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Welcome to our October newsletter. Last month we had a very well attended Social to mark the painting of the hall. We preceded the Social with talks about Caulerpa and stoat eradication which attracted around forty people. Craig Thorburn, a marine biologist, and Blair Anderson, reported on their latest dives and courses of action available to control exotic Caulerpa. It has been found in waters at Great Barrier Island, Great Mercury Island, Te Rāwhiti Inlet in the Bay of Islands, Kawau Island, and

Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf. These exotic seaweeds can spread rapidly and could affect native species as they quickly form huge mats and suffocate native flora and fauna underneath. Help to stop the spread. Keep an eye out for exotic caulerpa and report suspected sightings to the Ministry of Primary Industries. Take a photo, if possible, and note the location. Then either freephone [0800 80 99 66](tel:0800809966) or complete the online form at report.mpi.govt.nz You can also call DOC's conservation emergency hotline 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468). Watch this video on how to identify and report exotic Caulerpa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAedXLOkAxM>

This engaging presentation was followed by an equally inspiring report from Steve Cook of Te Korowai on the stoat eradication programme on Waiheke. Stoat numbers have been reduced to two or three active females making eradication an achievable goal. Now is the time when the breeding season starts so please report any sightings to Te Korowai (0800 24737664). The most likely area is around Onetangi Road towards the quarry, so keep an eye out for them.

Rob Velseboer (<https://organicediblegarden.co.nz>) ran an extremely successful workshop on preparing garden beds for spring: seeds, soil and planting. To all those who attended, thanks for your generous koha to support the hall. Rob is a veritable fount of knowledge and can answer almost any gardening question you put to him. His second workshop, on October 17, will cover garden maintenance: feeding, pests and diseases, and Q&As. Many thanks to Rob for donating his time and expertise.

We would also like to thank The Waiheke Musical Museum and Dave Malan for donating a number of second-hand foldable chairs to the hall. These are more practical than our older back-up chairs.



Don't delay: report that stoat today!

Call 0800 BIRDSONG (0800 24737664)
or email: info@tekorowaiwaiheke.org



Tūturiwhatu, Dotterels, have come back to nest on the beach around Seventh Avenue so keep an eye out for them and please keep your dogs under control in the area. Sadly, two nests have already failed. You can contact the Onetangi Dotterel Watch Group at gonedotty1081@gmail.com

Looking forward to October, in addition to our regulars and Rob's workshop, we also have two concerts in the hall: The Gordian Knots on Friday 27 October, and Roger's Gluttons from the Deep on Saturday 28 October.

Finally, remember to vote. The hall will be a polling station on Election day, Saturday, 14 October.

What's on at the hall

	<p>Tuesday, 17 October, 7pm</p>	<p>Free Gardening Workshop by Rob Velseboer Garden maintenance including feeding, pests and diseases and Q and A</p>
	<p>Sat, 7 Oct, 7.30am Sat, 28, Oct, 8.30am Sun, 8, 15 & 29 Oct, 4pm Labour Day Weekend: Sat, 7-9am, 10.30-1pm Sun, 7-9am, 10.30-1pm, 4-5.30pm Mon, 7-9am, 10.30-1pm Also check our website calendar</p>	<p>YOGA with Stephanie Nelson <i>Contact Stephanie to see if there are still places available on: 021 236 4414 or waihekeislandashtangayoga@gmail.com</i></p>
	<p>Tuesday 3, 10 17, 24 & 31 October, 9-10am and Thursday 5, 12, 29, 26 October, 9-10am Also check our website calendar</p>	<p>PILATES with Sarah Gloyer <i>Contact Sarah to see if there are still places available</i> synergystudio01@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Monday, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October Also check our website calendar</p>	<p>QIGONG with Sibylla Booking essential www.belight.swiftly.nz or 021538486</p>
	<p>Saturday, 14 October</p>	<p>Election Day Vote at ORA Hall</p>
<p>Friday, 27 October, 8pm</p>		<p>Local Band Gordian Knots</p>
<p>Saturday, 28 October, 8pm</p>		<p>Local Band Gluttons from the Deep</p>
	<p>Sunday, 5 November 4pm</p>	<p>ORA Social Bring your favourite drink and a plate to share</p>
<p>Sunday, 26 November</p>		<p>ORA Art and Craft Fair</p>

Our bank account number is 12-3114-0061489-00 in case you want to pay your subs/koha or make a donation. If you want to sign up as a member please contact Suzy Miller at oraonetangi@gmail.com