

THE WAIMARIE HUTT VALLEY CROQUET CLUB  
Come and join us and play croquet in the Hutt Valley  
"THE THINKING GAME"

Contact: Sue, The Secretary on 0211686732 or  
Email: [whvcroquetclub.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:whvcroquetclub.secretary@gmail.com)



**Word of the month:**  
**Cupidity**  
A. rapidly lowering temperature  
B. being at fault  
C. excessive desire  
D. love at first sight

**Last-month's word:**  
**Fustigate**  
B. to denounce severely

### Bird of the Month

Endemic to New Zealand, and known for their blue wattles, the kōkako .

If you have a request for Bird of the Month, drop me (the editor) a line via our Facebook page, Residents of Normandale

# NORMANDALE TIMES

Published by the Normandale Residents' Association

SEPTEMBER 2021

## Normandale's Spring Festival

Saturday 25th September 1:30pm-3pm

*Where:* Hutt Minoh Friendship House (38 Normandale Road)

Hinted at in previous issues (alert levels permitting) the Normandale Residents' Association would like to invite Normandale residents, both old and new, to the Normandale Spring Festival. Held at Normandale's own Minoh House and surrounding grounds, the festival aims to highlight spring as a time for community, and the start of great new things— from new friendships to the tranquillity of Normandale itself.

Attractions inside Minoh House will include:

- Devonshire Tea
- Talks by Normandale historical and ecology buffs
- Games (for the kids)
- Conducted tours of Minoh House grounds and Jubilee Park
- Live Music
- Your Normandale neighbours, keen for a yarn

So something for everybody! Pop along and mingle with fellow residents as we shake off a second lockdown. Get in amongst the cherry blossom blooms- we would love to see you!



**NO HOUSES FOR SALE IN NORMANDALE!  
WE CAN OFFER YOU...**

301 Dowse Drive, Maungaraki  
3 bedroom + office, 2 bathroom and massive flat back yard.

Please give us a call if you have any interest or are thinking of selling in Normandale. Now is the time! Cheers the Salt Team.



**Cheryl Salt & Megan Bailey**  
Licensed Real Estate Salespeople  
027 448 7747 | 027 284 6199  
[saltteam@redcoats.co.nz](mailto:saltteam@redcoats.co.nz)



 **Professionals**  
Redcoats Limited Licensed REA 2008

President: Robyn Caygill 04 566 4130  
Editor: Victoria Hunt  
Website: [www.normandale.org.nz/](http://www.normandale.org.nz/)  
Get in touch: [ntimes@hotmail.com](mailto:ntimes@hotmail.com)

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the committee.  
Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Rd, Thursday 16th September 7:30pm - all association members are welcome.

## Western Hills Wine Society- rounding out the year

Wineries from Otago, Marlborough and the Hawke's Bay will round out the Western Hills Wine Society's 2021 tastings. The society meets in the Maungaraki Community Centre's supper room, and aims to give locals an introduction to New Zealand and overseas wines in a friendly and fun environment

Blenheim's Mount Riley Wines will present on Wednesday, 6th Oct. They aim to capture the essence of their land in every vintage. They specialise in white wines including albarino, rosé and pinot gris. Napier's Moana Park Estate will present on Wednesday, 3rd Nov. They take a hands-off winemaking approach, crafting both white and red wines naturally.

The society's format makes it easy for visitors to attend alone or with friends. The meetings, from 7.30- 8pm, are covered by a liquor licence. Visitors 18 and over always welcome. Admission is \$15 per person.

[www.westernhillswinesociety.nz](http://www.westernhillswinesociety.nz)

President, Jim Woodland, 021 957 441

## My Bins have NOT been collected- what's happened

We have received some queries about residents not getting their bins emptied. This situation might have been due to HCC delivering a calendar explaining the dates for collection of: Red, Green, and Yellow lid bins, plus the Blue crates, that was incorrect. Subsequently a correct calendar has been delivered, however, confusion from the first misprinted calendar may have in part caused the bin overflow. If you have misplaced or not received the correct calendar, you can pick up a replacement from War Memorial Library.

If you still have problems with rubbish collection, you can phone HCC on 570 6666, or go here for all the nitty gritty P's and Q's. [www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Rubbish-and-recycling/changes-to-rubbish-and-recycling/](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Rubbish-and-recycling/changes-to-rubbish-and-recycling/)

## Beautifying Normandale

**Weeding-** Thanks to Sandie, Angelica, Cheryl, Robyn and Graham. The area is looking really good! Weeding focused around the area just past the Normandale bridge, and was accompanied by some lovely birdsong, and a few car horns. We picked up 2 bags full of rubbish, but we're pleased to say a lot of it looked old.

Thanks to all of you who came down and helped out. We'd love to have more people join us next time - we'll be back at the entrance some time in the future.



*The end results of the weeding (left) for disposal by council.*

*The Jubilee Park site where the clean up took place (bottom left) and the end rubbish heap for council that was collected from the park. (bottom right).*



### Clean Up Jubilee Park.

The Clean-up Jubilee Park efforts had The Normandale Residents' Association, Predator-Free Normandale, and keen residents all pitching in to beautify our local park. Weeds and fallen trees blocking the stream were removed, and general rubbish was collected from the pond. Removing silt from the pond would encourage more water birds and other creatures to enliven this space.

Hopefully more work, especially on the pond, can be done in the future so watch this space..

**ELEMENTS**  
landscape solutions

- + your local landscapers
- + all landscape works carried out
- + from concept to completion

Blair 021 586385  
[elements.landscape@xtra.co.nz](mailto:elements.landscape@xtra.co.nz)

**Waglands**  
DOGS' HOLIDAY RETREAT  
AND GROOMING SERVICES

NORMANDALE ROAD,  
BELMONT  
[WWW.WAGLANDS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WAGLANDS.CO.NZ)

**KYOKUSHIN KARATE NZ**

Learn Kyokushin Karate in your neighbourhood!

Self-confidence, respect, strength, discipline

First 3 lessons free  
Adults and kids welcome

Where: Wilson Grove  
Phone: 021 466 602

For more information see [huttvalleydojo.co.nz](http://huttvalleydojo.co.nz)

**No Job Too Small !**

**Cutting Edge**

Lawns, light landscaping, hedges, pruning, trimming

Owner Operator James Selwood, Normandale resident  
Contact 589 4717  
or 0274 576 259

**o2 exercise**  
SUPPORTING YOUR WELLBEING

Based in the Maungaraki Shops. We offer Memberships, Weights, Pilates, Yoga, Golden Years Classes, Nutrition Guidance, Personal Training and Massage.

Toni is committed to your success, and welcomes you to join us. Ph:586 4881,  
[info@o2exercise.co.nz](mailto:info@o2exercise.co.nz),  
[www.o2exercise.co.nz](http://www.o2exercise.co.nz)