

ORCA SPLASH

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Kia Ora Koutou and welcome to the autumn Splash. It's been quite a busy time since Christmas with lots of events and things happening in the village and let's also hope we have a long extended autumn and continuing warm weather. The ORCA committee and supporters teams have been busy and have made some progress and hopefully this will give you a flavour for some of the not so obvious things that occur.

Firstly our people. Some of you may not know that we have a new New Zealand rep in the village with Harrison Biddle being selected as part of the NZ team to compete in the ISA World Junior Surf Champs in El Salvador. Harrison lives in Onemana and is a regular surfer at our great beach. This is a great honour so if you see him wish him well. He has set up a Givealittle page as these things are all self funded so if you can help please do.

[https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-harrison-biddle-to-represent-nz-at-the-isa?
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2024 Committee:

Ruhi Pene (C)	027 294 1452
Kim Mashlan (S)	027 706 6146
Jennie Kingma (T)	
Carol Basham	Bruce Taylor
Alan Mitchell	Jill Hewett
Anna Thomson	Rob Andrew
Erika Sedin	Annabelle Couldwell

For those that don't know the cafe has changed hands with Rahul taking over the operation just before beach hop. Drop in and say hello. He's currently getting his feet under the table and has plans to make changes to the operations of the cafe and shop in the near future. We are so lucky to have the shop and cafe so please everyone give Rahul and Kim his partner your support.

Stephen Lowe

Sunday fruit & veg

9.30am to 11.30am

off the Cafe carpark
(cash or eftpos)

EVERY SUNDAY
(weather permitting)
Take note of the earlier time

Sandra Andrew and her events team have been very busy with the events programme. Since Christmas we have had Glenn Atkin playing two events, a great volunteers thank you dinner at the surf club, three busy morning teas and more. The program continues with a quiz night on 18 May. Please join in if you can or drop into the cafe on a Friday night for the regular community get together.

A quick heads-up on the next FAMILY FUN DAY!!!! **Annabelle Couldwell** is looking after this and is happy to take suggestions etc regarding the day. We organised the last one Easter 2022 and it was a great success. If you have any thoughts contact Annie on annielive.nz@gmail.com The event is currently scheduled for 28 September being the start of the school holidays so stick it in your diary.

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 at the Beachhop, with marshalling for Noddy, cooking sausages, onions and steaks for the surf club ,and helping Rahul in the shop. 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 when we try. Thanks you all.

Kathryn Weston's Weedbusters have been out and about since Christmas mostly getting rid of nasties up the Tuna Place creek in preparation for winter plantings of natives. It's looking much clearer up there now, but there is lots of work to do. If anyone has any self seeded natives that are getting crowded out or mowed, give Kathryn a call on 0212435763 or Bruce on 021438063 and we will try and pot them up and eventually transplant them. We have had good success with Tōtaras, RewaRewa and Puriris so far and it all helps to keep the direct cost down.

Special thanks to the helpers especially those who provide the morning teas.

The team have again tidied up the road front on SH25 and will be looking to put more natives there also.

Morning tea at the Cafe

held the last Thursday
each month except APRIL
due to Anzac Day

10am 2nd May
30th May
27 June
\$8.50pp

Bring something for the
swaps table.

ALL WELCOME

We have been actively engaging with the council and ORCA made a submission on the latest draft Long Term Plan. Surprise, surprise Onemana did get two mentions with money budgeted in future years for a water storage upgrade and a playground upgrade...fingers crossed. Our submission can be found on our website. We did take a very pragmatic approach to our submission knowing that the Council is under some stress due to weather events, but equally counseled the need for them to be financially prudent and restrained. Attached to our submission is a list of things that our community told us were important to Onemana and while these aren't necessarily significant to the council they are important to us.

*We have also joined the Alliance of Community Groups to liaise with the Council on ongoing matters and **Ruhi Pene** reported that so far it has had a constructive start. Time will tell how it evolves and hopefully we can make a meaningful contribution.*

We are aware that there are a number of older single and married people in the village as well as some younger people who are at times challenged. **Jill Hewitt** has the role of helping or finding help for those in need so if you need assistance or a friendly hand contact Jill: jillian.hewett@hotmail.co.nz 022 682 8560.

Please remember Jill is only the facilitator and we are all responsible for keeping an eye on our neighbours and friends.

On that note, yes, COVID is still around and free Flu jabs are now available for those over 65 or with pre-existing conditions.



**Tuesday 23 APRIL is
YELLOW week**

**Tuesday 30 APRIL is
RED week**

MAY 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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		13	14	15	16	17
		20	21	22	23	24
		27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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		3	4	5	6	7
		10	11	12	13	14
		17	18	19	20	21
		24	25	26	27	28

A couple of niggles. There have been a couple of attempted break-in since Xmas and a vehicle theft so please take care. We can get a bit complacent at times with security and this is a reminder. Also to the person or persons who are regularly removing and damaging the ropes and stays used to keep people out of the reestablishing dunes, if you have a problem why don't you talk to the Dunes team to get an understanding of why it's necessary to protect this fragile environment. As a result time and money is being regularly spent to replace the ropes etc and its sad to see that people can't see the damage that the easterly winds and swells have done to our beach front and why this is vital to protect it for future generations.

There have also been a couple of incidents with poachers which may have caught your attention. Please be vigilant but also remember people are allowed to take fish and shellfish provided they comply with the rules so don't be vigilante be a good citizen.

Rats... they are back in numbers and with the colder weather will soon be venturing inside. ORCA provides rat bait to those who need it so if you do please contact **Les Fleming** on 021 790 459 or **Bruce Taylor** on 021 438 063.

If your not sure where to place it or how to use it just ask them and they will be happy to help. This project not only adds to the general health and hygiene of our village but also reduces the predator population which encourages the birds, insects and lizards.

Onemana Spa / Pool complex Members

The outdoor pool is usually closed between Easter and Labour weekends - but due to School holiday dates, our kind managers have decided to try leave it open.
*If temperature remains above 18 degrees it will stay open
*If below 18 degrees it will be locked.
Have fun

Finally ORCA are always looking for new committee members to join the team so if you might be interested contact a committee member and come and have a look.
Noho ora mai.