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Summer is finally here, we basked in sunshine for more than a week and the blue waters and white, white waves are preparing for the Summer Holidays!

2017 is drawing to a close and we believe that many of our members are counting the days before they can come and join us in Paradise.



Thank you for your support this year, thank you for the great response we had on our membership renewals request.

Thanks to the people who added a donation to their membership fee, we appreciate that. If you haven't received your receipt for the donation, please contact the office and we will make sure that by the end of this month, all those administrative things will be sorted.

AGM meeting

2nd of January 10am in the marquee next to the café. Notifications of AGENDA, PROXY FORM and previous MINUTES have been sent out. Have you received yours? If not, we do not have your correct contact details. Please e-mail to enable us to update our members listing. With the Vodafone changes, many e-mails have changed and if you know of others who also need to update their contact details, please pass on this information. Thank you in advance for giving this your urgent attention. This is an important event, where the new committee will be elected, and annual reports presented to our members.

Remember it is only Financial members who can have a say and vote at the AGM.

Carols by Candlelight



23rd December 7pm in the marquee next to the café.

An event not to be missed. Join us in singing well-loved and Kiwi Christmas Carols with the Whangamata Christmas choir and members of Onemana Community. Thanks to Pastor Peter Minson.

Bring the whole family and visiting friends, let us celebrate Christmas together. Lollies for the kids and the visitor with the long white beard is confirmed to be there!

Market day

Bigger and better than ever before. Join us at the Market day on the **29th of December on the Reserve, from 10h00**. We have more than 50 stalls..... with so much to choose from.

Whangamata Summer Festival presents...
Craft Markets
with live entertainment

Twilight Market
December 27 4pm - 8pm
Williamson Park
Ocean Rd, Whangamata

Annual Market Day
December 28 9am - 4pm
Williamson Park
Ocean Rd, Whangamata

Onemana Market Day
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
ONEMANA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION
December 29 10am - 4pm
Onemana Reserve
Onemana Dr, Onemana

Pick up a Summer Festival Programme for what's happening in the local area over December and January!

Available Dec 23 from Shops, cafes, and Infoplus on Port Rd

Show your support and **givealittle** from the Spark Foundation
givealittle.co.nz/org/whangasum

Daily updates and photos [f /whangasummerfest](https://www.facebook.com/whangasummerfest)

Safer Coromandel

Come join us for breakfast and lunch, great food to enjoy and many interesting stalls. Share the day with friends and family! Let us support our stallholders.

Don't spend all the money before Christmas, this is a market not to miss. Let us also support the Whangamata Summer Festival with their Market days, we would again like to thank Renee Meikljohn and her team for amalgamating with Onemana under the Summer Festival umbrella.

Looking forward to meeting you there.

The Fire Force will have their popular Sausage sizzle and the Surfclub will do the **Big Beach Dig** – a stick is only costing \$2 and there are many prizes to win, thanks to their sponsor, Whangamata Real Estate.

Onemana Surf club's family fun day



The second of January is also the date for the Family Fun Day, at 2pm on the Reserve. Come along and paint a bird for the Flock which is a creative and fun project to spread the word about the threats facing our migratory shore birds. Paint a wooden cut out bird to either take home or leave with the rest of The Flock.

Races – running, three legged and sack, will take place following the painting. Contact Anne or Ken at 07 8658833 or 021 1414 269.

Rubbish compactor

We can report that earthworks have commenced work to put a Rubbish Compactor at the entrance of the village. This is for a trial period and we want to thank our representatives, Kay Baker and Terry Walker, who tirelessly fought to get it for Onemana.

For only \$2 you will be able to put a bag of rubbish into the compactor. You do not need to purchase the expensive blue rubbish bags, you can use a black one. The \$2 coin will open the unit and it gets processed immediately. Now you can ask people renting your house, to please not leave the rubbish on the sidewalk but to put it into the bin.

Please support us, TCDC will keep a close eye on the usage and if we all work together to keep the site clean and not leave any more rubbish on the street, it is to the benefit of all the residents.

Thank you, we know that we can rely on our members.

Total Fire ban

The lovely sunny weather is drying the paddocks and the fire danger is imminent. Please remember, for the whole of the area, there is a total fire ban which includes the use of Fireworks.

Dog Reminders

At present time we have four dotterel chicks plus some eggs still to hatch. Please remember that no dogs are allowed in the southern part of the beach from Labour weekend until 1 March 2018. In addition, your dog should be on a lead in and around Onemana as well as on all the reserves. The Northern Beach is where they are allowed off the lead but under control 24/7.

Lagoon on the beach

The storms we had earlier this year left a little inlet (lagoon) on the beach that, children tend to play in.

If you allow your child to play in the water, just remember there is no outlet to the sea and the stagnant water can be dangerous. Eels have been spotted and if an eel takes a bite it can end a day of fun in the sun.

Stay safe, swim between the flags and respect the rules, Onemana's beach is beautiful but only if you respect the fact that the sea is unpredictable.

Other news

If you are on our Facebook, you would have seen the lovely photos of young people making a difference. For the past fifteen years, the Mt Albert Grammar school's visits Onemana during their leadership training week. This year they contacted the ORA and asked where they can lend a hand with some community service, which is very much a part of their training.

Stan and Peter divided them into teams and they assisted with mulching of the walking track around the Lakes Reserve and spot planting on the beach dunes. A great team and we look forward to welcoming them back, thank you to Diane and Valerie who took care of the refreshments and to the students and teachers of Mt. Albert Grammar school, great opportunity, great event!



There is a **new seat on the Beach Reserve** near the Surf club. Thanks to the courtesy of TCDC!

The **Tennis court** is resealed and ready for use, paid with the members donations.

The Committee also purchased a **volleyball set** and a **petaque set** that people can use, it will be available at the beach, please do not remove it, let us all enjoy it.

The **plaque on the Reserve** has been repaired but we are experiencing more problems, hope to have it sorted soon.

Drive safe and enjoy your time in Onemana