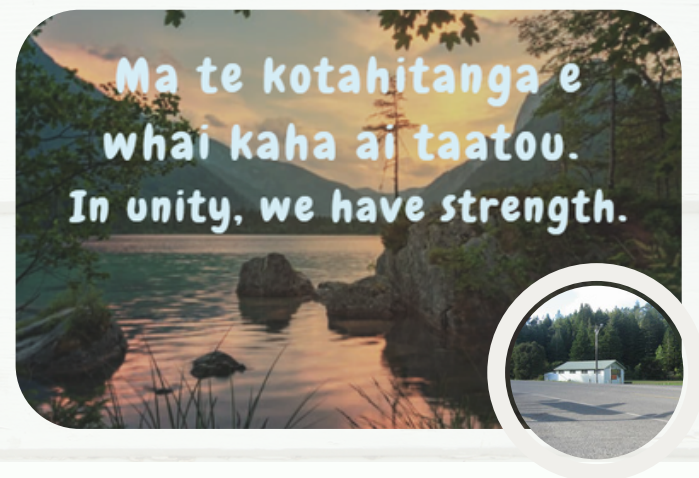
Community Wellbeing

A variety of wellbeing classes and workshops to support the health and happiness of our community are frequenting that hall. Yoga and Zumba sessions are perfect for improving flexibility, strength, and overall fitness. Additionally, the hall has hosted a range of wellbeing workshops, including those by Io Mata Hauora and Nourish. Io Mata Hauora will return annually or when available. Our priority is to improve the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of our rural collective. These clinics and workshops will cover topics such as self-care, traditional healing, nutrition, and giving people the tools and knowledge to live a balanced and healthy life. We encourage everyone to invest in their hauora or wellbeing.

Local Initiatives

This year our focus is to seek out, book and proudly promote locally led initiatives. If you have time to host a class, share your skills or simply sit and welcome people to come and share a morning or evening together, please get in touch. We are super excited for the year ahead and what it has install for us!

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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 community support events.

Bookings | Hall for Hire

Hall occupancy is now set at **99 people**, based on councils advice and approval. Bookings will still only 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 gifted to us by local photographer Jane Mabbott. Any enquires for purchasing these images can be sent to Jane, via Facebook.

Hall Hire Information

Hall Hire Information can be found online <https://www.opouterehall.co.nz/blog/> Newsletters are also posted in the blog! Please read the hall hire terms and conditions when you get a moment.



Bathroom Upgrades

The Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) has exciting plans to upgrade our bathrooms, the project is on enhancing accessibility and functionality for all visitors. The upcoming renovations will include fully accessible toilets, designed to meet the needs of people with mobility challenges, ensuring they have safe and easy access. A new family room will be incorporated, offering a private space for parents and caregivers to attend to children's needs, such as changing nappies or offering a quiet moment. These improvements aim to make community spaces more inclusive and welcoming, aligning with TCDC's commitment to creating better, more accessible public facilities for everyone. Come share your thoughts with us this Sunday, 10-11am at the hall for a community cuppa and chat.



Our 60th Year Anniversary

This year is the hall's 60th anniversary! For six decades, the hall has been a hub for our community, hosting numerous events, gatherings, and celebrations that have brought multitudes of people together. This achievement is a testament to the strength of our community and the enduring spirit of those who have contributed to the hall's success. We will celebrate this milestone in conjunction with Matariki.



Photo: Te Rangimarie Opoutere Hall



Hall Painting Project

The team at Blue Sky Improvements are kindly volunteering their time and skills and paint, pro bono to paint our precious hall. Working in partnership with TCDC who agreed to cover the cost of supplies and remedial work that maybe required. This project will help enhance the appearance of the hall with a fresh new look, it will also improve hall longevity. This generous contribution is a wonderful example of community spirit, and we are incredibly grateful for their offer and support. On behalf of OHUI committee, Opoutere community and all hall users we would like to send a thank you to Luke Simpson and the team at Blue Sky Improvements, **THANK YOU!**



ECCS Kitchenware Grant

The Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust kitchenware upgrades, for a new double door fridge, oven, pie warmer, and bain maries have all proved to be valuable items. Feedback from hall users has been positive and appreciative.

Hall Reserve, Tree Recovery

You may have seen the tree that recently fell on the hall reserve? Well, the fallen branch has been carefully collected and stored for us to create a something special. The committee saw its as a sign and opportunity to repurpose it for the hall. Come share your ideas at the upcoming community cuppa and chat,. This Sunday 16th Mar, 10-11am at the Hall. Thank you Shubham Solanki, TCDC Parks & Reserves Manager and the TCDC contractors for setting it aside for us and keeping the reserve clear and safe.



Photo: Don Campbell recovering the fallen tree.



