

# OHUI NEWSLETTER



Matariki Celebration

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*"As our treasured Te Rangimarie Opoutere Hall approaches its 60th anniversary, we warmly welcome members of the community to join us on our journey to help give the hall a new lease of life,"*

Jenni Edwards,  
OHUI, Chairperson



192

Members

312

Mailing List

55

Bookings  
Since Oct 2023

## Opoutere Community Matariki Hangi

Come together as a community to share a traditional ground hangi. Hangi donations and helpers needed please fill in online form.

Sunday 30th  
June, 1-3pm  
Opoutere Hall

Preparations for the  
hangi: Sat 29th June,  
from 4pm at the hall.  
Bring knives, peelers,  
and shovels.  
• Prepare vegie  
• Prepare meat

## Matariki Celerations

Our Matariki hangi was vibrant celebration that brought people together to welcome the Māori New Year. As the rich, aroma of the hangi wafted through the air, families and friends gathered to share delicious food.

This event not only highlights the importance of tradition but also emphasizes the values of cooperation and togetherness. As participants work side by side to prepare the feast fit for community,







## Matariki Hangi

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible community for your generous donations towards our hangi event. Your support has made it possible to create a truly memorable experience. Each contribution, big or small, has played a vital role in bringing us together

Photo: R-L Joe Noa, Joe Adams and Gene Wharepapa



Photo: A good turn out for our 2024 Matariki Celebration

To all the helpers, hangi masters, prep team, servers, dish washers and cleaners your hard work didn't go unnoticed. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and commitment and enthusiastically look forward to the next one. Thanks for making the first Opoutere community Matariki hangi a great success!



Photo: Children play on the reserve at our Matariki Celebration

## Fencing Project

**The Lottery Grants Board & Coastline Fencing Ltd** have helped us create 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. Complete with rear seating options, this project proved to be a game changer at our recent community celebration.

We are still awaiting the safety gates which will help visitors access the hall easier.





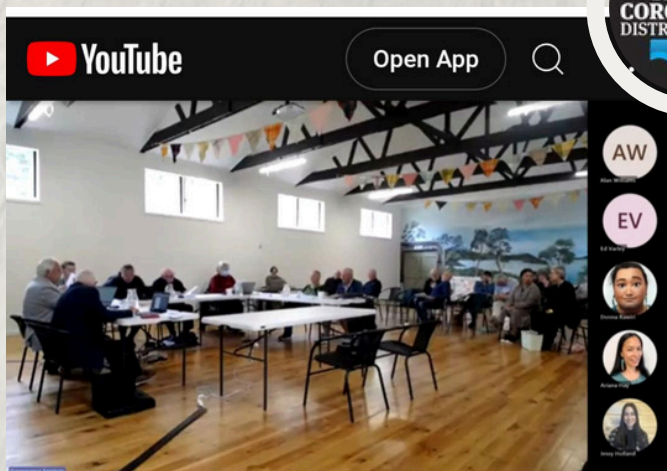


## Assistive Technology Project

A **Pub Charity Ltd** grant for assistive technology has now been completed. This remarkable initiative enables us to empower individuals and enhance their quality of life. Providing essential audio and visual equipment ensures access to innovative tools that support and foster independence and inclusion.



Communication improvements positively ripples through communities, as people gain confidence and participate more fully in everyday activities. Be sure to check out our new community noticeboard, whiteboard, projector and projector screen. Our new sound system complete with a wireless mic was installed by J-Mac Entertainment.



## Starlink Internet

Our rural location often means reception can be unreliable. Luckily an option for us to stay connected has come to fruition. 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** and **Whangamatā Community Board** held a meeting in our hall this month. A link to that meeting can be found on our [Facebook](#) page. They also approved a \$2,947.00 Discretionary Grant to improve hall operations and promote hall hire. We were able to secure equipment to ensure the hall is user friendly, we have secure storage and hall hire sign, so passersby's know the hall is available to the public.



## 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

**\$ 350,000.00**



## 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. You will be sent the latest news and opportunities to join planned days and working bees.

## Bookings | Hire for Hire

Opoutere Hall is open for hire! Bookings will be organised around planned works.

## 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!







## Locally Led Initiatives

Hato Hone, St John three steps for life awareness sessions are still in the pipeline. St John have also donated a community external AED to aid community resilience. Io Mata Hauora, traditional Māori healers were received well by the community with many people requesting this service return regularly, we will let community know if this is possible.

The second cohort of the ten-week Māori classes by Maringirangi Pohatu wrapped up this weekend. Zumba classes also concluded for this term. If you are interested in upcoming community classes, keep your eyes and ears peeled!

### He Whakatauki | A Proverb



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