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If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please send your subscription to: The Treasurer, c/o 17 Pokohiwi Road, Lower Hutt, or contact one of the committee.

Thank you to those who pay and have paid, we appreciate it. All Normandale residents are eligible.

## New Editor for the Normandale Times

We are looking for a new editor for the Times.

Some of the past editors have been high school students - one doing this for Duke of Edinburgh community service component. It is something that looks great on your CV! Training given.

Call 04 566 4130 or email [ntimes@hotmail.com](mailto:ntimes@hotmail.com)

## Quiz

**Word of the month:**

**Discombobulate**

**A. Ignore truth**

**B. Argue lots**

**C. Undo**


**D. Upset**

**Last-month's word:**

**Congruent**


**C. Corresponding**

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## BIG THANKS

### Inorganic Collection

A big thanks to those who volunteered for helping out with the inorganic collection:

John Barnett; Ellie and John Pritchard; Margaret Cousins, Dan Loader, Iain Matcham, Sandie and Pete Matcham, Matt and Jess Christian, Judy Randall, James Selwood. Without your help we wouldn't be able to run such events.

### Annual General Meeting of the Normandale Residents' Association

A big thanks to Matthew Lloyd who gave a really fantastic talk about the things we could do in the event of a natural disaster. We are thinking of getting him to talk again as it was really inspiring and gave us lots of "number 8 wire" ideas for survival. His first tip was "Don't die", followed by some suggestions for how that might happen.

### Committee Meetings

This year we will be hosting most committee meetings at 17 Pokohiwi Road so we can have a more relaxed setting. Although we are looking for new committee members, anyone who is a paid up member of the association is welcome.

Thanks to those who have agreed to continue on the committee. We are still looking for new committee members, and a new secretary to take notes at the meetings. So if you have an interest in getting together with a bunch of lovely people once a month, with January off for good behaviour, we would love to hear from you!

*Robyn Caygill*

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Road on Thursday 19th of July - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

## Beware the Rats



A reader sent us the following story:

Recently there was a rat tail showing in my toilet (body obviously in the pipe bend). **HELP!**

I flushed furiously and between flushes no rat tail to be seen BUT I could hear scabbling noises. So I turned to the internet. "Pour bleach (I used Janola) and close the lid. The rat will die of asphyxiation within 15 minutes." No more sign of or sounds from the rat.

"Rats can enter your house through the plumbing pipes and then up through your toilet bowl." I was lucky it was partially in the pipe as they are more likely to jump out if in the bowl. It would have been an even bigger **HELP!**

This year I understand there is an influx of rats and we good people of NZ are aiming to be predator free. So make the effort to get rid of these undesirable creatures by getting traps and laying poison baits. I have a rat trap sourced from a local resident and am occasionally catching rats. I am about to start using poison stations.

Another local resident told us a rat had chewed through a crucial part of his dishwasher.

Predator Free Normandale (PFN) was started about 18 months ago with Stuart Reid calling a public meeting. From there they now have 54 members and over 300 fewer rats. If you are interested in joining PFN or are already trapping or baiting, let them know so they can build a map of all our community trapping stations and help you along the way.

Contact Nicole Swain at [pfnormandale@gmail.com](mailto:pfnormandale@gmail.com)

## Western Hills Toy Library update – July

### Planning a party? Talk to us!

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We also have colourful table and chair sets available for hire and other big toys that are great for parties, including a roller coaster, slides, ride-ons and cozy coupes.

### Movie night – Thursday 26 July!

Mamma Mia – Here we go again! (Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Cher + more)  
Thursday 26 July: 8pm supper, movie starts at 8.30pm.

Grab a friend or two and enjoy an evening out while also supporting your Toy Library! Tickets cost \$20 each, which includes a yummy supper. Lighthouse Cinema Petone. Email us for tickets or book yours at the Toy Library.

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