

ORCA SPLASH

JULY 2025

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Kia Ora Koutou and welcome to the Winter Splash

Well winters been an adventure so far with torrential rain, strong winds, cold nights but also lovely sunny but brisk days. It's early days so let's hope it gets better as winter crawls along.

For those that haven't been down recently the beach has been reshaped a number of times by the north easterly swells but nothing nature can't fix. The reinforcing of the stream banks by the council appears to have worked well to keep the water out of the northern areas. It's just a shame that immediately after the council dredged part of the lakes we had a lot of rain and some of it silted back up. All I can say is that's what the lakes are for and no damage done so far.

Lots has been happening and I have highlighted some events below to provide a flavour of what we have been up to, what we face as a group and how together our community can be.

- There was a huge turnout for the regravelling of the lakes track, and thanks to ORCA for paying for the stones and to the women and men who laboured to make it happen. Even in this mucky weather the tracks are in mint condition and are being used much more regularly. Unfortunately I can't say the same for some of the men who shifted and raked gravel and wheeled and lugged buckets of the stuff. We have been in touch with ACC to see if we can get a discounted physio to attend to the wounded but so far to no avail. As they say 'there's no fool like an old fool' or maybe "men will be boys". Anyway, thanks all, a great result and yum kai afterwards.

2025 Committee:

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Carol Basham Bruce Taylor
Anna Thomson Neville Cross
Annabelle Couldwell
Murray Cruickshank
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[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

- Matariki saw ORCA and the Surf Club get together to support the sunrise event at Onemana. It was an early start for some, but what a fantastic morning, cold but stunning. The hot drinks and sausage sizzle went down a treat and hopefully we can leverage this for next year. Matariki in our rohe is a huge event and it's great to see people embracing it and the creativity of the children who love the occasion and the opportunity for all to remember those who have gone, give thanks for being and looking forward to a great future.
- Weedbusters continue with their programme and so far this year have planted over 400 new natives. Thanks to all those who provided donations and plants to enable this to happen and also to the keen members who are out there preparing the ground, removing the nasties and planting the new. It's a never ending task but very rewarding for those who participate. We now have a WhatsApp group going so if you want to know what's happening and get involved email admin on brucetaylor82@gmail.com to join. You will need a WhatsApp address to belong.

- Les and the Predator Free Onemana team are going well and with the grant money Les obtained are providing backyard traps to those who want them. To date they have had plenty of success so if you want to join the programme email Les on les@lesfleming.com There is also still plenty of rat bait available so if you need some contact either Les or Bruce. We also have a number of possum traps people can borrow if they have a possum problem. I just advise they aren't for the timid.
- Again with Les, the dunes rehabilitation continues and there will be events later this planting season. Les will let the community know when this will occur. We are part of a larger collective of dune planting communities so the dates have to work with other beach areas many of whom have much greater coastal inundation than us. Please watch this space for event details.
- ***Sandra, our social messiah, has been busy with lots of community events. Coming up we have All Black games at the cafe, mid winter Christmas and the regular morning teas and Friday Community get together. There is more planned so watch out for our communications thru Gmail and Facebook.***

Morning tea at the Cafe

last Thursday each month
10am

31 July
28 August
25 September
\$10 pp

Bring something for the
swaps table.

ALL WELCOME

- Chairman Rob has been working hard with the council and the community board to progress issues that affect our community. We have a number of works in progress or that have been progressed including dredging the lake which has been done, permanently fixing the bridge which is in progress as we speak, progressing the basketball half court proposal which will be reported separately, addressing the four wheel drive issue where we finally have got some engagement from the Forestry company (and we have a potential plan B if this doesn't work) and more. We have followed progress on the Council Annual Plan and considered the proposals relating to Local Water Done Well. We are just a small community but it's still important we follow and comment on what's important to us especially as it's Local Body election year
- *Our Civil Defence team have been busy updating their emergency plan and also participating in a peninsular wide training exercise. All went well at our end apart from the communications with the 'mother ship' which will need to be addressed. Identifying these things is why we do training exercises. We do have a comprehensive plan which can be viewed on the ORCA website.*

- Sad news with the passing of Kevin Gavin and Helen Donovan both long term and treasured members of our community. Our condolences go out to their whānau and friends as they will be missed.
- ***For those of us who live here the Chorus Chaos continues as they thrust the conduit thru the roads and berms. The wet weather has made this a messy affair but the grass will grow back quickly and all will be forgiven. If you havent registered I don't think it's too late but it will be very soon. The current team are only connecting to the street boxes and different crews will then bring the fibre to your house.***

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- Constitution, now we aren't referring to the USA but rather our organisation. As an incorporated society we are required to update our constitution by April 2026 if we wish to remain incorporated. ORCA have decided that we wish to continue as an Incorporated Society so have drafted a new document to ensure we comply with the Department of Internal Affairs rules. It is proposed that this will be emailed to all members later in the year for adoption at the AGM. Unfortunately most off the new clauses are mandatory by law and while we can use alternative wording the principles of the clauses cannot change.
- **With the winter months the Dotties team (and the birds) have been in rehab and planning mode with a big season ahead. There appear to be many more dogs around so it will be important once these protected birds start nesting that the beach rules are followed. The beach pest control work never stops and it's gratifying to see a number of stoats being trapped.**
- We still have issues with people riding motorised bikes on the reserves and understand the rules are a little ambiguous as to the difference between an electric bike and a motorbike. Nobody wants to be a killjoy and the key thing is for us all to be careful and considerate.
- **On an annoying note, some nice person or persons has stolen 3 of the Surf Club rescue tubes which are located at various points along the beach. It's just madness as they have no other practical use as they are specialised rescue equipment. If you know anything let Surf Club Chair Nick know or anyone on the ORCA Committee or if you see them stashed somewhere also let us know.**

Please keep safe and warm as the weather at present is very unpredictable. Also keep an eye on your neighbours as these dark days and nights and scary world events can be tough to get through. That said if you need a lift, just look out at our beautiful beach, birds and native forests and this will help lift any gloom and make us realise how lucky we are to be here.

Ahakoia he iti, he pounamu

Although small, it is a treasure.