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Dear members,

We had hoped to give you some updates on community and hall activities. There is still not a lot to say, but we can report on the Garden Club plant sale raising money for The Waiheke Budgeting Services Trust, which ORA supported last year with free use of the hall and promotional support. This year, Sandra, from our committee, but in her role as



President of the Garden Club, has been running the sale from home, with huge success and great commitment. Here we can see her efforts. Well over \$7000 has been raised so far and we are well on the way to our goal of \$10,000 to support the critical work of The Budgeting Services. This is the last week of the sale so get your spring plants now. You can call Sandra on 022 171 1036 to arrange a time for contactless viewing and pickup. Check out the local Facebook pages for the full listing of plants available.

We would like to thank all of our members of the Onetangi Residents Association who have contributed their "annual" koha and a particular big thanks for those that have contributed larger amounts.

With the lockdown going on for two months now and no indication when we can use the hall again, our finances for the year have been severely impacted. Any contributions to the maintenance of the hall are greatly appreciated.



The other concern is of course protecting the health of the people of Waiheke. The most important thing the people of Onetangi can do is to follow the advice of the Ministry of Health to get vaccinated and to continue to obey the Level 3 rules. We are very fortunate that both medical centres on the island are providing COVID 19 vaccines now with both appointments and walk-ins accepted.

While the official advice around a requirement that users of community halls and other similar facilities be vaccinated is not complete, we anticipate there may be a mandate that users should be vaccinated. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of the hall becoming a location of interest and of incurring extra expenses for deep cleaning and having to forgo potential rentals. That's of course not to mention the physical and personal toll of people in our community catching the virus.

We all look forward to the time when we can meet together in person for our monthly social and enjoy each other's company along with a glass of wine.