



Minutes of the Committee Meeting Saturday 13 June 2026 8.30am

Held at the Onemana Surf Club

Present:

Rob, Annabelle, Bruce, Christine, Jennie, Leticia, Neville, Ruhi

Online Attendance:

N/A

In Attendance:

N/A

Apologies:

Carol, Earl

Welcome & Update by Chair:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve/Amend Meeting Minutes of 11 April 2026:

No changes required to the minutes. Note – No meeting was held in May.

Moved - Bruce

Seconded - Neville

Action Points from the Meeting 11 April 2026:

- The not to swim notice has been lifted.
- The cyclist signs will be covered under General Business.
- The ponds have been de-silted.
- Cameras can read license plates at night.
- Bank account signatories have been changed.
- Discretion to be used for the distribution of communications received. It was decided not to on-send Destination Hauraki-Coromandel newsletters.
- 2025 market day funds to be transferred to income in advance when the year-end accounts are prepared.
- Funds to be transferred to TDP to be actioned.
- The Defibrillator training will be covered under General Business.

Action Point:

- Jennie to transfer funds to TDP

Correspondence (Inwards/Outwards):

Leticia asked if the correspondence report could be condensed. Christine replied that the report was longer this time because the May meeting was not held. It is easier to put all emails into the report, so all to ensure all committee members are informed. The website update will be covered under General Business.

Cyclist Sign:

The Roading Engineer initially understood the section of road requested for signage to be completely different to the location requested in the email to him. After emailing the details and the map again, the request was declined on the basis that there was insufficient evidence regarding the number of cyclists. He commented that installing signs would inadvertently encourage cycling along this road. The request will be considered as part of district wide speed review.

Ruhi commented that the previous request to reduce the speed limit along Whitipirorua Road had been declined.

The committee did not agree with the roading engineer's response.

Treasurer Reports:

Interest Received: \$38.29

Memberships: \$25.00

Expenses: \$474.43 (final Basketball costs)

Bank Accounts: \$30,997.84

Moved - Christine

Seconded - Leticia

Jennie advised that bill payments should be used in internet banking rather than one-off payments which incur a bank fee.

New Members Approved:

Jennie advised there are no members. One new member (who emailed to re-join ORCA) has been invoiced, but has not yet paid.

Events:

The April morning tea was run by Ruhi, with 14 attending. The May meeting was run by Carol, with 11 in attendance. Both morning teas were highly enjoyable.

The Western Hoedown dinner and dance event was booked out with 56 attending. All thought it was a fabulous event.

The next event planned is the mid-winter Christmas on 25 July. Sandra has requested \$250 for Christmas gifts to be given out by Santa. This request was agreed.

Moved - Leticia
Seconded - Neville

It was noted that the Onemana café is closing for 2 weeks – 22 June to 5 July. The June morning tea will be held at the surf club.

Environment & Maintenance:

Bruce & Rob delivered the Environment & Maintenance reports. There have been 10 reported rat kills, bringing the year-to-date total to 77.

The team have been busy cutting and pasting along Tuna Creek Reserve, weeding, maintaining the track to Arthurs Pass & spraying. Citrus tablets have been spread under citrus trees.

Community Board Meeting:

Rob reported back on the April community board meeting, and Neville reported back on the June meeting. Both meetings were mainly concerned with requests for funding. Recordings of the meeting are on the TCDC website. Of note was the Volunteer Hospice organisation, which supplies equipment for terminally ill people so they can be cared for in their own homes, such as hospital beds, chairs etc.

General Business:

Defibrillator Training:

Bruce advised that he would contact Kevin regarding the defibrillator training. Discussion was held for possible training date (such as after an ORCA meeting), summertime or school holiday times. Discussion was also held over possible attendees (committee members and/or Onemana community). Neville suggested that it could be for just the committee, with the committee then teach others in the community. Bruce was more cautious with this approach, as training should be carried out by professionals. As an alternative to Kevin, Ruhi suggested Jennie Edwards, a local ambulance officer.

Action Point:

- Ruhi to email Jennie to enquire about training, with the ORCA meeting dates as possible days.

Matariki:

Last year ORCA sponsored a sausage sizzle, with tea, coffee, milo as well. It is intended to do the same this year. Nick from the surf club has suggested a joint Friday morning sausage sizzle with ORCA. There are hangis on Friday at Whangamata and Saturday in Opoutere, Ruhi advised that Whangamatā marae committee have advertised that the Onemana Matariki will be on Sunday morning.

Parks & Reserves:

Rob put in a request for service with the Council to mow the long grass at Arthurs Pass reserve. He liaised with Eileen as the request only resulted in a strip being mowed, rather than the whole area. Rob had a meeting with the parks and reserves supervisor last week, and they walked the tracks together. If the grass is too wet, the contractors do not mow the grass, or use weed eaters instead. There is 2 years remaining in their contract.

The supervisor is also going to arrange to remove the bench seat that is now in the dunes area at the northern end of the beach.

Basketball Lines:

The half basketball court is proving very successful. However, the white marking lines on the basketball court are coming off. Rob has contacted the contractor. The chemicals in the concrete leaching out have caused the problem, with the lines being done too early. The contractor will re-do the lines in spring/summer, at no additional cost.

Long Term Planning:

The long-term planning meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16 June. Bruce will email out the last report (written in 2022 & updated 2023 & 2024) to committee members prior to the meeting. It was noted that the potential effect of the council amalgamations was unknown. Despite this, it was agreed that ORCA move ahead and update the plan.

Website:

Les & Chris have responded to Jennie and confirmed the website update for the Pest & Dotterel sections, with the addition of the number of backyard traps. Les would like Onemana Coast Care added to the website.

Action Point:

- Jennie will contact Les for the additional wording for the Onemana Coast Care section.

ORCA Splash:

ORCA Splash is due to be issued. Ruhi and Bruce will write this and agreed to include a note of recent bereavements.

Grants:

Ruhi asked if the Whangamata Community Board could be approached for funding for Christmas Lights (\$500), as the previous set was vandalised. All agreed.

Action Point:

- Ruhi/Rob will approach the WCB for funding

Carpark/SLSC Footpath:

The possibility of a path from the carpark to the surf club was discussed briefly. The surface will need to be able to be driven over by a mower, and take the weight of the beach hop cars. Quotes will be required, before the process for this project can begin.

Christmas Carols:

Ruhi asked whether Bayleys would sponsor the printing of the Christmas Carol booklets this year. Rob advised that Carol has already confirmed this prior to her retirement. The Christmas Carols may not happen this year, as the 2 people involved do not want to organise it anymore.

The meeting was closed at 9.31am

Next ORCA Meeting:

Saturday, 11 July, 8.30am at the Surf Club

Long Term Plan Meeting:

Tuesday 16 June, 7pm at Bruce's Home

Next Meetings:

Date	Morning Tea	Date	Morning Tea
February 14	Rob/Sandra	August 8	
March 15	Annabelle & Carol	September 12	
April 11	Leticia	October 10	
May 9	n/a	November 14	
June 13	Ruhi	December 12	
July 11		Jan 2nd 2027 - AGM	

Community Board Meetings (Tuesdays 10am):

Date	Volunteer
February 10	
April 21	Rob
June 9	Neville
August 4	Bruce
October 13	
December 8	

Summary of Action Points:

Rob:

- Approach the WCB for Christmas Light funding for their next meeting.

Jennie:

- Transfer funds to TDP.
- Contact Les for the wording of the Onemana Coast Care addition to the website.

Ruhi:

- Contact Jennie Edwards to enquire about possible defibrillator training.
- Approach the WCB for Christmas Light funding for their next meeting.