

ORCA SPLASH

Kōanga - Spring 2025

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Spring has finally arrived and with it comes all the seasons. That said it's good to feel the warmth and also with soil temperatures increasing everything is beginning to blossom. No problem with dry soil so hopefully all the natives planted and veges being sown will thrive.

To start we acknowledge the passing of Michael Donovan (husband of Helen who passed earlier this year) long time and treasured Onemana residents. Many may not know but they were great surf club supporters and for many years they lent farm bikes and equipment to ensure the club could properly function.

For those people who haven't been to their properties for some time, please note that there was a two day power cut in September which may have affected freezers etc. Generally you wouldn't expect there to be a problem especially if the freezer wasn't opened but you will have to use your own judgement as to the likelihood of items partially thawing.

As an aside we did finally get to use one of the ORCA generators to assist Rahul in the dairy keep his ice creams frozen. Orca have two small generators and another civil defence generator, and while they are for emergency use, if people are compromised and need power for respirators, dialysis etc please contact an ORCA member in event of there being an emergency and we can assist.

2025 Committee:

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Kim Mashlan (S) 0277066146
Jennie Kingma (T)
Carol Basham Bruce Taylor
Anna Thomson Neville Cross
Annabelle Couldwell Murray
Cruickshank Christine Moore
Ruhi Pene & Leticia Murray

[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

Les and the dune planters have had a great time helping secure and enhance our environment. As an enthusiastic group they not only planted the Onemana allocation of new plants but also took up the slack for other groups who couldn't use there allocation. Great job all and the plants look to be thriving. We can just hope we don't get too many strong northerly and easterly swells before they are well established.

Rats are about in numbers and are hungry with it. If you need bait please contact either Bruce 021 438063 or Les 021 790459. Les also runs the backyard trapping group so please contact him if you are interested in joining it. The traps supplied are easy to set (rather like a big bulldog clip), so you need not tremble in anticipation of it going off on your fingers, which is one of the joys we face when using traditional traps. As always there has to be a Dottie's section and attached is a note from Christine the coordinator providing some Dottie data. There are already a number of dotterel and oyster catcher nests so please take care.

ORCA events continued over winter with morning teas, a great mid year Xmas event, All Blacks games etc. Thanks again to Sandra and Rob for all the effort. Winter has been a quiet time with fewer visitors and people visiting but it's about to get busier. The next big event (for us) is the Labour weekend family fun day on the Sunday. This is a great children's event with races, sausage sizzle, treasure hunt, teddy bears picnic etc and prizes for all. Posters are already up so please mark it in your diary. There is also a fun p  tanque afternoon planned on Saturday 11 October at 3.00pm.

The annual subscription invoices will be posted soon and the level of sub hasn't changed. If you have neighbours or friends who aren't members please give them a nudge to join up and further connect with this great community.

As signalled previously to remain an Incorporated Society ORCA is required to update its constitution. After some deliberation on the pros and cons it was decided to renew it so a draft will be circulated in the next few weeks. The intention is to cover this off finally at the AGM on 2 January so we can file it with the Department of Internal Affairs prior to the April deadline. By doing it this way we avoid the need for another special meeting. We will be seeking comments but as most of the content is mandatory there isn't much flexibility in what we can and can't include.

Morning tea at the Cafe

last Thursday each month

10am

30 October
27 November

\$10 pp

Bring something for the
swaps table.











ALL WELCOME

Council Elections are here so we encourage everyone to have their say by voting. Remember you can't complain if you don't vote! As it is election time there is a bit of a hiatus in terms of changes awaiting the new council mandate, so watch this space. We don't expect anything radical as long term plans are in place and need to be followed, change is often slow. That said we have had approved a new security camera which we believe will be installed in a more strategic location soon.









There has been progress with the basketball half court proposal and you may have seen in the local newspaper that it's now fully funded by a combination of ORCA, TCDC and Community Board monies. There are still i's to dot and t's to cross but we are hopeful that these can be resolved shortly and work done before Xmas. Don't hold your breath waiting but we live in hope. Once we have more information our Chairman Rob will be in touch with the community.

Some progress with the four wheel drive damage with the forestry company filling in or draining a number of the wallow holes used by the rascals. Not quite the solution we hoped for but it has kept their activities down. Thanks also to Clive and others who have been pulling vegetation over the tracks to make it less appealing. It's very frustrating but we can do no more.

OCTOBER 2025

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NOVEMBER 2025

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The weedbuster team has been busy over the period mostly with clearing and planting in Tuna Place Reserve and Russell Bruce stream. We have again planted hundreds of plants and continued to manage the weeds. The work on the left hand side of Tuna Reserve is mostly done now but the right is definitely work in progress as the wet weather had made a big mess. The stream has silted up again but the lakes look ok. The high winds have caused quite a lot of damage to both new and old plants which we are slowly clearing.

The Chorus Chaos is almost complete with people now getting installations done. Don't tarry as the connection is currently free, but if you wait too long you will have to pay.

Onemana Mahjong is still a weekly event and always looking for learners and new members. It's a low key, have fun club, so don't be shy. If you need more information please call Mary on 0273224488.

Don't forget we have a Community get together at the cafe after 5.00 every Friday night. It's a chance to reconnect, share a few stories, tell a few lies and find out first hand what's going on.

TAKE NOTE - There is no kerbside collection Tuesday 28th October.

Books, books, jig saws and puzzles. As part of the Onemana market day which is our big fund raiser ORCA run a stall selling books, jigsaws cakes and puzzles. Please if you are having a spring clean at Labour weekend (or before or after) set aside your old books etc and we will collect them. Just call Rob on 021 1771804 or Bruce on 021 438063.

As our financial year ended on 30 September we are now preparing financial statements and getting ready for Xmas and the AGM season. Please give a thought to the community and how you can help either by joining the committee, being a volunteer or just supplying fresh ideas and support. Current committee members are listed above and they are happy to provide information which may help. Nothing is compulsory and while we all have tasks and responsibilities it's always a team effort and people can vary their input based on how much capacity they have to get involved. Don't be shy, just ask, you may be surprised!

Big Welcome to our newest committee member Letisha Murray. Letisha and hubby Ralph have been in Onemana over a year and are now permanent residents of Russell Bruce Place.