

OHUI PĀNUI



The hall is now winter-ready and good to go all year round! The new heat pumps are already making a real difference. Bookings in the cold months will be nice and cosy for all hall users.

Stephanie Noa,
OHUI, Chairperson

Local Initiatives & Opportunities

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OHUI Directory



188

Members

316

Mailing List

13

Bookings
Since Jan 2026



Autumn has almost settled over Opoutere, the changing season brings a quiet shift in pace and perspective. The hues of falling leaves and the crispness in the air invite us to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with one another.

It's a time to gather, share stories, and appreciate the simple moments that often pass us by in busier months. In this edition of our newsletter, we celebrate the warmth of our community, highlight recent happenings, and look ahead to the opportunities next season.





Local Initiatives & Opportunities

Term one marked the exciting launch of two new initiatives that have already begun to enrich our community. The Wonder Woods pre-school playgroup has created a warm, nature-inspired space where our youngest tamariki can explore, learn, and play together, while caregivers connect and share in those early years of growth.

Alongside this, the Women's Wellbeing Circle, held each full moon, offers a calm and supportive environment for wāhine to gather, reflect, and nurture their wellbeing. Rooted in connection and intention, these gatherings are quickly becoming a meaningful rhythm in the community, fostering both personal and collective strength.

The return of the Io Mata Hauora wāhine healers group for their annual visit is fast becoming a valued tradition in Opoutere, one that our community looks forward to each year. Their presence brings not only practical and physical support, but also a sense of connection and shared purpose around hauora and the importance of holistic wellbeing.

This growing partnership marks an exciting step forward, as we continue to strengthen local wellbeing and health initiatives for whānau. We extend our sincere thanks to Te Korowai o Hauraki for their support in making this possible, helping to weave together resources, knowledge, and care that benefit our entire community.




He Whakatauki | A Proverb


"Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa" is a Māori proverb meaning "Let us keep close together, not far apart". It emphasizes the importance of connection, unity, maintaining close relationships, and solidarity to move forward together.



Annual General Meeting in June

You're warmly invited to attend our Annual General Meeting.

 Sunday 14th June

 11:00am

 Opoutere Hall

Come along, bring a plate to share, and take the opportunity to connect with the committee and wider community.

This is a great chance to share your ideas for the hall, have your voice heard, and help shape what's ahead. If you're interested in becoming a member or joining the committee, we would love to see you! Come have a cuppa and chat ☘



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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★ Matariki Celebration & Community Hāngī in July ★

Join us as we come together to celebrate Matariki as a community.

 Sunday 12th July

 1:00pm

 Opoutere Hall

Our annual Matariki celebration is fast approaching, which means we will be reaching out to our wonderful community for support.

Matariki is a time for connection, sharing, and reflection – and every contribution, big or small, will help us honour this meaningful celebration. If you are able to donate or would like to lend a hand, we will also be gathering at the hall on Saturday 11th July from 4:00pm to prep for the hangi – we would love to have you!

Bank: BNZ

Name: Opoutere Community Hall Incorporated

Account #: 02-1254-0017659-000



Hangi Donations & Drop Off

We'll be gathering to peel spuds, chop pumpkin, make stuffing and do all the essential groundwork that brings the feast to life. It's a hands-on, shared effort where everyone can pitch in, learn a few tips, and enjoy good company along the way. Come along on **Saturday 11th July from 4:00pm** to prep for the hangi – we would love to have you!





OHUI Committee Introductions

Stephanie Noa - Chair

I've been a part of the Opoutere community for many years. I joined the hall committee as Secretary, before stepping into the role of Chair. My strengths are in funding, social media and systems. I work in the office at Opoutere School and have 4 daughters. My husband Dan and I started the local league club, Whangamata Whai. I'm passionate about bringing aspirations to life whether that's securing funding or resources, supporting new initiatives, or shaping projects that strengthen community connection and encourage use of the hall. I hope OHUI continues to grow as a inclusive, and welcoming space for everyone.

Margot Nicholson - Vice Chair

It is a huge privilege to be part of the wonderful OHUI committee. With my ever growing family I have been coming to

Opoutere for over 50 years. I feel very grateful for times gone by and feel so proud to see the Hall looking so smart and welcoming, whilst keeping its charm. I love to see the Hall "buzzing" and am excited to see what new activities, inspired by the community, can be supported there.

Fran Ravenhall - Secretary

I have been associated with this community since 1972 when my husband, Peter, introduced me to his families Bach found on the main Opoutere beach within the 10 acre blocks. We spent many happy school holidays there with our 4 sons. We went on to buy a run down section within the Opoutere village 34 years ago, a place to enjoy our retirement. Unfortunately my husband has passed on and the children have now families of their own, so my time is free to give back to the community I love.

Audio Visual Equipment

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.





Jennifer Edwards - Committee Member

Ko Rangipo te Maunga
Ko Wharekawa te Awa
Ko Paritu te Manga
Kei Paritu ahau e noho ana
Ko Jennifer Edwards taku ingoa

Kia ora koutou, I have a strong connection to our local community, with an keen interest in Hauora, taking an integrated approach to health, recognizing the importance of spiritual, physical, mental, and whānau wellbeing. I also have a deep appreciation for Te Ao Māori while enjoying learning and incorporating tikanga and te Reo Rangatira into both my personal and professional life.

The community hall is an integral part of our community, providing groups with a place to gather, learn, and connect. Te Reo Māori workshops, Zumba, Io Mata Hauora walk-in

clinics and Pink Ribbon High Tea Breakfast are but a few to mention. I appreciate being part of a committee that supports shared learning and community strength. “Ehara taku toa if te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”

Annabel Campbell - Committee Member

Hi, I'm Annabel. Mother of 3 and original Liddell Road resident. 4 years ago I returned home with my parter and two youngest children to live on my familys' land alongside my father Don. I work for an architecture business in Whangamata and am keen to see our local community hall service and support our neighbourhood in ways I remember from my childhood, bringing people together and providing space for gathering, learning, and celebrating.

OHUI Key Dates

Sun 14th June	OHUI AGM
Friday 10 th July	Matariki Day
Sat 11 th July	Hangi Prep at the Hall, 4pm
Sun 12 th July	OHUI Matariki Celebration at the Hall, 1pm

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