Minutes of the Committee Meeting Saturday 10 October 2026 8.30am

Held at the Onemana Surf Club

Present:
Rob, Christine, Jennie, Leticia, Neville, Ruhi

Online Attendance:
Annabelle, Carol, Earl

Apologies:
Bruce

Welcome & Update by Chair:
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve/Amend Meeting Minutes of 12 September 2026:

- Ruhi advised that Jocelyn from Bunnings is getting back to her regarding sponsorship for Christmas lights.
- Rob advised that Chris (TCDC parks & reserves supervisor) is starting to organize a quote for the path from the carpark to the surf club.

No other changes required or comments were made.

Moved - Rob
Seconded - Jennie

Action Points from the Meeting 12 September 2026:

- Rob's action points to be carried forward.
- Bruce to respond next meeting.

Correspondence (Inwards/Outwards):

- Discussion was held regarding the children unwittingly meddling with the dotterels camera, and traps. It was suggested that Chris MacDonald should write an article on the Dotterels to include in the Onemana Splash. Jennie stated that she includes the Dotterel reports on the ORCA website, and that this could be used for the ORCA Splash.
- The Rocketspark invoice has been paid.
- Rob, Neville and Ruhi will attend the WCB meeting to discuss the Long Term Plan priorities on Tuesday October 13.

Treasurer Reports:
Interest Received: $76.41
Market Day Income: $150.00
Memberships: $nil
Expenses: $45.89
Bank Accounts: $30,638.87

Jennie advised the following:

- No end of year adjustments are completed.
- Bruce will confirm asset register for the end of year accounts.
- Overall loss to date is $9,607, which relates to the ORCA contribution to the basketball court.
- Invoices have been sent out on 1 October for the 2026-27-year renewals to the 2025-26 members.
- Fees of $1,300 have been received and $1,250 in donations.
- Non-renewals (2024-25 members) invoices to be sent this month.
- Internet banking has been updated to include both TDPs.

Moved - Rob
Seconded - Neville

New Members Approved:
Jennie advised there are no members.

Events:
The community morning tea was held on 24 September with 16 people attending, (some new). The next morning tea is on October 29 and will be a Halloween theme. The next quiz night will be held on November 14 and will be advertised once the menu has been finalised. The committee envisages that the events role next year, will be a collaborative effort between the ORCA committee members and Rahul.

Environment & Maintenance:
Rob delivered the Environment & Maintenance reports.

- There have been 15 reported rat kills, bringing the year-to-date total to 119. Combined kills backyard, beach and stream is 219.
- The yucca plants (non-native) have been cut down at the entrance to Onemana.
- A new track has been created that bypasses the dangerous part of the original track.
- Another new track that bypasses the road has been created. It comes out on a metal side road, where you turn left. This joins up with Pokohino Road at the gates. It starts between two large punga trees. The terrain is undulating, with some steep parts. A pile of rocks marks the entrance to the track from the metal road. It has been developed as a walking track only.
- The coast care team have planted 1,040 plants, this year have planted 2,874 plants in total.

Community Board Meeting:
Bruce will report back at the next meeting.

General Business:

Matariki Forest Email:
It was noted that the Matariki Forest email regarding the elevated fire risk has been sent to 2025-2026 members and non-ORCA owners. It was recommended that Jo (Rural Fire officer) should again speak at the AGM.

Volleyball Net:
It was noted that the volleyball net is again being taken down – this time just one side of the nets. The dotterel team have asked to shift the nets.

Market Day:
33 stallholders have booked for market day, 5 unpaid.

Christmas Carols:
Christmas Carols in Whangamata will go ahead, but subject to funding. Carols in Onemana will go ahead.

Open Day at the Pools:
Carol spoke to the open day/Information Day at the Pools on Saturday of Labour weekend. The pools committee are meeting this week to discuss format, and helpers for the day.

Pool Cleaning Bee:
12 people attended the pool cleaning bee.

T-Shirts:
Carol suggested updated the ORCA T-shirts. Ruhi will pursue this.

Welcome Booklets:
Carol advised that Whangamata Real Estate will be printing the Onemana Information Booklet. It will be available in the next 2 weeks.

Long Term Plan Priorities:
Rob circulated the list of Onemana Community priorities.
Rob (along with Neville & Ruhi) will speak to this at the WCB meeting on 13 October. The committee discussed the priorities in the LTP and listed the following as top priority:

1. Ensuring Whitipirorua Road is properly maintained and provides safe access in the case of emergency.
2. Concrete path to facilitate access for elderly and challenged persons to access the surf club viewing platform.
3. Installation of pedestrian crossing around the lower Onemana bend.
4. Revising the freedom camping provisions at the time TCDC next reviews the policy.
5. Cycle and walkway from Whangamata to Onemana and on to Opoutere.

BNZ Bank Signatories:
The BNZ AML team have contacted ORCA on 9 October, is relation to missing information from Ruhi Ellen Pene a signatory for the ORCA bank accounts. To comply with legal requirements, all New

Zealand banks must collect and verify information about their customers' identity, address, and banking needs.

Ruhi has requested that she be removed as a signatory on the ORCA bank accounts. There are 3 other signatories, so a fourth is not required. Jennie, Christine & Carol will proceed with the process of removing Ruhi as a bank signatory.

The meeting was closed at 9.28am

Signed:

Name: Rob Andrew

Position: ORCA Chairman

Dated:

Signed:

Name: Jennie Kingma

Position: Authorised Officer & ORCA Treasurer

Dated:

Signed:

Name: Christine Moore

Position: Authorised Officer & ORCA Secretary

Dated:

Next ORCA Meeting:
Saturday, 14 November, 8.30am at the Surf Club

Next Meetings:

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

Community Board Meetings (Tuesdays 10am):

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

Summary of Action Points:

Rob:

- Follow up with John Freer re new policy funding
- Follow up the problem with the community board recordings with John Freer.

Bruce:

- Follow up the possibility of beehives in Onemana.
- Report back on last community board meeting.
- Confirm asset register for the end of year accounts

Carol:

- Complete new introductory booklets.

Ruhi:

- Obtain prices for ORCA T-shirts