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# Haere mai,

In this edition we celebrate our local achievers and our youth; and look forward to an active and whānau filled Christmas holiday season. As families, remember to be forgiving of your whānau this Christmas, negotiate and take breaks from each other or change the game if people start getting grumpy. There is help available (listed below) if your whānau are struggling to have fun together.

Keep safe while you're out there at the beach, pool or river. Don't forget to slip, slop, slap and wrap, and make sure to follow safety procedures on water craft and with water toys. Wear your life jackets; take water, sun protection and communication devices with you on the water - and make sure your devices are charged up before you leave home.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

*Nga mihi from the Orbit team.*

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## President's Report

**Leadership changes**  
We have seen some changes in the stewardship of Whangārei District over the past quarter, with five new urban ward councillors and a new mayor elected. New councillors to join new Mayor Vince Coccurullo include Nicholas Connop, Jane Golightly, Marie Olsen, Carol Peters, and Paul Yovich. All candidates were invited to outline their vision for Onerahi at a meeting in September prior to the election. Common themes expressed during the meeting included accountability to rate payers, rates, new helicopter base, roading and traffic, environmental challenges along with occupying our youth. About 120 interested residents attended the meeting and it now remains to be seen if the newly elected Councillors can follow through on their words.

**Onerahi community policing**  
There has also been a change in the public safety constable servicing the Onerahi community. Long term Public Safety Constable Spencer Penney is retiring, being replaced by Sam Davidson. We thank Spence for his years of service and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

**OCA facilities**  
The OCA facilities subcommittee has changed the way it takes bookings for the Hall and Onerahi House, and is looking at ways to increase community use of these facilities. Regular users are currently table tennis, indoor bowls, martial arts, Hebron Church and after school care. We have seen new users join in, including junior table tennis, a diabetes support group and a board games group.

**Historic photos**  
The Onerahi Resource centre has gifted several historic photos of Onerahi to OCA. There is now discussion about how and where we can display them for the greater Onerahi Community.

**Environmental projects**  
Planting of trees continues along Boswell's track under the direction and leadership of OCLAG (Onerahi Coastline Action Group). OCA is investigating how to best support this and other community activities.

Raurimu Avenue school is looking to become Kaitaki of a small section of the Waimahunga track at the Southern end by looking after the native vegetation.

**WDC Community led projects**  
Changes are imminent as the Community Led projects steering group begins the task of aligning the community consultation and project proposals to the next stage of alignment to community characteristics, as they prioritise the proposed projects. Further consultation is due out around the new year.

**WDC Civic Honours**  
Finally, we wish to acknowledge the recognition of two local residents in the WDC Civic Honours for 2022. Fred Tito and Steven Westgate. Citations regarding this Civic Honour Award can be found on WDC's website via this link Civic Honours 2022 citations ([wdc.govt.nz](http://wdc.govt.nz))

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*Grant Harrison - OCA President*

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<b>Sunday 18 December</b> 8am-8pm	<b>Wednesday 28 December</b> 7:30am-8pm
<b>Monday 19 December</b> 7:30am-8pm	<b>Thursday 29 December</b> 7:30am-8pm
<b>Tuesday 20 December</b> 7:30am-8pm	<b>Friday 30 December</b> 7:30am-8pm
<b>Wednesday 21 December</b> 7:30am-8pm	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> 7am-8pm
<b>Thursday 22 December</b> 7:30am-8pm	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> 8am-8pm
<b>Friday 23 December</b> 7am-8pm	<b>Monday 2 January</b> 7:30am-8pm
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# Civic Honours for Fred Tito

Fred Tito was raised by his grandmother in Tangiterōria, of Te Parawhau, Te Uri Roroī, Ngāti Whātua and Ngā Puhi descent and with close connections to the marae of Poroti, Tītoki and Tangiterōria. Fred was raised within the language of his elders and schooled in rituals, karakia, history and stories of Te Parawhau. He serves his community as a rangatira and tohunga, including work advising on the appropriate tikanga for different projects, putting people in touch with each other, carrying out ceremonial duties at many dawn blessings, naming ceremonies, on the marae, at meetings and openings.

Fred's work has included carrying out whakawātea and whakanoa, (rituals of clearing and cleansing) at places where tragic events have happened, helping to bring peace and safety into the situation, as well as comforting those affected.

Fred carries the sacred traditions of his people and is very careful about how these traditions are presented and cared for. Fred is an active participant in the lives of



his extended whānau, retelling history and encouraging others to learn, debate, and pass on their stories.

Universally, Fred is admired for his ability to unite the people he meets and in recent years this included his involvement in the founding and development of the Maara Kai o Wai-a-Ariki Onerahirahi, the Onerahi Food Forest. The produce from the food forest feeds many who need it, and the environment provides a place of whānaungatanga.

Puanga-Matariki is the most important time of year for Fred, who has led regular gatherings of descendants of the Māori chiefs, Kawiti, Pōmare and Tirarau who signed the treaty in May 1840, some-time after it was signed by others. He takes part in gatherings of Ngāti Hine, Te Parawhau and Ngāti Manu every year to commemorate the

event and discuss matters from the past, the present and plan into the future.

A master communicator, he has long been involved in Ngāti Hine radio presenting, interviewing and teaching. He provides mihi in te reo Māori, sign language and English. He is a champion of Māori well-being, and has been a long-term guide for community ventures including 155 Whare Āwhina, Whakaora Kai Taitokerau / Food Rescue, Te Ruruhau o ngā Ringaringa Tuwhera / Open Arms and Friends of Matakoho-Limestone Island.

Without exception, those who speak of Fred talk about his commitment to his culture, people and his hapū. Fred quietly fulfils roles and responsibilities handed to him by his kaumātua, with no fanfare and trumpets. He supports and faithfully carries forward the teaching of his elders, to benefit countless others. Fred is a true rangatira who brings people together.

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# Civic Honours for Steve Westgate

Steve Westgate has been serving his community for more than 50 years. Based in Onerahi, he saw the need to advocate for conservation while recognizing the needs of modern society. Appointed to the Northland Conservation Board from 1993 to 1998, he helped develop pest-free eradication programmes for the Bay of Islands and prepared a draft Management Plan for the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve.

