

Adele Adams farewelled in Auckland

Former long-time Pekanga Road resident Adele Adams has died in Auckland at the age of 93.



Adele Adams

Three years ago she moved to Auckland to be closer to her two daughters. She bought a self-contained unit in a Pukekohe retirement village and continued to enjoy an active life there. She played bowls, housie and joined the craft club. She also enjoyed organised bus trips around the Auckland and Waikato regions. Last September Mrs Adams suffered a stroke and moved into a care facility. In April, during the Covid-19 lockdown, she fell and broke her hip. She was recovering but developed pneumonia.

She didn't respond to treatment and passed away in Middlemore Hospital on May 5. Her memorial service was delayed because of the lockdown.

Mrs Adams was the mother of daughters Lee-ola Orr and Denise Mitchell, a grandmother of five and great-grandmother of 13. She moved to Normandale in 1949 with her late husband Bill, whom she had married three years prior. His family owned several acres on Pekanga Road. There were many daffodils on the Adams property. Mrs Adams picked them for the market to buy her first home appliances. The land has been subdivided over the years but some daffodils remain.

- Rosemary McLennan



Word of the month:

Xertz

- A. walk briskly
- B. fool someone
- C. burst forth
- D. gulp quickly

Last month's word:

Pellucid

- A. Clear in meaning

Experienced female

Painter

Interior, exterior, roof

Gardener

Section tidying, vegetation control—large and small

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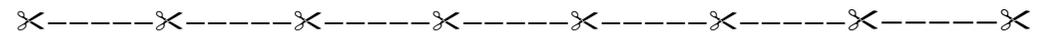


AGM 2020: see you there

June 2020

All current and prospective members of the Normandale Residents' Association are invited to the AGM at St Aidan's on the Hill at 7.30pm, Thursday 18 June. The meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the Association's activities for the past year, vote in new NRA committee members and enjoy a socially distanced catch up over refreshments. Hutt City Council's Chief Executive Jo Miller will be the guest speaker for the night.

Nominations for NRA President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members are now open. Current members of the Association can make a nomination by emailing normandale.residents@gmail.com with your name, the name of the nominee and the position, or by dropping the nomination form below to 17 Pokohiwi Road by Wednesday 17 June.



Normandale Residents' Association nominations for committee

Person nominated: _____

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held 7.30pm, Thursday 16 July.
All association members welcome.



Supporting Normandale home-based businesses

One of our committee members recently got their hair cut in Eastview Grove, a minute's walk from their home. They said it felt good, appropriate for the post-Covid recovery and made them want to support more Normandale businesses.

We suspect there are many others around the streets of Normandale, and could range from dog walkers to property valuers, and beauty therapist/nails technician to Airbnb hosts.

Please help us build a directory of Normandale's home-based businesses (small and without national or regional affiliation). We'll publish the directory as an insert of an upcoming issue of the *Normandale Times* for people to keep handy so they can 'shop local' where they can.

Email normandale.residents@gmail.com to add your home-based business to the directory.

Keep Normandale beautiful

The recurring dumping of household rubbish next to the bin near the outdoor fitness equipment on Normandale Road has prompted Hutt City Council to propose removing the bin altogether.

Please dispose of your household rubbish appropriately in your green recycling bin or council rubbish bag.



Normandale Playcentre kids keep busy in lockdown

While many things have stopped or slowed down over the last couple of months the same cannot be said for our irrepressible and energetic pre-school tamariki. Our parents took a deep breath going into lockdown wondering how we would keep the smallest family members happy and occupied within our tiny bubbles during this somewhat stressful time. Luckily Playcentre had prepared us well!

During lockdown our tamariki missed hanging out with grandparents, extended family and friends and going to playgrounds, Playcentre/kindy, swimming pools, libraries, supermarkets, shops and the local dairies. But they also enjoyed not being hustled out the door, having their whānau bubble with them 24/7 and exploring the full potential of their own homes and backyards.

We set up a support page for our Playcentre whānau to keep us connected as a community, supporting our parents through a difficult time and sharing ideas for play. Looking through the Facebook posts there was nothing these busy young people did not get up to during lockdown – gloop, baking soda volcanoes, chalk drawings, obstacle courses, shadow puppets, dress-ups, crafts as well as helping with baking, washing and finding and eating Easter eggs!

Armed with new hand-washing skills and cough and sneeze etiquettes, we are able to open our doors at Playcentre again. While we are not yet able to have visitors or new members, email us at normandale@playcentre.org.nz if you are interested in joining us and we will let you know the minute we can welcome you in!

- Glenna Matcham for Normandale Playcentre



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