Community Fence Paint Project

A standout project this summer was the fence painting day, which brought neighbors together in a truly creative and collaborative way. What began as a simple idea to protect our new fence quickly turned into a vibrant display of community spirit. Over the course of a day, residents picked up brushes, while children enjoyed making silk paper inside the hall with local artists Greta & Lena.



The fence stands as a beautiful symbol of unity, representing the personalities that make up our community. Not only did the project brighten up the neighborhood, it also created lasting memories and new friendships making it a true reflection of the collective energy and creativity that thrives here. Thank you to Joe Adams and the rural fire crew for the sausage sizzle afterwards.



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**.

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Password: 1OpoutereRd





TCDC Planned Works

TCDC have also committed to essential works to improve our facility and ensure a safe and comfortable space for all. We are clear on all necessary actions to increase hall occupancy, including displaying emergency signage, bathroom refurbishment and installation of panic fasteners. Borer control and gutter cleaning have been confirmed and booked. We are moving forward with the installation of a underflooring water barrier to help prevent borer. TCDC funding for insulation has also been approved. We are in the process of reviewing quotes for heating options, which will be essential for ensuring a warm and welcoming space during the winter months and wetter climates. Thank you to the wonderful TCDC Properties and Facilities team.



In Progress

- Heating
- Insulation
- Exterior Paint
- Accessible Toilets
- Kitchen Upgrades

Wish List

- Solar Panels
- Storage Space
- Open Plan Spaces
- Double Glaze Windows
- Septic System Upgrade

\$ 220,000.00

Pub Charity Project

Our new PA system is available for use during your public or private meetings and events. Improved sound systems 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 before use. We hope this assistive technology project enhances your hall 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.

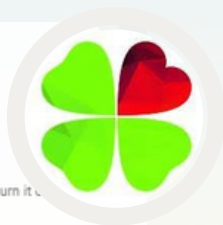
Complete instructions in reverse to turn OFF.

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.





TCDC Annual Funding



We are thrilled to announce that we have secured a 3-year funding commitment from the TCDC to support operational cost. This funding will provide us with the resources needed to enhance operations, ensuring we can deliver services and initiatives to our community without barriers.

This funding will enable us to:

- Assist long-term sustainability
- Foster a user friendly space
- Strengthen local capability

We would like to extend our gratitude to TCDC for their ongoing support and confidence in our work. We are excited for the future and look forward to making a lasting impact. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue our journey of a reciprocal partnership.

Lottery COGS Funding



We are excited to share that our Community Operations Grant, funding from the Lottery Board to support hall operations was successful! This contribution will help ensure the retention of essential hall services and operational efficiency to effectively run the hall and better serve the community. The funding will be used to:

- Enhance operations and services
- Support hall day-to-day operations
- Strengthen our capacity to meet the needs of our community.

We are grateful to the Lottery Board for their generous support. This funding will make a significant difference in hall continuity, progress and momentum. With this new backing we know the hall has a bright and long future ahead.

OHUI Committee & Co-Opts

OHUI committee recently had reshuffle of roles and positions in addition to two new co-opted members. We are confident this restructure positively aligns with each members personal strengths and relative experience. All committee members will continue to dedicate their time, skills and insights to benefit the hall and community.

OHUI Committee Members

Opoutere Hall United Inc current committee make up.

- Stephanie Noa - Chairperson
- Margot Nicholson - Vice Chairperson
- Michelle Barclay - Secretary
- Clayton Spence - Treasurer
- Jennifer Edwards - Committee Member
- Annabel Campbell - Committee Member



Local Chorus Network

Our community had the exciting opportunity to participate in a Chorus community session, where we learned all about the upcoming fiber network being rolled out for Opoutere. The session was a fantastic chance for locals to engage directly with Chorus representatives, ask questions, and get a deeper understanding of how the new fiber infrastructure will enhance connectivity in the area. With faster, more reliable internet on the horizon, the project promises to open up a world of possibilities for both residents and businesses, from improved remote working capabilities to better access to online services. It's clear that this upgrade will have a transformative impact on our community, connecting us to the digital world like never before.

Rural Fire Risk

This summer in Opoutere, we were fortunate to experience a season of beautiful weather without the devastating threat of fires that often comes with the dry conditions. Thanks to the collective efforts of residents, local fire services, and proactive fire prevention measures, we successfully managed the risks that could have otherwise endangered our community. Whether it was maintaining defensible spaces around properties, staying informed with regular updates, or being vigilant with fire safety practices, everyone played a role in keeping Opoutere safe. As a result, we were able to enjoy the stunning outdoors, local events, and beach days without the concern of fire, making this summer all the more memorable and safe for all.

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OHUI Key Dates

March 16	Community Cuppa & Chat 10-11am
March 23	OHUI Committee Meeting
April 20	Easter Celebration - Save the Date
June 21	60th Anniversary & Matariki Celebration - Save the Date
TBC	Community Fence and Deck Paint
TBC	Community Progress Celebration

