



FORUM REPORT

This meeting was held at the marquee

Saturday 13th Jan 2024 at 10am

All residents were invited to attend and/or give written feedback on the priorities listed in the Community Plan. The meeting was hosted by ORCA.

PURPOSE-to canvass as many people as possible to discuss the priorities listed in the existing Community Plan (2021-2022) and to identify any new priorities for Onemana. ORCA has accumulated a small amount of capital and wish to use some of this to progress various activities that will enhance Onemana and ideas from the forum will be used by the committee to inform their decision making.

Chairs Welcome (Ruhi Pene):

Mōrena koutou. Ko Ruhi Pene tōku ingoa. Nau mai haere Mai. Good morning. Welcome to you all. I'm Ruhi Pene & will chair this mornings hui which is to identify priorities for Onemana and update our Community Plan.

For those who are new to Onemana welcome. I am a committee member of the volunteer group Onemana Residents & Community Association known as ORCA and we are an incorporated society. There are currently 11 of us as of the AGM held last week. In brief ORCA supports such things as dotterel protection, dune care, pest control, weed busters, we represent the community with council matters & the local community board, we run the Annual market day, organise social events & support Beach hop thunder cruise. We have a web and Facebook page and publish a regular newsletter keeping our members informed on all things Onemana. We rely on the voluntary work many residents regularly put in to maintain the village environment, facilities, walk tracks etc. Membership is available to anyone who has an interest in the Onemana Community and not just ratepayers at an annual subscription of \$25.

2. Present:

Apologies

Carol Basham, David Meale, Anna Thomson, Eileen Hopping, Ike Williams, John Freer, Jennie Kingma, Debbie Neil.

In attendance from ORCA

Ruhi Pene, Bruce Taylor, Kim Mashlan, Jill Hewitt, Alan Mitchell, Rob Andrew, Erika Sedin

Other Attendees (who signed the attendance register)

Graham Wilson	Neville & Monika Cross
Yvonne & Graeme Squire	Neville Rapley
Ann Rickerby	Elfriede & Ken Chooi
Les & Patsy Fleming	Sam Williams
Sandra Andrew	Edmund Gibson
Kylie Marginson	Julian Travaglia
Phil & Angela Hines	Tony Elson
Alan & Lynda Mitchell	Jenni Taylor
Margaret Buckingham	Kathryn Weston
Richard Claridge & Kassie	Christine Jarden

3. Recap of the minutes from the previous Forum Meeting Minutes.:

HELD 8th Jan 2022

- The biggest issue at that time was drinking water, with the recent upgrade of the Water treatment plant am sure we have all noticed the improvement
- Rubbish & waste disposal was another big topic, with the new kerbside collections that commenced last September, we all know that it has very little benefit for Onemana in its current state
- Freedom camping has now been prohibited where it used to be, the survey ORCA ran late last year resulted in 66% of those that completed it want FC back to the location it used to be in. ORCA forwarded these results onto council in the hope of an early by- law change ahead of the LTP council discussions. This is now with TCDC.
- Also included in discussions were requests for service (RFS) which is a request for council to attend to some matter (available on the TCDC website)
- Native plantings at entrance to Onemana and within the village tracks and reserves
- Lake silting
- Disabled footpath access from the middle carpark has been added to LTP already, work should commence on this Feb / March
- 4 wheel drive messes made on both sides of Whitiaporua Road ongoing problem we can do very little but report number plates to police with photographs if possible

4. Community Plan and its purpose.

In 2017 the Onemana Ratepayers Association (ORA) developed the first Onemana Community Plan to provide guidance to TCDC in the first instance, but also to residents, developers and other interested parties on the strategy for management and development of Onemana.

At that time a questionnaire was developed and circulated to the whole community for comment and suggestions. The responses and feedback received together with matters raised by the Onemana Ratepayers Association Committee were considered in formulating the first version of the Plan which is now considered to be a working document, subject to regular review and update.

Every 2 years or thereabouts, the Onemana Residents and Community Association (ORCA, formerly known as ORA) hold a Community Forum Meeting, to which residents are invited to either attend and/or make a submission, regarding the priorities for Onemana. The feedback received from residents is then used to periodically update the Plan. A copy is then submitted to TCDC to tie in with its 3 year review process of its Long Term Plan.