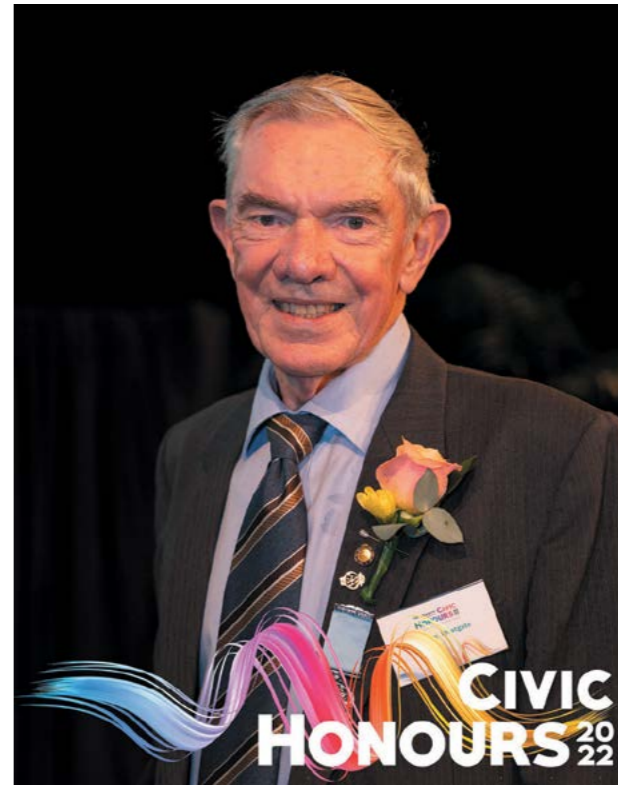
From 1999 to 2003 he chaired the Northland Branch of Forest and Bird, producing a series of articles titled "Towards a Pest Free Northland". What was visionary then is now a national goal. In 2005, Steve was co-opted onto the Northland Regional Transport Committee to represent environmental interests.

He was a founding trustee of the Bream Head Conservation Trust in 2002, a group of dedicated volunteers whose project gained credibility and sponsorship over the 10 years of his service.

Steve made his resource management expertise available to many other trusts over the years, including the Friends of Matakoho-Limestone Island Society and the Northland District Masonic Trust.

As a Northland Chamber of Commerce Inc. board member Steve had a special interest in natural gas being delivered to Northland in association with Refining NZ's petroleum pipeline to Auckland. His meticulous data, planning, scientific analysis and personal advocacy for the resulting gas pipeline brought many benefits to the industrial and residential communities.

After serving with Round Table (a young men's community service organisation that flourished in the 60s and '70s), he joined the Whangārei South Rotary Club in 1985 holding multiple community service roles and becoming a go-to person for community advocacy especially in his Onerahi neighbourhood. Steve is tremendously appreciative of the development opportunities that Round Table provided wherein he first gained experience as secretary, treasurer and chairman of a community organisation.



Appointed a trustee of the Northland Road Safety Trust from the year after it was established in 1995, he continued as a trustee for a further 20 years supporting the formal Road Safety Community Programme delivery. In 2002 Steve became a district councillor for the NZ Automobile Association (NZAA) Northland District Council, relinquishing his role as Northland's National Councillor on the NZAA's governing body only this year after six years in the role. As environmental representative on the Northland Regional Transport Committee he chaired the Stock Effluent Disposal Committee in 2008, developing a series of stock effluent disposal sites throughout Northland.

Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1987 he has tirelessly and professionally served in that voluntary role for more than 35 years and was recently recognised by the Northland Justice of Peace

Association for his contribution.

His contribution to our community is broad and diverse. For this we honour him.

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**PAUL GOSLING – ARBORIST**

# Community initiative celebrates success in fight against rats

**A joint community initiative on Beach Road is celebrating after six months of targeted rat trapping, with the latest trap survey showing no detectable sign of rats.**

In early February, Onerahi resident Rachel Arlidge asked Tiakina Whangārei for support to eradicate rats from the rock seawall along Beach Road. She noticed the population increasing on her daily walks, especially during the lockdowns in 2021.

"I knew there were a lot of backyard traps in Onerahi, but these rats were living in the rocks in the seawalls. I thought there must be a way to control them."

Conservation project Tiakina Whangārei has been supporting local residents to get involved in backyard predator control by supplying rat traps and advice, as well as coordinated projects in public areas. 'Predator Free Onerahi' was launched in 2021, with the goal of Onerahi becoming Whangārei's first predator free suburb.

After reaching out to Tiakina Whangārei Coordinator, Dai Morgan, Rachel and others completed an initial survey along Beach Road, between Pah Road roundabout and the Onerahi



Yacht Club. Using chew cards, wax tags and pest-tracking tunnels, it was identified that this was indeed a high rodent traffic area.

This was an immediate concern to the local community and a real threat to the protected kiwi and other native wildlife living on nearby Matakoho-Limestone Island, which is a predator free island.

"Tiakina Whangārei helped to organise approval from Whangārei District Council to attach permanent rat traps to the rock wall, sourced the materials required for the project, and helped to engage with the public on feedback on our plans.

"In May, we started installing 22 stations from Johnson Street to the Onerahi Yacht Club, with the first bait

line installed in the first week of June.

"The bait stations required reloading twice a week for the first three weeks, and in this time we noticed a large drop off in rat sightings. We had more people from the community join the project and took turns checking the traps every week."

Last month, after six months of trapping, Dai Morgan conducted another survey using tracking tunnels in exactly the same place as the original survey, and this showed a zero per cent uptake from rats.

"This is very exciting news and shows that tackling a community project can really pay off. It's so rewarding for these concerned residents to see results from their hard work," says Dai. "It's also awesome news for both the Onerahi community and Matakoho / Limestone Island, as the risk of reinvasion to the predator free island is now much lower."

Matakoho-Limestone Island is home to a kiwi creche, where young kiwi are able to grow healthy and strong before being returned to the mainland as adults. The island is also home to a growing variety of threatened native fauna that has been gradually reintroduced, including banded rail, New Zealand dotterel, moko skink and forest gecko.

