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Inorganic Rubbish Collection

The social highlight of Normandale's year, the Inorganic Rubbish collection, is scheduled for Saturday 5th May. The committee and friends will be manning the recycling and rubbish trucks with help from the Global Volunteer Network members based in the Hutt. More hands are always welcome though, so please turn out and meet us in the layby below 145 Normandale Road. Please bear in mind that what can be collected is restricted by the Council's rules and the laws governing the disposal of hazardous waste.

- We **can't** collect anything classified by HCC as dangerous or toxic and that includes paint tins.
- We **can't** collect tyres
- We **can't** collect anything that is collected as weekly recycling
- We **won't** collect rubbish that is commercial in either type or volume. eg building waste or large numbers of computers.
- We **won't** collect large or heavy

items (especially white ware) unless you turn out to help us load them.

We wont be calling at upper Normandale Road or the bottom of Stratton Street, but if residents in these areas leave their rubbish at their respective intersections with Cottle Park Drive, we will pick it up from there.

So if you would like to join in the fun and see what horrible things your neighbours have been hoarding all these years, you'll be most welcome.

Pete Matcham

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New Year Honour for Tay Wilson

Congratulations to Normandale resident Tay Wilson who was recognised in the New Year Honours List for services to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. He becomes a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Tay has been associated with the Olympic and Commonwealth Games movements for almost 30 years, and for 27 of these held a number of governance roles. He was a member of the International Olympic Committee for more than 20 years and was made an honorary member last year. He was also a member of the Association of National Olympic Committees, the Commonwealth Games Federation and the Oceania National Olympic Committee and was part of the management team at the Olympic Games in Moscow and Los Angeles.

He is still involved with a number of other sporting organisations, including the Special Olympics in New Zealand, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Baron de

Coubertin Foundation.

Tay was previously awarded an OBE in 1989 for services to sport, and the NZOC Olympic Order in 2006.

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Storm water drains

Homeowners should stay on guard against the risk of slips over the coming months. There is no guarantee that the recent dry spell will continue, and don't forget that December was the 30th anniversary of perhaps the worst flooding the lower Hutt Valley had during all of

last century.

The slips which led to houses being destroyed over the past few months, at Russo Terrace in Eastbourne and Vista Grove in Kelson, appeared to have given no warning of imminent collapse. But they are exceptions. There are usually clues that the ground surface is unstable.

Hutt City Council distributed a brochure 'Managing the risk of Landslides' to some hill residents. *[Council please take note – as usual when things are “distributed” by contractors the rural parts of Normandale miss out, and they are often the areas most affected – Ed]*

The brochure identifies areas most at risk of slips, indications that a slip is likely, how to reduce the risk of slips, and proper construction of retaining walls.

There's some good advice in it. And just clearing a drain might make the difference between losing your house one day, and saving it. If you would like a copy, then it is available from Council offices and libraries, and it's also available on the website (at

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/news/documents/brochures/>

Margaret Cousins
(Western Ward Councillor)

Representation Review

I recently appeared before the Local Government Commissioner in support of our submission on the Representation arrangements of Hutt

City for the 2007 elections..

The Commission in its determination addressed the points we raised as follows:

The retention of six wards was agreed as was the increase of representation in the Western ward to two Councillors. The Commission did not support our view that to achieve the required population balance, it would be more appropriate to include Korokoro in the Western Ward than Melling and Alicetown.

Although the Commission expressed concern at the imbalance of representation caused by the establishment of three Community Boards in only two wards, they did not feel there was uniform support for more community representation in all Wards, but that the degree of support for the existing Boards within their areas made their abolition unacceptable.

P. Matcham

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AGM

The AGM of the Normandale Residents Association will be held at St Aidens on Wednesday 23rd May starting at 7:30 pm.

Please help us to help your Neighbourhood by attending and letting us know your views, or by standing for the committee