

ORCA SPLASH

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Kia Ora Koutou and welcome to winter.

Glorious days, but my word chilly nights. That said it hasn't slowed the community down and lots has happened and is planned to happen to keep our little community connected and vibrant.

Dogs and Dotties. For those who have been down to the beach the male dotterals are starting to colour up so that means we may be in for an early breeding season. While the on leash dog restrictions don't apply until Labour weekend, it is highly likely there will be chicks around before then. So please do your best to keep your dogs away from the nesting birds if possible. While on the subject of dogs, the council have finally replaced the dog poo bag dispenser at the northern end of the beach so please use this and dispose of the bags in the bins. There are more dogs around and more dog poo on the ground so again be good citizens. I think we can all remember the bad old bare foot days and the sudden squish of smelly dog poo between your toes. It's a life scaring event.

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As mentioned before, security and vandalism has become an issue in Onemana with damage done to the spa, toilets, telephone kiosk, etc. There have also been a number of attempted break-ins and prowlers pictured on security cameras. I'm afraid to say, but be vigilant and lock your doors at night. The police and community patrol are aware of these issues but we all need to play our part in securing our community,

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

A big thanks from the Weedbusters team who have received over \$1,000 from our members for native plants, fertilisers, sprays etc and more in donated plants. That's fantastic. We have had over \$3,000 worth of cash and kind in the last couple of years and have been busily planting, chopping and spraying. There's still lots to do but this is a great help. The team will be organising more events in spring and we will let you know at the time.

This season seems to have been characterised by planned and unplanned power outages and there's more to come. Next planned maintenance outage 24 July from 9.15am to 3 pm. Your electricity supplier should have been in touch already, but if not Google them to check the date or Google Powerco the lines company.

Onemana has this year been in a social whirl with a number of huge events (by our little standards). Sandra and Rob Andrew enticed 66 to attend the quiz night at the Cafe and have 54 booked for mid year Xmas. They also regularly attract good attendances to the morning teas, women's nights (always a success without those bl***y men) and Friday night community drinks. Drop Sandra and Rob a line if your keen to attend, they don't bite and it's all great fun. Theses events are all self funded but ORCA thru Sandra's great work make them happen.

With the increasing incidence of natural disasters and with the lessons from the Christchurch earthquake in mind, John Freer with Layne and Judi Sefton put together a Disaster/ Emergency Management Plan for Onemana and with the help of ORCA funding got together a set of rescue and support equipment. The Emergency plan can be found on our website and has recently been updated. The council with government assistance have also provided 40 Coromandel communities and organisations with a support pack with communication equipment, first aid gear, a generator etc etc and ours will be stored in the fire station. This council initiative arose as a result of the learning from the Cyclone Gabriel event. There will be ongoing testing of the plan and while nobody wants to have to use the equipment, it's always better to be safe than sorry. As the permanent population age profile in Onemana is more ' mature' than the national average it's important that we are prepared.

Morning tea at the Cafe

held the last Thursday
each month at 10am

25 JULY
29 AUGUST
26 SEPTEMBER
\$8.50pp

Bring something for the
swaps table.

ALL WELCOME

Family fun day is still happening but the date has changed to 26 October. Carol, Annabelle, Anna and others have a great program planned so watch this space. CFM will be there, the Mayor, food, fun and festivities. Get it in the diary as the kids and grand kids will love it.

Did you know there is an Onemana Fishing Club, well you do now. Russell 0274871351 and Jenni 021 057 3393 from Oratia Place organise it so if your interested in fishing and clubbing give them call. Also as a follow up our NZ Surf Rep Harrison Biddle is back and came 25th out of the worlds top 130 under 16 year old surfers. What a great result and if you see let him know. He's a young man with a great future.

On a similar note, are you aware that there is a Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust who have a base in Whitianga and are part of the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.

<https://coromandelrescue.org.nz/> Have a Google and see what they are up too. I'm told there were 24 rescues in our rohe in June mostly health related. Each event costs about \$8500 per mission. We have had a couple here in the last year so let's support this valuable service. It's under 20 minutes to Waikato hospital in the chopper and when time is of the essence we need this service.



**Tues 16 & 30 JULY is
YELLOW week**

**Tuesday 23 JULY is
RED week**

AUGUST 2024

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SEPTEMBER 2024

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On council matters, you maybe aware that ORCA have joined the Alliance of Coromandel Communitites to engage with council on things like community empowerment , communication, devolved control etc. It's early days but there is a good collaborative approach proposed so let's see how this plays out. Councils over the years have tended to centralise decision making and control which leads to communities crying out for more consultation and input. Let's hope everyone is willing to engage and see if we can move it forward.

You will have noticed that the stream channel on the beach has been dug out again after it reverted to its former course. This was done to try and protect the dunes at the northern end of the beach which had been substantially undermined and also was one of the primary dotterel breeding sites. We understand the council are going to have another go at it and attempt to shift more sand.

ORCA haven't been involved in this process but are aware that a number of our members have questioned the wisdom of this approach and the science behind it.

As a result we are now attempting to get more information from the council. I think everyone understands the problem but we are not sure what the solution is as this will be the third attempt to divert the water flow at considerable cost and the first storm event afterwards seems to undo all the good work. Once we have more information we will let people know. It seems generally accepted that something needs to be done to protect the beach and Les and the Dunes Team will be planting in the northern zone this year to try and buttress the dunes further.

Kia mau ki te tokanga nui-a-noho