Michelle Martin from the Friends of Matakoho-Limestone Island Buffer Trapping Group says Matakoho-Limestone Island is within swimming distance for mainland pests, which can threaten these precious species.

"Rat incursions on the island are an ongoing threat, and the success of the island's programme and survival of kiwi and other taonga species are dependent on keeping it predator free," says Michelle. "Even a few rats making it over to the island could quickly reverse all the hard work being done. It is essential that the rock wall mahi continues."

Tiakina Whangārei and the community group are not staying complacent with the success of the project thus far.

Rachel says that the survey results do not mean that there are no rats living in this area, but it strongly suggests that the population has taken a huge hit.

"The rats will not stay away, so it's important this project continues and flexes to meet the threat of rodent populations. But, this just goes to show that you can make a difference in your community. If you see something in your local community that needs to be done, have a look around and see if there is an existing organisation that you can tap into to make it happen!"

# Onerahi Youth News

**Few people in Onerahi know that some of our students are part of the Sistema Whangārei-Toi Akorangi programme - a community-based, orchestral youth programme based at the old Library building in town which offers intensive, after school, in-school and holiday opportunities.**

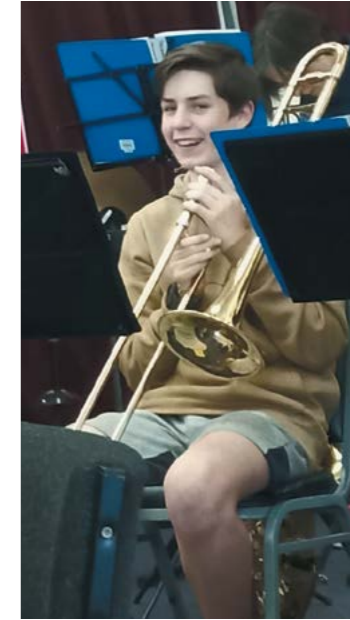
Amelie Jansen, Alex Powell and Talia Greer are a sample of the Onerahi students who are giving back to the programme by donating their busking money, supporting fundraising concerts and promoting Sistema at events around Whangārei. These youth are a great example of utilising opportunities for personal growth.

Amelie Jansen attends Sistema and also represents the Whangārei programme as a global ambassador. "I have a monthly meeting via zoom with students worldwide from other Sistema programmes and help write the monthly programme updates about Sistema Whangārei. We have worked on a composition with El Sistema Greece about war. At the moment we are doing a pen pal project between students of Sistema throughout the world. We have had several Whangārei people sign up. It's been amazing to meet with people from other cultures who are also musicians. It's been enriching."

Alex Powell has been a member for seven years and has spent time with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and has just recently met with other Sistema students from Auckland and the Hutt Valley at a hui in Wellington to collaborate and play together. "I loved the hui, talking to others with a common interest and playing together. Being filmed and interviewed by The Project television show was a highlight. I learnt about Sistema when they visited my primary school and had a chance to try the violin. I asked to go to the lessons. If they hadn't visited I probably never would have found this passion. I now am also learning the trombone, and myself and others from Sistema have this year formed a jazz band which is lots of fun."

Talia Greer enjoys making friends and learning how to play and read music. "I have been attending for seven years now and enjoy every bit of it. My favourite part is going to hui and making more friends from the Auckland and Wellington groups."

Initiated and led by volunteers from the Whangārei community, Sistema Whangārei is based on Venezuela's El Sistema movement, one of the world's most successful music and social development programmes. Onerahi based students attend most days of the week learning classical instruments and having musical opportunities open up for them that otherwise would not be available.



Alex Powell



Talia Greer



Amelie Jansen

**Do you know of a youth or group of youths doing positive things with their lives? For each edition of the Orbit we would like to feature our youth in a positive light. These could be youth reaching for the stars in extra-curricular activities, academically, supporting others in our community or volunteering. Please send any stories to [onerahiorbitmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:onerahiorbitmagazine@gmail.com). They must reside in Onerahi/Parua Bay to be considered.**

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# A message from our new Mayor

This is the fourth time I've run for Mayor and I am honoured to be elected for the 2022-2025 term. The trust our people are putting in me is tremendous. I will be leading a group of councillors in guiding an organisation of more than 350 staff who provide so many of the necessities (and some of the luxuries!) we all enjoy in our District. This is an honour, a privilege and a duty I take very seriously.

I also want to acknowledge those who have served us in the past, through some very difficult years. For many of us, our communities, personal health and businesses are still in the process of healing from the blight of COVID. I am glad to be stepping up at this time of recovery, and will continue to support the good work being undertaken by our communities, local businesses and organisations. The resilience of our people is amazing.

There are a lot of expectations of a Mayor, and I welcome them. I care deeply about this place and our people. I know I speak for all our councillors when I say we're here for the

people in our community. Our duty is to make sure their voices are heard. We want to achieve the best outcomes, in the best way, for the people of our District. The oaths we all made when we were sworn in were more than words on paper, they were a promise of action.

We're facing unique challenges here in the north. Three Waters, the impacts of climate change, a growing population, housing and infrastructure challenges are just a few – but

their combined effect is huge. The decisions we make now will influence the health of our District, impacting future generations for many years to come.

It is auspicious that this term we have councillors elected from our Māori Ward, along with a solid mix of old and new faces around the table. This mix of experience and fresh outlook will be important for the growth of our District. For now, we have a few weeks to enjoy a longed-for summer, to rest and reflect and to lay plans for the future.

I wish everyone in Whangārei District, and all our networks spreading far and wide, a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous year to come.



# Onerahi is working with Labour

As a Government, we're focused on creating jobs, upskilling New Zealanders and supporting more people here in Onerahi into work – and the latest figures show that it's paying off.

The country's unemployment rate is at a near record low and people's incomes are growing at the highest rate since records began. There are now less than 99,000 New Zealanders receiving Jobseeker Work Ready – the first time since the pandemic began. We've also seen the number of people receiving a main benefit continue to fall year-on-year.

All of these indicators give real reason for Onerahi to feel optimistic about the future. Having more people in work, with higher wages, is helping to make both families and our economy strong.

