



AGM Chair Report 2024

Well it seems so long ago now, but the huge news for all on the east coast was of course the early completion and opening of Taparahi bridge before Christmas.

Its been business as usual for your ORCA committee.

Huge thanks to the many helpers and the Onemana volunteer groups who keep our community ticking along nicely.

Volunteers “thank you” BBQ dinner was enjoyed by all. Our events manager has certainly earned her pay this year (aw thats right there isn't any pay!) Along with her helpers Sandra Andrew has once again stepped up to the challenge and organised many events for our entertainment with her own additional special touches. We appreciate your efforts Sandra. There were quiz evenings, Glenn Atkin played a couple of evenings, busy monthly morning teas, including spooky dress up 31 October, a sumptuous midwinter Christmas dinner with our very own special kind of Santa, a fun bingo evening, Beach Hop and Friday night Community dinner and drinkies. Labour weekend whānau fun day was just that, loads of fun. With the sale of the Cafe we welcomed new chef Rahul, Kim and staff to our community and Rahul works in well with Sandra to accommodate her planning.

Looking forward to Carols evening 23rd December and our big fundraiser the annual market day 29th December. See you at the AGM 2nd January 2025.

We are very lucky in Onemana to have good facilities and willing groups. ORCA and our teams get great support from the Cafe, Surf Club and Spa Complex and we try to also support them to strengthen our community. We had a great turnout of supporters for thunder cruise beachhop, with marshalling and BBQ for the surf club. These things all contribute financially to our community. It is great to see how well we can work together to make our community a better place.

On going work in progress continues year in year out, with pest, pasting and weed control, dune conservation, track clearing, native mulched planting, dotterel care and much much more. Without the volunteer hands our Onemana environment would suffer greatly.

Thank you to all those who gave donations and additional financial help throughout the year towards weedbusters, native plants, pest control and dotterels. All koha is carefully spent and very much appreciated.

Much work went on behind the scenes with Council matters, meetings with the mayor and councillors, meetings with local Ratepayers groups, and the

establishment of “Coromandel Alliance Association” (CAA), Community board meetings, new Emergency response equipment, completed “Request for Service” forms, when and where needed, Emergency plan update and Long term and Community plans submitted. Projects in the pipe line include completing the repair to the walk bridge, mobility footpath to the surf club ramp, half basketball court, upgrade and move of the camera and fibre will be here mid 2025.

Once again a special thank you to our representative, Dave Ryan chairman of Whangamata Community Board, who worked tirelessly with health issues and a move to Tauranga to assist us with all things council.

Unfortunately it hasn't been all fun and games. We had a couple of unsuccessful break-ins, keys removed from a bag on the beach used to steal a car, total destruction of the public toilet at the surf club resulting in it being closed up for months, a car fire, damage to the phone booth, damaged signage at the Cafe, damage to dunes, removal of ropes and stakes and two break-ins at the pools complex causing expensive damage. It's shown up that the security camera does work, but not after dark. We do get regular visits from the Community Patrol and are fortunate that some of those volunteer drivers reside here.

Lastly, I must thank our Committee members for the effort and support for both myself and the Onemana Community and giving up their precious time, our secretary Kim Mashlan, Jennie Kingma Treasurer, Carol Basham, Bruce Taylor, Alan Mitchell, Jill Hewett, Anna Bryant, Rob Andrew, Annabelle Couldwell and Erika Sedin, who resigned earlier in the year and has moved out of Onemana. I needed to free up some “ME” time and am grateful to Rob and Bruce for taking over the role of Chair last few months.

For those resigning, I wish you well and am sure we can call on you from time to time, for those remaining on for 2025 thank you for your continued commitment. Always looking for new committee members to join the team and lighten the load.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy new year to all
Meri Kirihimete 2024 me kia hari me te tau hou 2025.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou



Ruhi Pene.