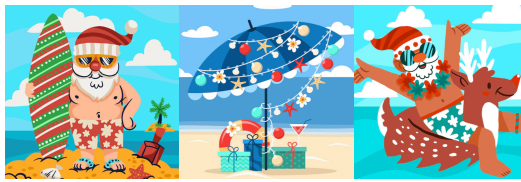


ORCA SPLASH Christmas 2023



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Well the end of year is nigh and many of us will be pleased it's over as the weather has presented lots of challenges to New Zealand, the Coromandel and Onemana. That said plenty has been achieved by the various teams of volunteers. These are based around

- Predator Free Onemana
- ORCA Reserves and Weedbusters Group
- Onemana Coastcare Group
- ORCA Onemana Social committee

Rather than repeat their stories they will forward their reports as part of the ORCA AGM material which you will be sent out as well as reporting from other local groups including the Fire Service and Onemana Surf Lifesaving.

There are lots of events planned from now until after new years and a list of these is attached. Please mark them in your diary now otherwise you may miss out. I especially note the Surf Club quiz night which is arguably Onemana's premier social event. Numbers are limited by space and it's a fundraiser for a great cause.

ORCA have been busy making submissions to the Council on the Long Term Plan and trying to make our voice heard. It's been very difficult as the council have been focused on the rebuild. Pressure is however mounting all along the Eastern Seaboard as the communities are concerned that their voices are not being heard on lots of issues and there is a need for a more focused and localised approach to council spending.

A few continuing issues which we need to remember

- It may be wet now but the westerly winds forecast for summer and dry east coast conditions mean the fire risk will be significant. Please be careful and no open fires or fireworks.
- COVID is still very much in our community so look out for yourself and your neighbours
- Be sensible when swimming as the sand has been shifting around a lot this year with the easterly swells and the rips may and do move. Ask the life guards and swim between the flags
- Please try and protect the sand dunes. The beach and the plantings have been ripped apart a number of times this year and are just starting to rebuild.
- Dogs and dotterals no more need to be said
- Please keep your speed down. There will be a lot more children in the community and as we have no pedestrian crossing, where they cross can be a random event especially if they have ice cream or sweets or a swim on their minds.



Stephen Lowe

Christmas New Year fruit & veg

10am to midday
off the Cafe carpark
(cash or eftpos)

**Sunday
December 24th
& 31st**
(As well as 3rd - 10th - 17th)

**Every Sunday
January 2024**



Peak Summer Collection Dates

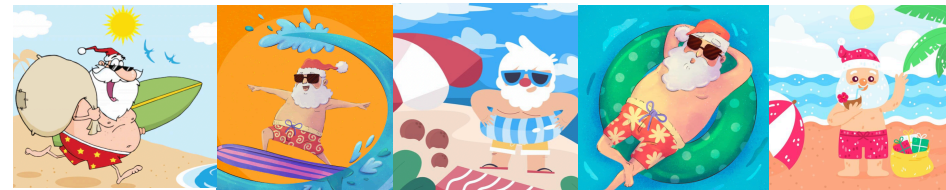
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THU 25 JAN	
TUE 30 JAN	
THU 1 FEB	
TUE 6 FEB	
THU 8 FEB	

KEY

FOOD WASTE	GLASS RECYCLING
MIXED RECYCLING	GENERAL RUBBISH

If you haven't been down for awhile there is a new rubbish system and the red bin with general rubbish won't be collected without a tag. Blue bags won't be collected at all but if you still have some they can be taken to the refuse transfer centre.

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



You may not be aware but we do have a shared community patrol with Whangamata and a number of our people share this responsibility. Thank you all. Like all these things it is a thankless task, so if you see them cruising around give them a wave of support.

Just a thought, but have you considered joining the Onemana Surf Club. Go and have a look at their website and see all the good things they do and also they are always looking for young and older people to help with their activities. Their website is <https://www.onemanaslsc.org.nz/>

ORCA will be holding its AGM in the new year and it presents an opportunity for people to get involved in the community. A separate message will be circulated seeking nominations for the committee so please give it some thought as we are seeking new members.

ORCA will also be holding a planning/ideas session in the new year where people can bring forward ideas and thoughts that the committee can consider as part of their planning for the new year. More info is also to follow. If you have some thoughts on how we can enhance our environment or how to make it a more vibrant place bring them along to the meeting or send them in.

Finally thanks to everyone for their assistance during the year. Times are difficult but all our groups have had lots of volunteer as well as financial support. Well done all. Now's the time to start to chill out and make the most of our wonderful environment. We can only hope the weather gods also play ball

Meri kirihimete, ngā mihi o te tau hou, ka pai tō wā whakatā

