

OKURA NEWS

OKURA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY EVENTS AND UPDATES

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Email:

OkuraResidents@gmail.com

Website: okura.org.nz

Facebook: Search for "Okura Neighbourhood"

Okura Hall

Did you know Okura Hall is available for rent? We use it for meetings, group activities like Brownies, and even parties! If you're an ORRA member, you'll get **50% off the regular rental rate.** (for events 4pm onward Fri, Sat or Sun) Perfect for sporting activities with the basketball hoops and court. All other activity in the hall is at no charge if paid up subs. For hall hire, contact Kenneth at OkuraResidents@gmail.com.

Your 2024 Committee

Your committee members—Tracey (Chair), Arnold (Treasurer), Ester, Treffery, Louise, Richard, Nikki, Shelton, and Natasha—meet throughout the year to plan events that bring our community together. We kicked off the year with a brainstorming session, and we're eager to share our ideas with you!



Hello Okurans!

The Okura Ratepayers and Residents Association (ORRA) is excited to bring you the latest updates on community events, introduce your 2024 Committee, and share our plans for the future.

Recent Community Events

We've had a busy few months bringing neighbours together for some fun-filled events, including:

- **Rock Star Party** (September): A hit with both kids and adults!
- **Planting Day** (July): Coordinated by Friends of Okura Bush (FOOB) at Deborah Reserve.
- **Easter Frolic** (April): A day of family fun at Okura Park.

Our goal is simple—build a stronger community, meet new faces, and enjoy ourselves!



Membership Information

Membership is open to all residents in the Okura neighbourhood, including village residents, Warman Rd, Vaughans Rd and Haigh Access. Annual subscriptions of **\$15** help fund our free community events.

Bank Details: Okura Ratepayers Association
38-9008-0840371-002
Please include your surname and reference "SUBS" when paying. Let us know your email address for future newsletters

Get Involved!

If any of the above events or activities sound exciting, we're always looking for extra hands to help bring them to life. Email us at OkuraResidents@gmail.com

Fun Ideas for the Hood

- Organise impromptu basketball games at the hall (book via email).
- Take advantage of the estuary! Check the tide tables and plan a swim, paddleboard, or kayak session. Knock on a neighbour's door or post on the Facebook page to invite your neighbours to join!

Upcoming Events

🍊 Halloween BBQ

Join us on **Thursday, October 31**, from **5:30 PM** at the corner of Okura River Road / Deborah Reserve. Enjoy a sausage sizzle courtesy of ORRA, and please **BYO drinks and a plate to share**. Trick-or-treaters, pop in before or after your candy rounds!

🎄 Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, **December 1** at **2 PM**! Bring your festive spirit (and a plate to share) as we enjoy ORRA ham rolls, Santa, Christmas tunes, and mulled wine. Whether we're outdoors on the hall grounds or cozy inside the hall, it's sure to be a jolly time.

Looking Ahead

- **Okura 2025 Calendar:** We're looking to create a community calendar! Please send your quality photos of life in Okura (max 2 pp) to OkuraResidents@gmail.com (Attention: Tracey James). Let's showcase our beautiful location!
- **Neighbours Day** (March 2025). Stay tuned for details
- **Coffee Mornings** Enjoy "barista" made coffee with friends on a weekend morning.
- **Winter Speaker Series:** Have a story to share? Whether it is local history, an adventure or world travels, email us with your ideas for a presentation.
- **Summer Camping for Kids:** A fun activity at the hall reserve, with parental help.
- Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for mid-year, aligning with our financial reporting and audits.

Community Notices

Dacre Cottage Christmas Party: December 8th - All are welcome! Visit dacre.org.nz for more details.

Monthly Working Bee at Dacre Cottage: First Sunday of each month at 8:30 AM. Meet at the cottage - park at the end of Ara Weiti Road for an easy 10-minute walk in.

Inorganic Collection: Coming the week of **November 18-22, 2024**. Book by November 10th. Search "Inorganic collection Okura" for details.

Rubbish Tags to End: March 3, 2025 marks the transition to rates-funded refuse service for Auckland. More info on Auckland Council's website by searching "Bin tag use to end."