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**ONEMANA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

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## NEWS LETTER 24 October 2017.

Good morning from a sunny Onemana. Summer is here, although some days when the wind is coming around the corners, we doubt that, but it is here – long days and mild evenings with the sun..... unwilling to go under. The locals are all busy in their gardens and we are getting ready to welcome our members for the Christmas Holidays.

### **RESERVES AND TCDC:**

The ORA Committee had a two - hour meeting with the mayor Sandra Goudie in the beginning of October, to discuss the relationship between TCDC and the ORA, as well as sharing our concerns in regards with the outstanding storm damage, desludging of ponds and repairs of slips.

Sandra Goudie really cares for the communities and she offered her sincere support in getting things moved forward. Our biggest concern still is the poor condition of the Public Toilets and we are trying to get this moved forward. We still do not have answers on everything, but we have the support of the mayor and the ORA committee's commitment to keep on fighting for the wellbeing of our village.

It is true that the TCDC machine operates rather slow and we all need to keep reminding ourselves that we are just another little town in the Coromandel, however for us, as ORA Committee, Onemana needs to get a priority spot as we were neglected for quite a time.

Since the beginning of this year the ORA Committee tried to adhere to all TCDC's requests and to work closely with their teams. We informed our volunteers, who from time to time, did some work in the Reserves but unfortunately damage was done at one of the Reserves and TCDC responded with a strong worded letter. We attach this letter for everybody's information. This is a reminder that we are all just living in Onemana and the Rate Payers Association and our members do not have the right to take charge of other people's land.

Believe me, the ORA Committee is constantly working very hard to get a fair deal for our village and it is not easy.

Can we please ask our members to respect the arrangements with TCDC. If you come across any matter of concern, and you feel that you need to address it yourself – go to the TCDC website, complete an RFS – Request for Service, and send us a copy of your lodged request. We will follow it up with TCDC and make sure that there is an outcome.

That is the way the Council operates and that is the route that we, as ORA committee members must respect and take. Thank you for your understanding in this serious matter.

TCDC started with the desludging of the ponds, the willow trees are removed, and we even have our ducks back – see photos. Let us hope that they can complete all the work around the ponds, in time for the Christmas Holidays.

### **DUMPING OF GREEN WASTE:**

This is becoming a regular practise by some people in the village and even contractors. This is against council bylaws and fines can be imposed. Please help us, if you know of somebody doing that, bring it to our attention and we will surely report these people.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Thank you so much for the kind donations – we appreciate every dollar and thank you for renewing your membership, we take your trust seriously and will honour our commitment to our members. This month those dollars paid for the repair of the plaque on the reserve, a neat job and the servicing of the Tennis courts.

### **AGM MEETING:**

We look forward to welcoming you at our annual meeting, scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January at 11h00. Venue will be confirmed shortly, and we promise that you will all have a seat to sit on.

Remember it is only members who can speak and vote at the AGM.

In the next Newsletter we will have the faces of the current ORA Committee. We believe that the members have the right to see who was elected and did the work this year. We look forward to welcome new members to the Committee, people who are prepared to do the hard yards for our members.

### **EVENTS:**

Our Coffee mornings at the café is growing and we love to welcome you to the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month.

The Quiz night on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October was a great success. Our Quiz master Stan Alder did a great job.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS:**

23<sup>rd</sup> of December, Carols by Candle light. Come and join us and celebrate the Season! Any Musicians wanting to join us on stage, looking forward to hearing from you.

### **MARKET DAY:**

29<sup>th</sup> December at the Reserve

A great day of fun, laughter and chatter. We hope to have many stalls with a variety of goods - all at reasonable prices, so don't spend everything before Christmas!

The Beach Dig is on again, come and try your luck. We plan to share more of what is on offer in our November Newsletter.

If you know of anybody who would like to get a spot and sell their goods, it is only \$40.00 for the day. Contact Helena for an application form.

### **FACEBOOK:**

Our Facebook members are growing, join us, please LIKE and SHARE our page - we share on a regular basis stories and happenings of interest to Onemana.

Remember we have our own Facebook page, [Onemana Ratepayers association](#). Ruhi is running the page, flood her with information and we love sharing it with all our members.

### **CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ORA COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Herewith again the contact numbers of the ORA Committee members.

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*Till next time, take care*

