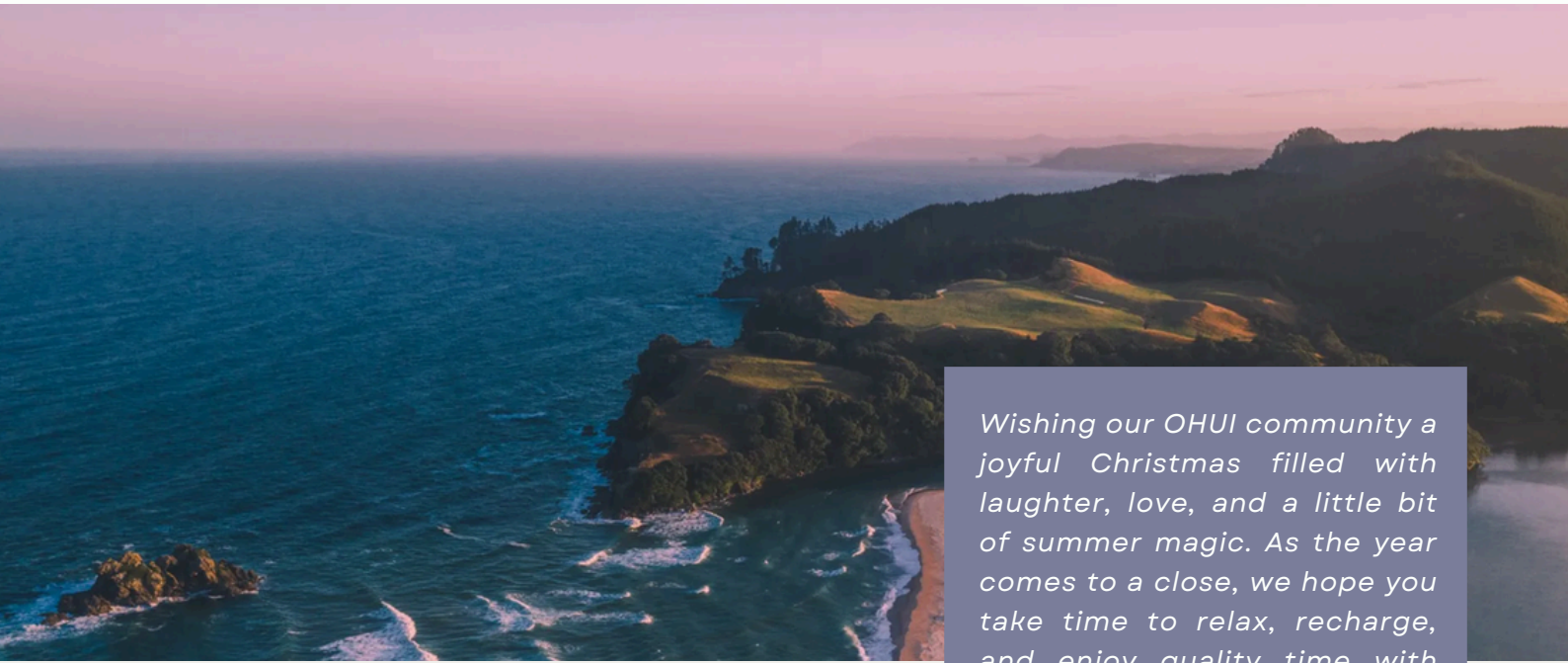


OHUI PĀNUI



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Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year!

Wishing our OHUI community a joyful Christmas filled with laughter, love, and a little bit of summer magic. As the year comes to a close, we hope you take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with your loved ones.

Stephanie Noa
OHUI, Chair



188

Members

316

Mailing List

25

Bookings
In 2025

Welcome to the Opoutere Hall United Inc. newsletter – your place for the latest updates, upcoming events, important notices, and opportunities to be part of our community. Join us as we celebrate the season and work together to make it one to remember!



We're sharing a glimpse of the things happening over the summer months and what's been building behind the scenes. Now's the perfect time to come together to celebrate xmas and the new year!





