



Update on the planting plan

As mentioned previously, your association has been working on a plan to beautify the entrance to Normandale by adding in some native plants.

At our last meeting we finalised the draft of plants we think will work well. We now have a plan which we will take to council for approval.

Thanks to all the people that have sent in ideas and attended the meetings. There is still a lot of work to do, but we have made really good progress. We'll put a large version of the map into an upcoming Normandale Times - when we have some space, as it takes up a lot of room!

We still need to remove some of the noxious weeds in the area - particularly the tradescantia which is a particularly invasive species that smothers any native seedlings.

Please do your part by removing any noxious weeds you have in your garden before they spread further. We will bring you a list in the near future of plants that are problematic in our suburb.



Word of the month:

Badinage

- A. Badger to do task
- B. Age quickly due to sun exposure
- C. Behave poorly
- D. Humorous conversation

Last-month's word:

Agelast

- C. Someone who doesn't laugh

WINTER CRAFT FAIR

A winter craft fair will be held at

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Community Mid-Winter Supper

You are invited for a community mid-winter supper to warm up and have some good conversation on a winter's evening. In this context we are using *supper* to refer to a light snack after dinner - in case you are confused!

Time: Starting at 7:30pm, 20th of June, 2019

Place: St Aidans on the Hill, 62 Poto Road, Normandale.

We will start the gathering with the Normandale Residents' Association Annual General Meeting. At this meeting we will have 2 guest speakers; both will give short informative talks.

Nickola Loodin will introduce herself as the new WREMO person who will look after our community emergency hub. **Pete Matcham** will speak briefly about the Whaitua committee and the implications for water and land management in the area. This will be followed by a yummy **supper** and friendly conversation.

We are keen to have wider representation on our committee than we currently have and are looking for **additional** committee members. In particular, we would like someone to volunteer their services as secretary to take notes at the meetings.

We trialled having committee meetings at our home over the last few months and this seems to be working well. 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 the AGM and held at St Aidan's Church on Thursday 20th June at 7:30pm - all association members welcome.

Local lads fight for healthier lifestyle

Devin Glover and Tim Fox both grew up in the Western Hills. After many years of hard work they have now opened a gym 'The Fitness Portal' in Petone, just over the bridge from the Alicetown Shops.

"The Fitness Portal is the gateway to health and fitness. We offer personal training, group fitness, massage therapy and nutrition, and include all of these in our memberships to varying degrees. We understand that people are busy, so we are making it as easy as possible for our members to reach their health and fitness goals" says Devin, Co-Founder of the gym.

Growing up locally the two young men have a dream to see their community prosper. Working with sports teams, running local business competitions to promote healthy living and increase productivity in the work place and of course, have discounts for gold card members. Their oldest member is 90 years old, what's your excuse?

"What I love about The Fitness Portal, is how I feel comfortable to workout with nobody judging me and the staff are always happy to help when I have questions." says Normandale resident Sandie Scott.



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From the Hutt City Archives

In February 1930, Adrian Treadwell wrote to the Borough asking about water supplies. Having built a house in the Western Hills he then found he couldn't obtain Borough water, essentially because he was up a hill. He pointed out that some effort had been made to get water to hilly sections of Melling. 'I cannot think that the Council intends wholly to disregard the interests of the residents of the Western Hills and leave them forever without a water supply and I should be glad if you would advise me as to what scheme of water supply is intended to adopt in order to supply the wants of the residents of the Hills area such as the Normandale district'. The Town Clerk was not going to be prodded so easily into expensive projects and decided to simply answer the question. 'Regarding supplying the wants of the Normandale district', replied the Town Clerk, 'it is not within my knowledge that any scheme has been evolved'. Trusting that this cleared the matter up, he signed off. [Town Clerk's Correspondence 8973]

Local lads fight for healthier lifestyle *continued ...*

With another Lower Hutt local, Josh Baker, creating their website www.thefitnessportal.co.nz, VMORG producing their uniforms, and Zambrero Petone/Queensgate sponsoring their staff, The Fitness Portal is proud to put money back into the community as much as they can, while still giving everyone the opportunity to reach their goals.

"The reason I chose to work for The Fitness Portal is because of the passion Devin and Tim put into their work and their aim to give everyone guidance for the whole journey - not just the beginning." says Shannon Glover, Club Manager.

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