To grow the skilled workforce that New Zealand needs, our Government has been deliberate in supporting more people into education and training. So I was thrilled to be in Onerahi the other day with Hon Aupito William Sio, Minister for Pacific Peoples to formally recognise Tokotoko Solutions as a newly appointed Tupu Aotearoa provider in the Te Tai Tokerau region.

Tokotoko Solutions is a family business formed by Director, Samu Isopo in December 2012. With a background in



Emily Henderson and the Tokotoko Solutions group

teaching and policing, many locals will already know Samu set up the business out of a desire to provide people with the support and skills needed to navigate their time in school, in the workforce and in life.



Emily Henderson with Samu Isopo

Tokotoko Solutions works in a flexible manner to fit in with families. For example, they have flexible working hours including 6-hour workdays to allow their staff and clients to attend to the important things in life including their families, getting children to school, and being able to pick up the kids after school.

Tokotoko Solutions intention is to assist as many startup businesses as possible. They have developed a Business Incubation Initiative, encouraging staff to look at starting their own businesses, resulting in the successful emergence of new businesses including Watts Moving, Kamo Driving School, Manaaki Fusion and more. The organisation now has three youth mentors and are seeking to fill a specialist teacher position in the next few months.

When the pandemic hit, we knew that investing in programmes like this would be really important. That's because, without them, we risked losing our youth pathways, and facing a massive skills shortage, like what happened after the Global Financial Crisis.

So it's also great to see that apprenticeships are more than 50% higher than when we came into Government, and that we now have 20,000 more construction workers than a year ago. This means we're able to continue delivering better infrastructure and more homes for people in Whangārei, and around the country.

## Helping young people in Whangārei into brighter futures

Young offending is down on where it was a decade ago, and we will continue to build on the programmes that work so that we break the cycle of crime for more young New Zealanders.

- ▶ Better Pathways package, including scaling up He Poutama Rangatahi and the Ākonga Fund.
- ▶ Increasing the consequences of gang and criminal activity
- ▶ Delivering New Zealand's largest Police force ever
- ▶ Helping rangatahi into work and supporting more locals to upskill.

If you would like more information on these initiatives, please get in touch.

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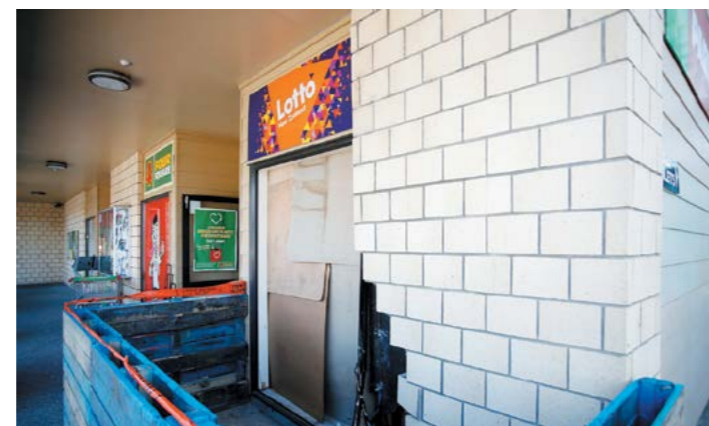
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## Ram raids and burglaries



Over the past few months I have looked to meet with every store manager or staff member that I am aware of that has been burgled or ram raided. The list of stores I visited and spoke to include Graeme Johnson Jewels and Time in Kamo, Torepedo 7 at Okara, Kathmandu in the CBD, Parua Bay 4 Square, Patels Foodmarket on Kamo Road, Kensington Liquorland, the Tutukaka General Store and OPSM in the middle of town. This was then added to with Cardz n Magz in Maunu Road, Hunting and Fishing in Rust Ave and Oakleigh service station. In more recent weeks it has been further added to with Bottle O in Kamo and Spark in the middle of town. This is a list of shame. What is going on here? We know ram raids are up 500% and clearly Whangārei is also seeing an impact. After checking that staff and customers were safe, I ask the store managers and owners how they would like me to help and they nearly all say that there needs to be a greater deterrence and that soft on crime is not working and I agree. Deterrence and the determinants of crime both need to be addressed. I am advocating for our local businesses with the Minister for Police and exploring how they can access the Proceeds of Crime fund for fog cannons and support. To date Northland has received none of this funding but I shall certainly keep backing our local police and our local businesses and citizens. We need to be safe.



Ram-raid at Parua Bay Four Square in 2019 - Photo NZ Herald



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## Councillor Connop Interview



Hello Onerahi Orbit readers, Councillor Connop here, I would first like to say a big thank you for re-electing me back into the Whangārei District Council for my second term.

Every three years the elections bring about some uncertainty around who we will be able to choose from to support the district over the coming term. Those coming into the positions come into a place where we have to work with decisions made in perpetuity, which means once the decision is made, it stays around. It was

a rather interesting change with the Okara and Denby wards becoming the Whangārei Urban ward.

Councillors are voted in by ward, but once they are elected, they each take an oath to represent the whole district, so while some people see the Ward councillor as their councillor, this is a rather limited view and you really have 14 elected members on the Whangārei District Council to approach.

If you have an issue, you can always go to your ward councillor, but if you don't feel they represent you as well as you would like, you can always approach any one of the 14 elected members.

Approaching a councillor isn't always the best way to get

your point across, though it can help, the absolute best way we currently have to ensure you get your points across, is to engage in consultations and the processes around



This way all 14 elected members and staff see your comments and are able to take them on board.

If everyone sees what you need, when the time comes, they can all support a direction, rather than expecting one person to do all the work.

Each Councillor is only one vote and each decision needs the majority to get a decision passed. If we have the evidence of your requests in the consultation, we can then guide the direction of the district as accurately as possible.

One of the best ways to find out what's happening around the district is to check the council website. You can report issues such as potholes, broken footpaths, or full bins. It's a lot more direct and may get things actioned quicker. You can find out what consultations are happening, when council meetings are coming up and even find out about different plans in place to guide the district. You can also find contact details for all the elected members.

Yours Sincerely  
Nicholas Connop  
Councillor

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# Women's Rugby World Cup teams at Onerahi Bowling Club

Photos and information from Rose Tantau

On 16 October the Women's Rugby World Cup came to Onerahi when the Onerahi Bowling Club hosted first the Japanese side and then the Australian team on their home turf.