Wharekawa to Opoutere and Ohui - Untold stories of the Coromandel

We were delighted the hall hosted the community to the Opoutere Hall for afternoon tea to celebrate the launch of Wharekawa to Opoutere and Ōhui, the new book by local resident Dr Louise Furey. It was a lovely and enjoyable afternoon and a wonderful chance to come together and acknowledge an important piece of history.

Louise shared the journey behind the book, which brought together memories, stories, and photographs contributed by locals over many years. The book explored the history of the Wharekawa River valley from the 1880s, including land purchases, community events, pioneering families still connected to the area, kauri logging, gold mining, gum digging, the history of Opoutere School, and the establishment of the pine forest.

156 pages, maps, and over 100 images, it was impressive to see just how much history had been captured in one place.

While we enjoyed afternoon tea, a slideshow of photographs played, featuring many images that couldn't be included in the book itself. Copies of the book were available for purchase at the launch, and it was great to see so much interest and support from the community. Overall, it was a special occasion and a proud moment as we congratulated Louise on her incredible contribution to preserving and sharing the stories of our place.

Wharekawa to Opoutere and Ohui - Untold stories of the Coromandel is being sold at at Take Note Whangamatā.





Opoutere Orchard – A must do Summer stop for Families

Tucked away in the beautiful coastal surroundings of Opoutere, Opoutere Orchard is fast becoming a must-visit destination during the summer season. Recently taken over by three sisters–Kerian, Gaylene, and Robyn–the orchard is being lovingly revitalised into a vibrant, family-friendly space with the help of their husbands and a team of passionate supporters.

The orchard comes alive with ripe, delicious fruit ready to be picked straight from the trees. The “Pick Your Own” experience invites visitors to slow down, wander the rows, and enjoy the pleasure of harvesting fresh produce themselves. It’s a hands-on, wholesome activity that connects people with nature and the food they eat.

What truly sets Opoutere Orchard apart is its strong focus on creating a special place for children. The sisters are shaping the orchard into an environment where kids can explore, play, and learn–making it more than just a fruit-picking destination, but a memorable family outing. Whether it’s discovering where fruit comes from or simply enjoying the open space, there’s something here for all ages. Check out their Facebook!

With its welcoming atmosphere, community spirit, and dedication to creating a unique experience, Opoutere Orchard is quickly being “whipped into shape” as a standout summer attraction. For more information or to plan your visit, contact: 021 379 329



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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An Opoutere Summer

Summer in Opoutere has a quieter, more untouched feel – the kind of place where time slows down and nature leads the rhythm of the day. Tucked beside the stunning Wharekawa Harbour and stretching out to a pristine surf beach, it’s a hidden gem that feels a world away from the busy holiday spots.

Days begin with stillness – glassy harbour waters reflecting the morning light, perfect for a gentle paddle or a peaceful walk along the estuary. As the day warms, families make their way to the ocean side, where the wide, open beach invites swimming, surfing, and long walks along the shoreline. Tamariki run freely, sand between their toes, while whānau gather, reconnect, and share in the simple joy of being together. A wild beauty also calls for care. The ocean at Opoutere can be very

powerful and unpredictable so beach safety is essential. Always take time to read the conditions, watch for rips, and where possible, swim with others rather than alone. Keeping a close eye on children, respecting the tides, and understanding the environment ensures everyone can enjoy the beach safely.

Summer kai is part of the experience too – fresh, seasonal fruit shared under the shade of pōhutukawa or packed into chilly bins for the day. Meals become moments, whether it’s a casual picnic on the sand or a shared table back at the bach. What makes Opoutere special isn’t just its beauty – it’s the feeling. It’s slower, more connected, and deeply grounding. It’s early mornings on the harbour, afternoons on the beach, and evenings filled with kōrero, laughter, and the glow of a summer sky.

OHUI Key Dates

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Wed 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve
Thu 25 th Dec	Christmas Day
Fri 26 th Dec	Boxing Day
Wed 31 Dec	New Years Eve
Thu 1 st Jan	ORRA AGM
Thu 1 st Jan	News Years Day

