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### UPDATES:

So many things have happened since our Autumn Newsletter that went out in March that we thought it is important to send an update before the Easter Weekend and the school holidays. We hope that you all received a copy of the Newsletter, if not, please let us know and we will gladly resend. We are in the process of finalising all the contact details of our members and still have some outstanding information, so your response will be appreciated.

### OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP FEES:

There are quite a few ORA members who still have not paid for the 2016/17 period and we look forward to these memberships being renewed.

We have big plans for our little town and appreciate your support and indeed we look forward to recruit new members to enable us to put these into action.

### BEACH HOP:

The big Beach Hop event took place without a glitch and the organising committee appreciated the support from the ORA committee and people from the community. The event is definitely a highlight in the Coromandel region and the event is important to Onemana. We want to thank everybody who made a contribution, your input has been much appreciated.

### FLOOD DAMAGE REPORT:

The ORA committee and members of the community actively supported the residents and the council to restore our town back to normal after the first flood. However, we want to inform owners and residents that after the second flood there has been more damage. Work will have to be done to repair a number of the walkways and work is needed at the lake.

We plan to schedule a day in May where we would like to request that everybody who can, make a contribution to support the ORA teams and Working Bees, to repair the damage and make the area safe again for every visitor. Let us know if we can contact you in this regard.

**We would like to ask all visitors and residents to be on the lookout for dangerous places and be careful not to enter any area where the soil seems unstable.** We hope to be able to restore all walkways and other areas by the end of May.

## EVENTS:

The ORA committee and Diane Perry and Valerie Rapley, our event and entertainment committee, are organising quite a few events, starting this coming Sunday with a family picnic. Visitors and families visiting Onemana often mention the wonderful community spirit present in our valley. We want to expand on our Community activities by organising more events where people can just relax, meet new people and enjoy an afternoon or evening with the locals.

### FAMILY PICNIC ON EASTER SUNDAY:

WEATHER PERMITTING: Easter Sunday from 3.30pm onwards the ORA is organising a Family picnic. Bring your own seating, tennis rackets, cricket bats etc. and come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon together. We will have a sausage sizzle, water and fizzy drinks, all selling for only \$2 a piece. Proceeds go to the Surf Life Saving club. Oh! and the women are challenging the men in a game of Petanque!

### BOOK STALL:

Our Bookstall will be up and running Easter Saturday, outside the Dairy and Real Estate offices. If you have books to donate, please contact Valerie 07 2129252 and deliver them to 221 Onemana Drive.

### QUIZ NIGHTS:

We plan to organise Quiz nights over the winter period, dates and times to be confirmed. This is LOTS of FUN! Please come and join us.

### WINTER POT LUCK PROGRESSIVE DINNER:

The success of last year's Pot Luck progressive dinner urges us to do it again and we are thinking to do that on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, but date, time and place will be confirmed.

### COFFEE MORNINGS AND LOCALS NIGHTS:

Remember our coffee mornings, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the cafe. Come and enjoy this great event with the locals, share ideas and support our effort to provide opportunities for folk to meet other people. Thanks to Diane and Valerie who tirelessly organise these events that are so successful. Please bring a plate and a donation for the Surf Lifesaving club. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month we also have a Locals night at the café, please support our local Boatshed Café.

### FRIENDLY FRIDAY NIGHT on Good Friday.

The Boatshed Café is organising a Friendly Friday night on Good Friday where you can come and enjoy selected beers and wine for as little as \$5 a glass. Nibbles will be supplied by the friendly staff at the café. This is another opportunity to share and enjoy the company of the locals and visitors at the Boatshed Café.

### EXCESS FRUIT AND PLANTS:

Hope you remember to support our free stall.....at the open area next to the Real Estate. Share what you cannot use and take what you need!

### BROADBAND - GREAT NEWS:

For a long time Onemana have had an uphill battle just to get any internet service and after endless letters to the service suppliers, Chorus and even the government we now can update you with some good news.

The Vodafone customers enjoy a wonderful service since the upgrade of the tower in December last year. Thank you Vodafone, great improvement.

Chorus has now decided to upgrade the little white box on the hill to a digital platform and we are excited to confirm that Mr. Gerard Linstrom from Chorus confirmed the upgrade of the Onemana Chorus exchange to a digital platform that can supply VDSL to more than 300 customers in Onemana. Obviously Chorus will make the service available to the various Suppliers and you might be able to apply for that through your normal Service supplier. This is also confirmed by Colleen Litchfield of TCDC, who endlessly worked with Chorus to secure this positive outcome.

### DEFIBRILLATOR:

The ORA is proud to confirm that we are going to purchase a Defibrillator that will be available at a secure outside box, next to the café, for anybody in need of making use of the instrument in case of an emergency. The ORA committee acknowledged the fact that we are a short distance from Whangamata but it will take the ambulance a while to get here. With a defibrillator easily accessible, the people in distress can make contact with St John and will be guided through the process of getting access to the instrument and talked through how to use it, while the ambulance is on its way.

As soon as the defibrillator is installed we will supply more information in this regard.

The ORA is concerned for the health and wellbeing of all permanent residents, including the elderly, and the many visitors who might need to make use of such equipment.

### CCTV CAMERAS:

The ORA committee is working with a variety of people in our endeavour to make the right decisions with the purchasing of CCTV. We've done thorough research and believe that it is necessary to provide our community with knowledge and protection. We did a presentation to the Community Board in Whangamata on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, where it was well received and we feel comfortable that we can expect support from the Council. We will report more on this at a later date.

### COMMUNICATION:

We seldom hear back from our members and herewith would like to invite our members to communicate with us. Remember, we are a lobby group, acting on your behalf and if you let us know what and how you feel, it is so much easier to formulate your needs and present it to the authorities. Please write to us or call us with suggestions and needs - 07 2129272.

We see it as a privilege to support our members and thank you for allowing us to do so.

### FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE:

We are busy updating our website and we want to inspire you to follow the Facebook page. We update our Facebook friends regularly on anything that is happening in Onemana and if you click on follow, it will automatically come up in your Facebook page. Weather updates, events and any important information is immediately available on the Facebook page. Many thanks to Erika Sedin who kindly assist us in this. [www.facebook.com/onemanacoromandelnewzealand](http://www.facebook.com/onemanacoromandelnewzealand)

*A peaceful and blessed Easter and happy autumn holiday.*