



- a. **'Welcome to Oratia' sign** – not discussed
- b. **Community Board update - none**
- c. **Oratia Native Wildlife Project** – Carolynne Stone is happy to chair a meeting if we can convene. Simon Oosterman, among others, expressed interest in taking part.
- d. **Oratia Road Safety** – not discussed
- e. **Our halls – more community events?** – not discussed
- f. **Community Defibrillator** – Agreed by meeting that we need one that the wider community has access to. The question is 'where is the best place for it to be placed' (outside of Settlers Hall, Dairy, Service Station?) Need to consider easy access but keep in mind possibility of theft. Carolynne asked if the school has one (they do but locked inside).
- g. **Safer Community – Guest Speaker from Waiatarua Community Patrol (Covers Oratia, Waiatarua and Henderson Valley areas)** Ben Welcomed Sue Dell, co-ordinator, plus Tony Bushell, volunteer patroller). Started in August 2013, assist police, 26 volunteers, 900 patrols since inception, 5,000 volunteer hours, 600 incidents (eg suspicious activity, dogs on the loose, illegal dumping) reported, have a sponsored car with defibrillator, dashcam,etc, do traffic management, easy to join.
- h. **Other business** – Simon Murphy, who lives between the school and the dairy, raised the issue of the 3 break-ins at the dairy. Simon was first on the scene each time. The owners are obviously very upset. Cigarettes are no longer kept on the premises overnight. Bollards had been placed in front of the store but there has been a breakin since then. Sue Dell to make contact with the new Glen Eden Community Police Officer to find out if we, as a community, can do to help prevent such crime. There have also been two ram raids at the Service Station in the past few months. (Post meeting, also the Folk Museum had a break in and the Community raised money for security cameras, the Playgroup has also had breakins.  
**Septic Tanks** – Councillor, Linda Cooper, spoke about the Council-funded three-year cleanout of Septic Tanks. Up to residents to pay the 6-monthly or yearly service.

**Meeting closed:** 9.15pm

From the Chair –Presidents Report to the AGM 2022 Oratia R&R

Firstly thank-you to the small dedicated team of Ben, Anthony and Diane for their contribution to our monthly meetings this year.

An extra big thanks to Diane who (in addition to filling the Treasurer role), has also driven much of the improvements in halls. (Detailed in the Hall Report).

Covid has had an impact this year also, thanks to Audrey and Diane for their brilliant work managing both the regular and occasional hirers over this time.

Thank-you also to the Local Board for their continued support and to Michelle in particular for her regular attendance and valuable contributions at our monthly meetings.

Thanks to our neighbouring land owner who agreed to remove the large Macrocarpas that were lifting the soft fall in the play area out the front.

We have signed a new standardised lease arrangement for the Halls. This brings us in line with other community Halls and removes the ambiguity of the old Lease arrangement. Its working well so far with any issues being addressed quickly.

Last year we really didn't get off the ground with these but they're still things I'd be keen to see in place

Establish 3 new key focus groups in the team. These are all things we do already to some extent but we can be better. It all depends on getting enough people on board to help drive things ...

#### Political

- Local Board
- Combined R&R
- Be across Council Submission Process, raise awareness of upcoming dates etc.

#### Social

- Web Site / Facebook reminders etc
- Community events / How can we work better with and support other Oratia community Groups?
- Hall 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday event ?

#### Environment

- Pests / Oratia Native Wildlife Group help re-start.
- Wasps – Vespex (Work with Rita @ Waiatarua)
- Possum / Rat Trap lending library (Also just a local extension of the Waiatarua initiative)
- Bait subsidies? Through R&R or Auckland Council
- Build links to Ranges Pest Alliance and Auckland Council. (Great source of resource)

End.

## ORATIA HALLS REPORT 2022

- Lease – we now have a new lease which is more favourable than the last one in that the Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Halls.
- Oratia Master Plan – it became clear at the time we were negotiating the lease that there would now not be any funds available in the medium future due to pressures on Council finances because of COVID so we advised the Council not to spend any more time and money on this. The cost would have been in the region of \$1m - \$1.6m.
- Halls Maintenance – the Council undertook repairs towards the end of 2021, including exterior painting of Settlers Hall, replacement of outdoor steps and two doors and upgrading disabled toilet. The ORRA continued with upgrading the halls, completing the upgrade of the service area with painting and a new fridge and painting of the Small Hall old window frames. We also cleared out most of the rubbish (30 years' worth) from under the Settlers Hall.
- Heat pumps – we have received a \$20,000 grant from the Trusts to install heat pumps in both halls. The heaters in both halls work well but it has become clear that cooling down the halls in summer is necessary.
- Break-ins, vandalism and thefts – in the last year the Playgroup storage area has been broken into three times and various items stolen together with two shade sails from the outside. Also, a section of the power cable to the Small Hall was removed.
- Regular users – have reduced significantly since the start of COVID. Zumba, Karate, Dance have all left plus reduction of number of sessions for Porse, the support group for at home childcare people. Our main groups continue to be the Scouts and Playgroup, each with four sessions per week.
- Casual users – income expected to be \$20,000 but down to \$13,000 because of COVID. However, also a drop in expenditure, cleaning, power, water, etc.
- We have hired out the halls to several charitable trusts at a reduced rent.
- Bookings – continue to be managed superbly by Audrey.
- Children Table hire – restructured, increase hourly rate and tables are available for free – saves a lot of admin.
- Playground – Playgroup is responsible for maintenance and is paid \$1,000 pa.
- Car/pedestrian safety at front of the Settlers Hall – we have been actively working on making this area safe, particularly at school/kindy drop off and pick up time (parking on yellow lines, cars reversing out of the parking spaces in front of the school and the dog-walkers area next door). Parking wardens are monitoring the area.
- Water Station – provided by Council, for those short of water and short of good quality water, also a water fountain.