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Community Plan

Over the past month, the Committee members of the Onemana Ratepayers association has really been busy and we believe that our members will soon see the benefits of our hard work.

Thames Coromandel District Council invited all the smaller communities on the Coromandel to compile their own Community plan – a working document between Council and community. In this we then express the views of the community and people in the area and eventually the plan becomes a working document between the parties. The ORA is happy to share the Onemana 2017 Community plan with our members. This was done through consultation with many role players and community members and the ORA is proud to present this to our members as it was accepted by council. The document is attached and we look forward to your comments. This will be available on our website.

We are proud to report that Kay Baker is our Community Board member and what a pleasure to have Kay at our meetings but more so, working with the ORA for better outcomes for our beloved Onemana village. Kay was also instrumental in getting the bigger projects into the ten-year plan of TCDC. Thank you, Kay!

Storm damage repairs:

The pond has been drained and repairs are underway. Veolia is done with the rebuilding of the boardwalk at the pond, it looks great. Just a few more things and we will have our lovely pond back, in time for the ducklings to arrive. The Council is undertaking to clear the last slips and do the outstanding storm damage repairs within the next months, weather permitting.

New Toilet facilities:

We are so happy to report that the new toilet facility is on the schedule for the next months. It seems that we have been waiting forever and at last we see some positive development for this much-needed facility.

We also hope to have more seating on the Reserve and one of our members repaired the fence of the tennis courts. The surface will soon be serviced. TCDC is also attending to the playground repairs.

Chorus upgrade:

Chorus has completed the upgrade of the little building on the hill and we hope that you are all happy with the VDSL service.

Security Cameras:

Feedback in this regard to follow soon.

Community Facility:

Onemana consists of two very distinct groups, our permanent residents and the home owners who enjoy the Onemana paradise as often as possible throughout the year. The group of permanent residents are growing, and will keep on doing so and the need for a Community Facility is becoming urgent. There are many activities on a weekly basis happening in the village and everybody needs a place to host these events. There is a limitation on the members of every organisation as a house can only host minimum numbers.

The ORA is taking the initiative to create a fund for the proposed facility and this year our events' funding will go towards such a fund. If you want to contribute it will be much appreciated.

Boatshed cafe

We want to extend a warm welcome the new owners of the Boatshed cafe, Lisa Naan and Gladly Morrow.

The Morrows Steve and Gladly hope to become residents of our village very soon and we want to wish them well!

Since we do not have a big enough facility to host our ORA events, the cafe has become our meeting place and we look forward to a positive relationship with the new owners. Please support our cafe and dairy, this is such an important asset for the locals and visitors and without your support it is very hard to survive in the quiet months.



Two young ladies initially from the Phillipines is going to make sure that our tummies are full and that great coffee is served at the café.

Market day

The ORA market day is again taking place on the 29th of December. If you are interested to become a stall owner, please contact Helena. The hire fee for a 3-meter frontage area is only \$25.00. We would love to offer a variety of product and will make sure that we market the day in local papers to attract more people. If you are a performing artist and look for a performance opportunity, please contact Helena as we plan to have a stage with performances for the duration of the Market day. So please make sure you do not miss this wonderful local gathering - funds to go towards the Surf club and the Community Centre.

Christmas Carols:

Every year we have a few people joining us in singing Christmas Carols on the 24th of December. This year we would like to make it a much bigger event and would like to invite musicians to let us know if you will be in Onemana over the period, as it will be great to have a small orchestra and a choir to lead us in this special event. We are very sure that Santa might pay Onemana a visit during that time. Suggestions and input from our members is also welcome.

Subscriptions:

The ORA's financial year starts in October and our new subscriptions are due on the 1st October. A membership form will be send to you and you can choose your preferred payment option. We plan to have our annual AGM meeting early in January, date and venue will be confirmed as we want to make sure that everybody can get a seat.

Rubbish:

Rubbish is still one of the problems we constantly encounter in our village. People leaving after a weekend or a holiday is supposed to take their rubbish to the tip in Whangamata but this is not happening. If you drive around in Onemana at the end of a collection day, it is shocking to see how many bags are left on the streets, that was not put out in time for the collection. People just leave it and left the locals to deal with rubbish flying all over the town after the gulls and pukekos had their say. This cannot be tolerated anymore and the ORA managed to get Solid Waste, the TCDC contractor of the area to let us have the use of a permanent bin at the Onemana entrance. Now you can drop your own bag in the bin, on your way out of the village. Please please make sure that the people renting your place are also aware of this arrangement and help us to keep our village clean. It is so easy, on your way out, just get rid of your own rubbish! We hope to have the bin ready to receive your rubbish within the next weeks.

Events:

Our next **Quiz night** is on the 18th of July at 19h00 at the Boatshed cafe. This is great fun and we realise that there is a need for people to get together, share some laughter and just have fun!

Come join us, bring a plate to share, your own glasses and drinks and a gold coin collection for the power.

Mid Christmas Dinner - 29th of July at the Boatshed café at 19h00. You must book to reserve your place, please contact Diane Perry 027444 9675 or Valerie Rapley 021 753 787 before 22nd July. Seats are filling up and we can only accommodate a limited amount, so hurry and make sure you are there.

Coffee morning – next Coffee morning is on the 20th of July at 10h00 at Boatshed café.

Neighbourhood Support Group

Also, known as Neighbourhood Watch, there is no formal group or assigned co-ordinators in Onemana, we are all dependent on our neighbours watching out for each other, which works extremely well. Ruhi Pene is happy to assist / co-ordinate (if there is a need) to setup co-ordinators for each street and collate contact details. Please contact: Ruhi Pene 0272941452 ruhi.p@xtra.co.nz

Volunteer Transport Assistance

Public Transport is not available locally, although there is a daily shuttle service to Auckland. The Whangamata taxi service does service the area and there are informal arrangements between residents to assist those needing transport. St Johns run a “health shuttle” to get patients to doctors and hospital appointments. Is there a need to organise a voluntary ride sharing system for Onemana? If you require transport and also if you are willing to volunteer your services please contact: Ruhi Pene 0272941452 ruhi.p@xtra.co.nz

Enjoy the last of the school holiday and stay safe on our slippery roads during this winter.