In between having a lot of fun, the bowling club members showed both teams how to play bowls. A bowling challenge against the Japanese side was followed by one against Australia who played bowls and corner to corner. Just who

won either of the games is confidential information and was not shared with the Orbit, but what was shared was that Tane the Taniwha (The Northland Rugby Union's official mascot) also arrived to join in the fun and have photos taken with all the players.

It sounds like a memorable day was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the Bowling Club for sharing the news and photos!



Womens Rugby World Cup 2021 Japanese Team at the Onerahi Bowling Club - photo by Rose Tantau



Womens Rugby World Cup 2021 Australian Team at the Onerahi Bowling Club - photo by Rose Tantau

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# Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade



To date this year, we have attended over 110 call outs. The last couple of months have been a bit quieter than usual. The wetter year will have played its part for obvious reasons.

Since our last report we seem to have attended a higher proportion of medical calls (These are in co-response with St John). These are primarily for cardiac arrest incidents. However there has been the usual mix of rubbish and vegetation fires, alarm activations etc. There have been two significant house fires resulting in destruction of the houses involved. One was here in Onerahi the other in Tikipunga.

Car accidents including car fires and two standby responses to the airport have also been prevalent.

On a lighter side, on the 13th of August we celebrated our individual brigade members achievements with an honour's night. This is a great opportunity to bring the members and their family/friends in to mark significant milestones in their service in our community.

One honour of note was to Operational Support Officer Keith Baird who received his 40-year Certificate. Because of COVID he actually has hit the 42-year mark. This is a significant amount of time to be dedicated to any volunteer service, but the nature of having to attend emergency

call outs at any time of day or year makes that a greater achievement.

We are proud of all members and their achievements. But 42 years has a wow factor. Congratulations Keith!

November saw us getting a brand-new Fire Appliance. A wee bit smaller in physical size but it still carries the same amount of water and pump capacity. We have never had a new truck before. All our drivers/pump operators have given up a Saturday to familiarise with the new pump system and we are now ready to swap out the old for the new.

Four of our members attended Onerahi Primary school with our appliance to speak with the year 1 and 2 students about Firewise. Very pleasant day and I am sure the children enjoyed it as much as we did.

Currently looking forward to the Whangārei Christmas Parade. Not sure what is going on with our float, but member Jeff Pipe is producing a lot of power tool noises. So, we have high expectations!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Chief Fire Officer  
Mike Chubb.

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# Australian Outback Adventures

## Part 3: The Red Coast



Pete and Libby Urbahn

The dusty orange track north of Broome in Western Australia stretched before us, the road to Cape Leveque. We were on the brink of yet another amazing adventure. Launching our 4X4 into the ochre dust, we quickly adjusted to the rhythm of the corrugations as we drummed over kilometres of orange sandy tracts. Though deflating the

tyre pressures resulted in a marginally smoother ride, we headed north, a plume of red dust ballooning behind us like a jetski rooster tail.

We were 240 kilometres north of Broome in one of the more isolated and underdeveloped regions of Australia known as The Kimberleys. In ancient times, this area was a camping ground for Aboriginal nomadic tribes, extensive middens from their occupation still evident along the shoreline.

A few hours later, we arrived at Cape Leveque and set up our tiny Colman tent overlooking the glimmering expanse of



Adjusting tyre pressure



Sunset over the Indian Ocean

the Indian Ocean. After setting up camp, we negotiated the track to the eastern beach passing Aboriginal burial grounds located in the dunes.

After reaching the deserted beach, we spent a happy hour walking along the pristine sands, collecting shells, huge lumps of coral, and massive sponges recently deposited by the tide.

Next morning, we watched whales swimming north to their breeding grounds off the tropical north Australian coast. The following day, we headed to One Arm Point, an Aboriginal community to the south-east where we were fascinated to observe the surge and strength of the tide swirling down to Derby at the head of King Sound. Beyond were some low-lying rocky white islands including Sunday Island where a Christian mission once stood. At the nearby aquaculture and hatchery, we saw how the locals utilised disused Trochus shells, grinding and polishing them into jewellery and decorations for tourists. The hatchery also bred fish, releasing fingerlings to repopulate the ocean, creating jobs for the locals and providing a focus for future research.

The sunsets over the Indian Ocean were awesome, the sun morphing into a fiery ball before sinking into the ocean. Smoke from Aboriginal burn-offs in the distance accentuated the colours of the setting sun, illuminating the sky and making the pindan cliffs along the shoreline glow even redder.

Four days later, we left Cape Leveque and headed back towards Broome, stopping at Beagle Bay to admire the little white church some Catholic French monks had built in 1918. Exquisite pearl shell gathered from the local waters adorned the altar and much of the interior.

Our journey concluded back on the corrugated ochre-coloured track, our 4X4 now covered in orange dust and blending seamlessly with the landscape as we passed through kilometres of pindan woodland and low-growing scrubby vegetation. Miraculously, we had crossed off another amazing adventure from our bucket list.



Enjoying a mango freeze at Whalesong Café, Middle Lagoon near Cape Leveque



The road north of Broome



Beagle Bay church



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# Wai A Ariki

Spring is in the food forest with blossom and young fruit appearing on the trees.

A resident thrush hatched out three youngsters tucked away in a rosemary bush. Bees are buzzing, happily pollinating. If you haven't been down for a while then come and have a look at the amazing neat garden walls our Kaitiaki Buck Beech-Cullen and helpers have constructed from two truckloads of a demolition footpath. It's a lovely place to be in the evening wandering through, smelling the citrus blossom and listening to the birdsong; and maybe pulling a few weeds and kikuyu out as you go.