It should be noted that this current Plan is a synopsis of the feedback from a relatively diverse community and may not represent the views of all residents.

6. Discussion of Summary Priorities within the Plan.

Neville Cross (previous committee member and lead for developing the Community Plan update in 21-22) took the attendees through the list of priorities as listed in the current Community Plan and as circulated in the meeting agenda (see appendix).

The following details key points raised as part of this process.

Concrete pathway between middle car park and the viewing platform suitable for use by disabled persons

Questions re why was this path being done at all by a member of the audience was answered by Kathryn Weston who was the proposer of this originally. Onemana is recognized as a suitable place for day trippers to visit with toilets (including paraplegic), picnic tables and a café/shop available, but at present there is no way for people in wheel chairs or walker frames to go beyond the car park, with an expanse of grass required to be crossed even to get to the benches along the reserve edge.

It was considered an asset by some and an opportunity to invite unplanned use by others (eg skateboarding) or causing maintenance issues for weeding or the mowers.

Overall, the sentiment of those present supported making Onemana more accessible for the elderly or those with mobility issues.

Re the design – this is best left in the hands of those skilled/knowledgeable about what works best for wheelchairs and walker frames.

Question re was this pathway going to the surfclub ramp (which the viewing platform suggests). Some confusion about exact location and design

Action: ORCA to inquire re the planned position, design/construction details.

Re-establishment of a designated Freedom Camping area in Onemana adjacent to the bottom car park

Some strong opposing views expressed about the freedom camping. A comment was made that the survey, because it provided options for 3 sites, (without others being considered or explored) limited the value of the survey.

It was pointed out that:

- The survey was done so ORCA could have a position on which to discuss with TCDC
- **The survey had an option (D) for those that didn't agree with any of the proposed sites**
- Option A (adjacent to the toilets in bottom carpark) still came out most preferred site (of all 4 options)
- The survey showed two thirds (66%) of respondents supported a designated freedom camping site in Onemana
- Any review of the bylaw (by TCDC) would require consultation on planned sites

Action: ORCA to amend the community plan wording as suggested to include "ensuring any safety issues are addressed".

Improved and consistent maintenance of all Parks and Reserves

Noted that ongoing discussion with TCDC resulted in:

- Ponds being de-sludged last year
- The creek being diverted out to sea to allow sand dunes to rebuild after storms last year

TCDC needs to respond if they receive multiple Requests for service (RFS), so it was recommended that people also put a RFS in to clean drains prior to expected large rain events.

Action: ORCA to write to TCDC requesting TCDC to initiate a regular street sweep (to clear any drains, gutters) prior to expected large rain events.

Relocation of the security camera

ORCA has been working on this with TCDC and plan is to move to entrance to Onemana. ORCA has also suggested it being at start of Whitipiroua Rd instead but only high voltage there.

Action: ORCA to raise possibility of solar powered camera being installed at the start of Whitipiroua road as well as shifting the current camera to the entrance of Onemana.

Pests

- It was mentioned that possums have been caught at the northern end of the beach for the first time ever.
- Rabbits also raised as a concern (as it also was at AGM)

Action: ORCA to raise rabbits with TCDC to see if anything can be done

Walking Cycle track

On TCDC long term plan. Attendees supportive.

Ideas discussed re damage that 4WD are doing to the firebreaks. As per AGM, although frustrating there isn't a lot we can do except keep reporting vehicle plates to the police.

A lot of discussion about that fact that many people using the firebreaks for 4WD probably don't know they shouldn't. Suggestion made at AGM and again here that the community should put signs up saying no 4WD vehicles allowed.

Action: ORCA to action and organize signage

Rubbish

No one seemed to be particularly happy with the current rubbish system. The cost effectiveness of the waste system was also raised with the following concerns noted.

- People not living here largely do not use the bins, preferring to take the bags home rather than leaving bins for neighbours to put back on the property.
- Reports that tags are being stolen.
- Cost versus taking the rubbish to the dump (which is cheaper).
- The cost effectiveness of several different trucks doing the collections (on the same day/week) and the impact of these additional trucks on the roading infrastructure.
- People want compostable bags to be able to be used in the food scrap bins.

Dumping of green waste

Appears to be a number of people dumping green waste in Onemana forestry roads. This could potentially cause a big problem for fires and safety. Cameras and prosecutions would help this.

