

Inorganic Collection and Annual General Meeting

Update on Inorganic Collection

Your NRA committee is currently thinking of holding the inorganic collection in early June. We currently only have one volunteer to help, so will need a few more to ensure it goes ahead.

Advance notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We are also planning to hold the Annual General Meeting of the association in June, so it will be a busy month for your committee! A couple of members of the committee have had a really busy 2017 and 2018, and are considering standing down, so we will also be looking for others to join us this year.

Ideas for other activities

If you have ideas for other activities or events we can do as a community, please get in touch and we will see if we can make this a reality! Of course we would love you to come to one of our meetings and share this with us or even for you to join our committee. But if you don't feel this is something you can do, get in touch with your committee, contact us via facebook, email or our web-page.



Quiz

Word of the month:

Versimilitude

- A. Appearing real
- B. Greek palace
- C. Hard working
- D. Irksome

Last-month's word: **Labeorphile**
D. Collector of beer labels.



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Resilience Survey

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The Western Ward Community Panel (WWCP) have been considering community resilience in recent months; something the Normandale Residents' Association have also been working on with our civil defence preparation.

The WWCP have been running a survey on how you feel about the resilience of our local community. The survey covers how safe and comfortable you feel in your community, both on a day-to-day basis and in the event of an emergency or disaster. You can fill in the survey on-line via our facebook page (Residents of Normandale) or using this link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/5D239SZ.

If you would like to fill out a paper copy, these are available at Melling Station, St Aidan's on the hill or by calling me (see phone number below). Survey closes on the 27th of April.

If you have any ideas or good feedback to give you are more than welcome to send us an email (normandale.residents@gmail.com). As your WWCP representative I will make sure it gets through the appropriate channels.

A reminder that if you see something in your community needing fixing there are also fix-a-grams, and Hutt City Councils' "Report a Problem" service (<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Report-a-Problem/>).

Paul Caygill, President of the Normandale Residents' Association

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at St Aidans church on Thursday 19th of April - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

Tradescantia-fluminensis – Wandering Willie

Your Normandale Residents' Association are thinking of planting some natives over the next few years at the bottom of Normandale hill. The area is currently quite heavily covered in Tradescantia and we would like to promote the removal of this weed from Normandale. Going by the common name, Wandering Willie, Tradescantia-fluminensis is particularly good at establishing itself and spreading.

Why is it considered a weed? Tradescantia forms a mat which smothers the ground and prevents the seedlings of native species from establishing. It particularly likes shady spots but is intolerant of frost and drought.

How does it spread? It only needs a small part of the stem to start a new plant. Stem fragments are spread by water movement, livestock, dumped vegetation, soil movement, boots and mowers.

We recommend that you take a look at www.weedbusters.org.nz/ It has lots of useful and specific information on the removal and safe disposal of Tradescantia. We at the Normandale Resident's Association would like to reduce the size of the area which tradescantia inhabits and you can all play a part in reducing it. It reportedly makes good chicken food and can be turned to compost if left in a light proof bag (a lengthy process of up to 3 years). Lastly be careful when doing anything with it as dropped fragments can spread the infestation!



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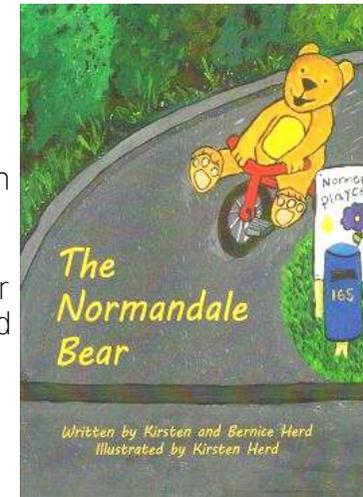
Teddy Bear Picnic

Did you spot the bears around Normandale over the Easter period? On the 8th of April, Normandale Playcentre had a Teddy Bear Picnic Fete. The bears were part of their advertising, to garner interest. There are some clever and creative people living in your community!

At the fete a children's book "The Normandale Bear" by Kirsten and Bernice Herd (illustrated by Kirsten Herd) was launched.

We googled the book and found it for sale at: writersplot.org.nz/books/genre/children/normandale-bear-kirsten-bernice-herd/

This book is set in Normandale (the clue is in the title!) and the authors tag it as suitable for children, both those under 6 and those between 6 and 13.



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