# Wendy's wonderful wild 'weeds'

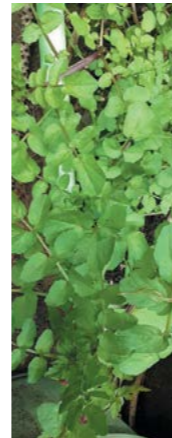
Out and about in my garden are a wonderful selection of weeds or as people like me put it, wild plants growing in the 'wrong place'. Sadly, many people either pull these wonderful plants out, or worse, spray them not realising they are beneficial when included in our diet and also to our birds and bees as food. Many have medicinal properties making them an ideal addition to our wellbeing. In this edition I cover five:

**1) Wild Strawberry - *Fragaria Vesca*.** Once you've got it, you've got it forever as it sends out runners which then clump. They have small red, bland tasting berries that are still tasty. Archeology evidence shows this wee plant has been around since the stone age. Most have white flowers but there is also a yellow flowering variety which has "popped" up in my garden.



Wild Strawberry

**2) Watercress - *Nasturdium Officinale*.** This was introduced here in the 1850s. Very useful, full of goodness. A winter vege, it can be grown easily in a moist garden spot if you don't have access to it from unpolluted running water. Put some stems in a container of water. Once they send out roots, plant them out and enjoy fresh or cooked. Very popular addition to a boil up.



Watercress

**3) Dandelion - *Taraxacum Officinale*.** Very beneficial little plant. The roots when dried and ground make a nice coffee substitute while the young leaves are delicious in salads. Easily recognized when flowering by its "lion mane" yellow flowers.



Dandelion

**4) Nasturtium - *Tropaeolum Majus*.** Lovely orange through to yellow flowers. The leaves have a peppery taste and can be eaten as well as the flowers. The seeds can be pickled and were once called poor man's capers. The plant originating in the Andes is now widespread.



Nasturtium

**5) Onion Weed - *Allium Triquetrum*.** Every bit of this wild cousin to onions and garlic is edible and can be used in their place. Great addition to whenever you would use leeks, chives and onions. The bulbs can be pickled.



Onion Weed

References for all of the above can be found on google and any herb book or plant book, and grow all over Onerahi.

Cheers,  
Wendy

Please note that the accountability for correctly identifying and using these plants lies with the collector, and is in no way the responsibility of the writer.

# Onerahi Pontoon - The art of popping the perfect manu



The Onerahi pontoon is available for all fun loving people to use this summer. Fully consented and maintained to meet safely standards, its a spot to perfect your manu and exercise your bombing rights. If you want to learn to execute the perfect manu (first published in Barker's 1972 magazine) follow these directions:

'The key to popping a perfect manu lies in the bum. Before the body has even left the platform, or rock, or bridge, the bum is out. Arms up, back straight, knees bent, bum out. It's known as the utkatasana (chair) pose in yoga and the "hurry up and jump" pose before a manu.

Once launched, the bum tucks in, making the body straight and tall as it gathers velocity on its way down to the water. When executed correctly, the body will fall fast and still. There's a peaceful elegance to a manu before it's been popped. Like someone meditating, or waiting for a lift to arrive.

The next move is to tuck. As the water draws nearer, the arms pull down and the legs swing up, folding the body in half as if stretching tight hamstrings.

The bum makes first contact with the water, a fleshy lantern held out by the rest of the body, saying here I am, let me in. As the lower back and the upper thighs follow, an executor of a perfect manu will already be extending, flinging limbs back and down, stretching out on the surface of the water. The shoulders and feet arrive last and fast, slapping the surface, forcing water around the body before it collapses into the cavity the bum has just created and explodes the water up into the air.'

**Remember: Always check for hazards before jumping. Don't dive or jump into water that you can't see through, get into water feet first. Never swim alone, Buddy up. Clothing in the water may drag you down. Watch for boats.**

**It may be easy getting into the water, but can you get out? Think about this before you get in.**

Adults – always actively supervisor children and keep children under five within arm's reach. Put away your phone. DO NOT enter the water if you have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

# Bream Bay Fishing Group



Bream Bay Fishing is a family orientated local Facebook page that encourages people to go

out fishing from boats, jetski, kayaks, wharves, the beach and rocks. Our page is for people to share pictures and stories from their day outdoors. Fishing through spring and summer in Bream Bay, the Whangārei harbour and all the beaches and rocky outcrops around the surrounding areas is a great way to spend the day enjoying the outdoors with the bonus of being able to catch a meal.

Bream Bay Fishing runs competitions through spring and summer and even into autumn.

We have bragging board competitions for adults and for under 12 year olds, mystery snapper length competitions, and other family orientated competitions with great prizes. Just search Bream Bay Fishing on Facebook and you will find us, tight lines and see you out there,

Shane Peebles



## Bream Bay Fishing Bragging Board

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# Onerahi School Report

## Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 4 is always jam-packed with new experiences for our tamariki and this year is no different. We started the term with visits from our friends at Northland Cricket and Tennis Northland. Tamariki were able to experience a range of fun activities to develop their skills in these two sports. Physical activity and fitness are very important to us at Onerahi School. Making sure we know how to care for ourselves both inside and out leads to happy, healthy, and successful people.

As I write this rain is trying to force its way inside and we are all hopeful that it will be well gone as our senior students head out on one of the two camps happening this term. Our Year 6's will be staying at Whakapara Marae. From there they will be visiting Waitangi, where they will explore the complex history that led to the society we live in now. After they exercise their minds, it will be time to put their bodies to the test at the Adrenalin Adventure Park.

We recently held our whole school Math-X competition. This saw teams of children running and solving mathematical problems against one another. Part race and part puzzle, Math-X as a whole was a huge success. In the end our top Year 5 and Year 6 teams took on two adult teams, one filled with teachers and the other with our Learning Support Assistants. It was very close, with a group of extremely relieved teachers just taking the victory. Again, this was



Math-X competition

another experience for our tamariki that develops the mind and body.

Lastly, this term sees the return of the Te Whanga Festival on the 24th of November. The hosting of this fantastic annual event is shared by schools in our area and this year it is our turn. Kapa Haka groups from across those kura will come to show what they are capable of. It also provides a great chance to connect with one another, which feels even more important as this festival has been irregular since the pandemic started. It will be a day that is good for the mind, body, and spirit. Mauri tū mauri ora. An active soul is a healthy soul.

Ngā mihi to everyone for their continued support and belief in our kura.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Danny Hamilton, Deputy Principal



Learning tennis



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# Raurimu Avenue School

## "Poipoia te rito o te harakeke"



We arrived back from the term break to very exciting news that one of our students, Vanessa, had come second in the Northland Schools short story writing competition. She was very excited to receive this news and see her story printed in the newspaper and online, as were we.