Another reason for cameras at the start of the village and the end of Whitipirorua Rd.

Trees on the reserve

Some frustration that trees beside the tennis court have not been replaced with more suitable species. It seems various people in TCDC have said yes then others have said no.

The Pohutukawa's alongside the courts are causing ongoing maintenance problems with the leaves being dropped on to the courts and eventually roots will also cause damage. TCDC appears to have said they will deal with any root issues if and when they occur.

Maintaining Site lines

An attendee raised the 2017 survey which indicated that maintaining view lines was a priority. However, the most recent survey in 2021 completed by ORCA indicated mixed position on pruning to maintain view lines. 19 high priority and 19 lower priority for the site lines being maintained. Possibly needs to be revisited.

Beach Protection

It was noted by an attendee that stakes and signage preventing access to the normal path onto the beach by the homestead had been removed twice in the last week by persons unknown. No indication why this would happen and any knowledge of who was doing this to be referred to the Dune care group.

This group also highlighted that the removal and return of kayaks at the southern end of the beach was causing concerns for the Coastal Restoration Coordinator, as this was damaging the spinifex there and could mean the dunes were susceptible to the next big storm. The coordinator, with support from the community would like the kayaks to be removed so spinifex can grow. They suggested putting up a sign about the request to move these. Someone suggested allowing 3 months for them to be removed.

Before this happens, ORCA would like some confirmation from the coordinator that this request is supported by some legal position eg a bylaw

Action: ORCA to contact the coordinator requesting confirmation of the legalities of asking people to move kayaks.

What is not wanted?

In addition to the list already presented it was raised that the community does not want

- Electric car charging station close to the shops is not wanted.

Note: There are no boat launching or camping facilities as in the 1970's Onemana was deliberately planned without them

Potential Future Projects

Basketball hoop and other children friendly things

It was noted more and more kids are coming to Onemana as the next generation of original homeowners bring their children and grandchildren here. As such a few people spoke about the need to have something that pre-teens and teens could do while visiting.

Suggestions included:

- A half basketball hoop (near the tennis courts)
- Reinstate the beach volleyball net
- Disc Golf

- Playground upgrade and extension

Suggestions that children were not welcomed in Onemana by one person were overwhelmingly rebuffed by the majority of attendees.

Some concerns about noise levels of a basketball hoop were raised by a couple of residents but the proposed site, by the tennis courts, is a distance from any houses.

Generally, it was felt that a community does not stay static, and changes in the demographics will occur which will influence what happens in a community.

Pedestrian crossing on Onemana drive opposite the shop

- No objections
- It was noted that the crossing would need to be a certain distance from the intersection with Bambury Place.

Action: ORCA to seek council review and expert opinion of traffic engineers

Future beach protection from storm damage

- Continue the dune planting efforts.
- Report back to Dune restoration team if they see anyone removing signage or stakes.
- Kayaks on the dunes- see above

Replacing exotics

K Weston queried what did this actually mean? Huge number of exotics in the village. Will need to clarify but most people consider this statement to reflect the long term desire to have natives on the grassed areas of the reserves.

Action: ORCA to reconfirm TCDC position on replacement of the Pohutukawa trees beside the tennis courts. (E Sedin to provide email from TCDC saying that trees were to be replaced).

Other Potential Future Projects for 2024/2025

- Improve the tracks up each side of Tuna Place reserve so a circle track can be completed
- Improve the track around the lake to make it more resistant to rain damage (and replace old materials)
- Carry out a survey of parents of teens/teens to see what they would like to see here (for things to do in Onemana)
- Additional boardwalk from surfclub to the beach
- Investigate if something could be done to pretty up the creek from the footbridge to the ocean
- Repair and improve the lower footbridge- a bit of a safety concern- needs to be raised with TCDC
- Add additional trees around the toilets- existing ones have been hammered by the storms. A certain type of low growing Ngaio is required.

Additional Discussion Points

- Are we across the water supply situation- ie why were we on water restrictions pre Xmas when we had had so much rain?
- E Sedin indicated that it was a precautionary measure by council as usage spiked earlier than normal. Restrictions are now off.
- Continue to press for fibre (internet) into the village.

Meeting closed 11.40am

Thank you all for your participation and input

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

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