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## Newsletter October 2024

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Dear members,

We had a fairly quiet September but there were two interesting events at the hall. On Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT) ran a workshop on water testing. They explored the different catchment areas in Onetangi, focusing on the area shown in the map below. The plan is to encourage residents to take an active interest in protecting and monitoring water quality in their local streams. They plan to expand this to cover all the catchment areas of Waiheke and will be running a follow-up training workshop for those who are interested in monitoring water courses in their neighbourhood. This involves measuring indicators of stream health such as acidity levels, phosphates, and nitrates, as well as taking counts of aquatic life. WRT is currently testing the stream that runs through the wetland below the hall every two months. They are testing other streams on the island too, and will be putting the results up on their website, [wrt.org.nz](http://wrt.org.nz), in the next week or so.



Then on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, Andy Spence gave a well-attended pre-social workshop on weed identification and control.

Attendees brought along a table full of weeds which led to a lively identification and discussion session. For those of you who are not sure about the weeds in your backyard, or want to identify any other plants, simply go to Google, take a photo using the camera in Google, and it will identify it with amazing accuracy. Thanks Andy for a well-received and interactive workshop.

While on the topic of the environment, John Stansfield, founding director of Clean Stream Waiheke and community development leader, is going to run a brief workshop on sustainability and recycling on Waiheke before our next social on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October: Workshop to start at 4pm, followed by the neighbourhood afternoon at around 4.40.

We hope to see you there.

And finally, our members Sher and Martin are planning to host regular card playing afternoons for members and other residents at the hall. If you are interested, come to the first one which will take place on Sunday, 3 November at 4pm.



## What's on at the hall

	<b>Sunday, 20 October 4pm</b>  	<b>Sustainability &amp; Recycling on Waiheke</b> Presentation by John Stansfield followed by <b>Neighbourhood Afternoon</b> Bring some finger food if you can BYO drinks
	<b>Thursday, 3, 10, 24, and 31 October, 9-10am</b> Also check our website calendar	<b>PILATES</b> with Sarah Gloyer <i>Contact Sarah to see if there are still places available</i> synergystudio01@gmail.com
	<b>Monday, 7, 14, 21, and 28 October, 9-10am</b> Also check our website calendar or contact Sibylla	<b>“Qigong for the Spring Season”</b> with Sibylla Beginners welcome \$20 casual \$60 whole course of 4 sessions Booking essential <a href="http://www.belight.swiftly.nz">www.belight.swiftly.nz</a> or 021538486
	<b>Thursday, 24 and 31 October, 12.30-1.30pm</b> Also check our website calendar	<b>Flexercise</b> 65+ exercise class with Jeanine Saunders Bring a yoga mat and do some gentle work for muscle strengthening and bone density
	<b>Sunday, 3 November, 4pm</b>	<b>Card Playing Afternoon</b> with Sher and Martin Everybody welcome
	<b>Sunday, 24 November</b>	<b>ORA Art and Craft Fair</b>

Our bank account number is **12-3114-0061489-00** in case you want to pay your subs/koha or make a donation.  
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