

# ŌRĀTIA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSN INC

## HALLS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

### MANAGEMENT

- Sue Dell continues as bookings co-ordinator, managing the casual hires and Diane Wood manages the regular hires. Diane, with assistance, also ensures the Halls are kept in good condition. We now have a new commercial cleaner coming in twice a week around midnight.

### USAGE

- **Casual** hires on a par with last financial year. The Small Hall was closed for 4 weeks over Xmas to allow for repairs and maintenance so this affected income.
- **Regular** hires – the same regulars as last year, Playgroup, Scouts, Kickboxing, exercise, dance, yoga and just starting out, a social hub for young adults. Oratia Kickboxing and Boxing is really popular, meeting Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. They have outgrown the space we can provide and have been looking for their own premises so if anyone knows of a suitable place let us know.
- We provide lots of guidelines, putting furniture back properly, cleaning up, etc, for the casual users and this helps with the Halls being left in reasonable order most of the time. It is really pleasing that we don't have the same amount of rubbish, including bottles and cigarette butts, left outside. However, there continues to be quite a few lolly wrappers, lolly pop sticks and balloons, which we try to pick up to prevent them going into the streams.
- From time to time we do have issues with the regulars not leaving the Halls as they should.

### REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Major upgrade of the Small Hall – it is now finished! Repairs to the outside; full paint inside and out including the roof all by the Council, thank you!
- The Settlers Hall kitchen has received a facelift, again, provided by the Council, thank you. It now has a new stainless steel bench, a roller door and a new stove.

- There was also a leak in the Settlers Hall kitchen necessitating replacement of the cabinets under the bench and the floor (luckily this didn't affect the newly installed bench. The new vinyl has still not been laid. This didn't cause as much disruption to Hall usage as we expected. We are fortunate to have a sink with water in the bar that users can make use of. The Council has arranged and paid for this.
- A valve to the HW cylinder in the Settlers Hall bar area burst and, luckily, the Kickboxers were onsite and quickly turned a tap off. If this had happened with no one there major damage would have been done to the floor.
- We now need to move to tidy up the Settlers Hall, inside painting, etc and replacement curtains.

## **OUTSIDE**

- Playground – the ORRA has taken over management of the playground from the Playgroup. The sun umbrella has been replaced by a new secondhand one and is now available to casual hall users, which has been really popular. An audit has been done on the play equipment and substantial repairs will be done in the July school holidays.
- More planting has been done amongst the existing trees in the Domain. We are, in particular, wanting to attract more Kereru, as our 'spotlight' species. We plan to extend the planting area. We have been able to make use of bark from the property next door.
- There has been increased planting in the gardens surrounding the Hall.
- Next to our three drains that lead to the streams we now have signage of a fish and 'rainwater only' to hopefully stop people tipping anything they shouldn't.

## **PARKING**

- The Council has repainted the parking lines. We have placed small signs next to the yellow lines outside the Settlers Hall 'loading and unloading only; no parking on yellow lines; no children drop off or pick up'. We have arranged that the Kindy teachers use the three spaces immediately in front of the Settlers Hall to prevent multi movements across the footpath over school drop off/pick up. We believe this action is working and it is safer.