We are also excited to be continuing with the Ka ora, Ka ako lunch programme. We have partnered with Ngatiwai and are now making our lunches on site instead of having them delivered. They have supplied us with our own cook (beautiful Whaea Kath) who makes fresh lunches daily. The students are loving this change

and we have gone from food wastage to zero food wastage as the pots are cleaned out with students going back for seconds, thirds and even fourths of Kath's homemade healthy yumminess. We have also installed the value of whānau

togetherness with trestle tables lining the hall allowing us (students and staff) to eat together as opposed to separate class areas. Students are also helping to prepare our kai with a roster set up as so many were keen to get involved. This is a valuable lesson in life skills and comments have been coming back from whānau about requests for the same lunch dishes to be made at home with students being able to help or even make the whole dish.

Before the school year ends we will have held our school athletics day, started our swimming programme, planted our seedlings we have been nurturing, hosted our praise giving and sadly farewelled our year 8 students who leave us for high school, some who have been with us since year 1.

It has been a much more settled year and we are feeling more confident to plan ahead without worry of interruption.

As you read this, Christmas and the summer holidays will be nearing. To our supporters, thank you, we appreciate and value your ongoing belief in us. Enjoy time together, appreciate those dear to you and take time for yourself.

### Excerpt from Vanessa's story:

#### Hide and Seek by Vanessa

In a cold, dark, empty shed there hid a girl. This girl was all alone but this was normal for her. This sense of darkness, the sound of demons in her head, she was used to it. She had lost sense of the feeling of love. But this girl hadn't always been this way. She was once a happy, bubbly, joyful little girl, until one day it was lost. Hide and seek. That was the game she would play day after day with her neighbourhood friends and family. It was her favourite game in the whole wide world.

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# Nature challenge from the Bream Head/ Te Whara Conservation Trust

In line with the Orbit's focus of getting people of all ages out and about this festive season, Bream Head /Te Whara Conservation Trust is issuing a nature challenge!

Arm yourself with this article and everything you'll need for a great day out in nature and head to Bream Head/ Te Whara Scenic Reserve. Take a phone too, so you can explore our website for possible answers and check to see how you've got on! We'd love to hear from you so send any answers/ feedback to: info@breamheadtrust.nz and we'll reply as soon as possible.

1. It's a special birthday for us this year; how old are we?
2. Find a plant that is not wanted in the Reserve and list it here.
3. This is a photo of one of our most common birds, when you spot it, write its name down.
4. We have been working very hard to restore our Reserve; sketch one example that you can spot of how we have been doing this.



5. Where did you notice most of these trees growing?
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# Introducing the Onerahi Football Club

Onerahi Football Club is your local family club. While maintaining a highly successful senior programme; at its heart OFC is a family club with grades for all ages and skill levels. 100% volunteer run, most junior/youth teams are managed by senior players and/or parents. The club also has large, modern clubrooms with a spacious viewing area immediately beside the main pitch.

In 2022 OFC had 330 registered players; across two Senior Men's, one Senior Women's, four Youth, and seven Junior teams; plus more than 30 children in both Fun Football (7-8 years) and First Kicks (4-6 years).

OFC had one of their most successful seasons ever on the pitch in 2022 ; highlights include:

Division 1 Women winning the 2021 Knockout Cup at the start of the year (the final delayed to 2022 due to the pandemic), beating the heavily favoured Madhatters 6-1 in an epic finals performance! They went on to a runner-up finish in the 2022 league.

Division 1 Men ended a 41 year drought in the Stafford Choat Cup by winning the prestigious trophy for 2021 (the final again delayed to 2022) ; then backed this up by winning the Community Cup (League vs Cup champs) for a fourth season in a row! While unable to defend their Cup title later in the year ; they made up for this by taking home the 2022 League title, with only a single defeat across 14 matches!

Division 3 Men had their best-ever season with a historic double in 2022, winning the League with games to spare, AND the Stafford Choat Bowl - upsetting Division 2 champions Mangawhai in a dramatic final at Trigg Stadium.

Our junior and youth teams grew even further this year, with 11 Junior and Youth teams wearing the blue and gold with pride. Performing strongly on the field, the younger teams also took on the club mantra by proving themselves great hosts off the field, often putting on food and mingling with their rivals at the club after the game!

With a strong and growing first kicks/ fun football set up for 4-8 year-olds as well ; OFC is collectively one of the biggest and most successful clubs in the Northland region!

The club also hosted a highly successful Women in Football event this year, with youth and junior players enjoying the opportunity to play and train alongside our Division 1 Women's players!



## ONERAHI 2022 - First Kicks



Registrations for the 2023 season open in March. In the meantime, please check out our Facebook; visit [www.onerahifootball.club](http://www.onerahifootball.club); while you can reach us via Messenger or email us at: [onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz](mailto:onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz)

# Sail Northland

**Sail Northland has a qualified new head coach Conor who is from Ireland and the amazing Sarah who is our qualified junior head coach has returned for another summer season. We are also privileged to have an incredible team of volunteers that make Sail Northland programmes possible.**

**Programmes available at Parua Bay**

There are a number of programmes available at Parua Bay - from learn to sail for little kids, to school programmes to programmes for adults. In term four, Sail Northland ran the following classes:

**Get On Board** - students are out on the water with a group of children and coaches (7-10yr).

**Start Sailing** - they start sailing in a boat on their own, with support from qualified coaches (8-13yr).

**Sail faster** - students learn to sail faster and racing basics all while learning to make good decisions on the water (8yr+)

**High School Sailing** on Wednesdays at 4pm-7pm (for all sailing abilities)

**Twilight Sailing** on Thursdays 5.30-7.30 pm (for experienced sailors)

**Adult Learn to Sail**, runs on a Wednesday morning and Sunday (morning and afternoon classes).

In February, in Term one 2023, our school programs ('Have a Go' days) and after school classes will start again.

