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

Reminder:

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Can you sell a secret?

Yes you can!! If a quiet sale for your home is needed, talk to your local team. We sold 24 Martin Grove in 5 days, with 6 offers in total and the final sale for more than a \$100k over Government Valuation.

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Word of the month:
rutilant

- A. defiant behaviour
- B. red/golden glow
- C. To half-heartedly disagree
- D. A type of coarse fabric

Last-month's word:
Xertz

- D. gulp quickly

Experienced female

Painter

Interior, exterior, roof

Gardener

Section tidying, vegetation control—large and small

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Or text 021 0271 7751 and I will phone you

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NRA Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was a great turnout this year, with Hutt City Council Mayor Campbell Barry attending, as well as councillors Shazly Rahseed and Chris Milne. Hutt City Council's Chief Executive Jo Miller was our guest speaker, who spoke about her experiences with city government in Doncaster, and her plans for Lower Hutt.

Thanks to everyone who made it out to St Aidan's despite the weather, as well as the team at St Aidan's for letting us use the venue.

Based on nominations, here's the new lineup for the Normandale Residents' Association:

AGM: President's Report

President: Robyn Caygill

Treasurer:

Sandie Matcham

Secretary: John Barnett

Committee Members:

Ivan Hunt

Peter Matcham

Phil Pegler

Juanita McKenzie

Brent McKenzie

Margaret Cousins

In the second half of 2019 our focus was on our yearly commitments to keeping our neighborhood clean and beautified. This year we focused on greater participation in the Clean-Up Normandale event, and once again had a largely successful Community Recycling weekend and subsequent inorganic collection.

With the able organizational skills of John Barnett, we trialed having small book exchanges in the bus shelters, which worked well over the drier weeks of summer. When COVID hit, we had to remove these, but agreed to try a different version of the book exchanges later this year.

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Road on Thursday 16th July at 7:30pm - all association members welcome.

AGM: Presidents Report contd.

The role of editor changed hands again this year, saying thank you to Denika Mead and hello to our new editors Jolene Williams and Victoria Hunt. We also welcomed new committee members and had large participation in the committee as a whole, with special thanks to those association members who gave an evening or two to come and be heard. I also want to thank our previous (Margaret) and returning (Chris) local Councilors for representing the voices of our community and the larger Western Ward behind council doors when we weren't able to.

I had intended to get more done in my time as president, but I'm overall very happy to have seen that long running events were able to be kept and revitalised and new annual events begun. This is in large part due to the way in which members of the community have turned out to help during events such as the clean-up and inorganic collection; two crucial events that rely on larger numbers of volunteers to be viable year on year.

Lastly, I want to thank the often unsung amongst the community such as Rosemary McLennan and all of her Christmas helpers, and Tim Gray for his tremendous work dealing with some of the non-native invasive plants at the entrance to Normandale. Giving your time without a support structure can be much more difficult and it's my hope that the NRA will be able to provide more resources for people with bright ideas in our community to better our collective space.

-P. Caygill, Previous President

AGM: Report from the second half of the year

At the start of 2020, we received the resignation of the President. This was both sad and joyful news for the association. Joyful, as Paul was moving to Christchurch to start a new job, and sad as it left a hole in the association. We all thank Paul for all the work he has done and wish him the very best for his new role.

Our second Neighbour's Day BBQ was held in early March. It was a success with around 30 people attending over the course of the event. Kerry Logan once again provided us with some excellent entertainment. Predator Free Normandale brought some maps and traps to show us We met people new to the area as well as old hands, and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.

After this we were ready to work with the council on maintenance requirements for Jubilee Park.

Tradescantia has been cleared from alongside the road in Normandale entranceway ready for replanting with native shrubs and perennials; and maintenance in Poto Rd Reserve was being discussed.

And then lockdown hit. But this didn't stop us from meeting and discussing what was needed in Normandale. Although all physical tasks have had to be deferred, we have had three virtual meetings enabling us to continue planning. We will of course be ready and raring to go once we can meet together in groups.

Meanwhile, a submission was put to council regarding the annual plan.

- NRA Committee

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