**High School Team Sailing Nationals - October 2022**

A huge congratulations to both Whangārei Girls High School, and Whangārei Boys High School teams sailing



crews! The High School Team Sailing Nationals were held at Algies Bay from the 2nd-7th October.

Representing Whangārei Girls High School were Phoebe Buckland(captain), Ella Beever, Ellie Petty, Caitlin Thompson, Apikera Baker, Tessa Hayward, Kiani Christie and Aria Young and representing Whangārei Boys High School were Hayden Smith(captain), Thomas Powell, Brendon Pol, Marino Fischer, Luca Smith, Liam Townsend, Tayne Haag and Tai Pullen.

Monday and Tuesday were great sailing days with both the girls and boys teams holding their own in the Silver and Gold fleets respectively. The girls did very well in the first round robin and were promoted to the Gold fleet. They struggled a bit with the tougher competition but were still one of the top three girls teams so progressed to the Interdominion championships.

Sadly the boys lost out on progressing to the interdominions by one race and finished the championship with a very respectable placing of 6th.

In the Interdominion Championships, the Whangārei Girls team won 5 out of their 6 races meaning they had a tie break race for the top girls team in Australasia against Nelson Girls. The girls were pipped by half a boat length in an exciting final race.

Congratulations to both Whangārei Girls and Boys on a tremendous regatta. Many thanks to Matt Smith for his coaching, both teams have really benefited from his dedication and knowledge.

If you want more information, Sail Northland is on Facebook and has a website.

# Christmas Message from St Stephen's Church

**Engā hau e wha - tena koutou katoa!**

"The only constant in the universe is change!" - a wise teacher once said. But haven't we all had enough change? At least for a little while? Can't we just 'have a break?' There's not even going to be a Queen's Message this Christmas?!

The Christmas season is one where, according to the Christian tradition, an infinite Creator God chose to become "incarnate" - to enter physically into our human story as a poor, simple Palestinian child from a humble working-class family.

This Jesus - or Jehoshua in Hebrew - was born into turbulent times of Empire and violence - possibly not much different from ours. The Jewish ritual of Shabbat - or Sabbath - is an expression of the longing for the Messiah of God, the Chosen One - who would bring release for the captives, liberty for those who were oppressed, recovery of sight for the blind and healing for the sick.

In churches throughout Aotearoa we will be celebrating what we believe to be the fulfilment of this prophecy in Jesus.

That same wise teacher asked, "Is there a difference between optimism and hope?" I think she was hinting that maybe optimism is blind somehow? But hope on the other hand can be grounded in something much deeper. Like the promises that lay behind the incarnation.

Jesus said that, after leaving this world, he would send the Holy Spirit - like a divine wind or fire - it would be a comforter - and also a guide.

Our prayer for you this Christmas - despite all the craziness around us - is that you may encounter this Jesus and Holy Spirit and know their deep peace that is 'not of this world', but a hint of the world to come. Shalom. Salaam.

Nō reira e te whānau...Mere Kirihimete!

May it be a blessed time for you - filled with peace, love and hope!

From the Onerahi Manaia Local Shared Ministry Team  
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## Upcoming dates and events

The Christmas Season	<b>WDC Initiatives</b> - two huge Christmas trees will be set up - one at the Town Basin, another at James Street. Santa's Grotto will be at the Strand Arcade. Meet Santa, have a photo taken with him and drop a letter in Santa's letter box. Check out local media for events, times and locations.
9 December	<b>Accessibility hui</b> - Councils in Northland/Te Tai Tokerau are working together to help make our region accessible and inclusive to people with access needs. Understand the issues and purpose of the plan and provide feedback. Time to be confirmed later, Terenga Paraoa Marae, 10 Porowini Avenue, Morningside
17 December	<b>Christmas at Pohe island</b> - from 4.30pm to 9:45pm at the Northland Rugby Union Fields beside Riverside Drive.
21 December	<b>Christmas Twilight Market</b> - to be held at the Onerahi Hall from 4-7pm. Stall bookings preferred. Phone Jenny (09) 436 0009
25 & 26 December	<b>Christmas Day and Boxing Day public holidays</b>
1, 2 & 3 January	<b>New Year's Day public holidays</b>
22 January	<b>Chinese New Year</b> - Also called Spring Festival and Lunar New Year
6 February	<b>Waitangi Day public holiday</b> - Celebrate the signing of the Waitangi Treaty in 1840 at the home of James Busby at Waitangi.
11 February	<b>Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade Open Day</b> - Recruitment event for younger people

### Regular Events

Onerahi Sit-Fit	Hope Onerahi Church, 137 Onerahi Road, Mondays 10.15am
Onerahi Hall market	Saturdays 8am-12pm. Plants, garden produce, jams/pickles, art/craft, 2nd hand goods etc. Inside stall fees \$11; Outside stall fees \$8; Kids stall fees - inside \$5, outside \$4; Market bookings until the end of 2022 are WEEKLY until & including Christmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec). Christmas Twilight Market Wed 21 Dec from 4-7pm. Stall bookings preferred. Market bookings for the New Year begin WEEKLY from Sat 14 Jan 2023. Phone Jenny (09) 436 0009.
Onerahi Family Fishing Club	Held at Onerahi Tavern (Beach Road). Contact Pete Codlin at the tavern.
Onerahi Darts Club	Ages 14+ welcome. Onerahi Tavern in the Portland Lounge on Tuesday nights (contact Kelly Codlin at the tavern)
The Pines Golf Club	Based at 750 Whangārei Heads Road. Popular Twilight Golf over summer every Tuesday 3pm – 6pm. \$7 for Members of any club, \$10 non-members, Juniors \$2 and Carts \$15 per 9 holes. This is a weekly family event where Mums and Dads bring the kids as every ability and level are catered for. If you're new to golf the twilight convener, Mr Shane Brandso (aka Splinta), will show you the ropes. Phone: 09 436 2246 Email: info@pinesgolfclub.co.nz

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Onerahi Bowling Club	Roger Kerr-Davis	027 390 7185
Onerahi Rugby Club	Fiona Raymond-Paiea	onerahirugby@yahoo.com.
Onerahi Soccer Club	Fiona Ellis	onerahifootballclub@outlook.co.nz
Hope Church	Secretary	09 438 1667
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