



### Bird of the Month

December's Bird of the Month goes to the winner of Forest and Bird's annual contest for Bird of the Year. This year, in a surprise win, 2021's Bird of the Year is the New Zealand Long Tailed Bat. Also known as the long-tailed wattled bat or pekapeka-tou-roa, the long tailed bat has a Nationally Critical threat rating, and was named on the Bird of the Year list (despite being a mammal) this year to bring awareness to their status and conservation efforts for this manu.



### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

**DROP OFF A SHOEBOX FULL OF GIFTS AND MAKE A CHILD'S CHISTMAS!**

#### HOW IT WORKS

- Fill a shoebox with toys, stationery, craft & activities for a girl or boy aged 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years
- Wrap it if you wish, but please make sure it has a label with the age and gender
- Drop your shoebox off to our Professionals Lower Hutt Office by 10am on Monday 13th December (or call us and we will pick it up from you)
- All shoeboxes need to have the lid wrapped separately from the box and contents need to be covered with clear cellophane



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### Santa Parade 2021

Santa and his helpers are getting ready for his 38th Christmas morning visit to Normandale. Normandale's Santa Parade has been a highlight of the local calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the backing of the residents' association.

Santa's parade begins at **10am** on **Christmas Day** at the corner of Poto Rd and Stratton St.

The route is Stratton St, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Rd, Poto Rd, Pokohiwi Rd, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Rd, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Rd, Poto Rd to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Rd, and up Normandale Rd to finish at Pekanga Rd soon after 11am.

A car with a siren will herald Santa's approach. Santa will be delivering presents and his helpers will throw sweets to those waiting near their mailboxes to greet him.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary 586 4180. Please have presents to her no later than a week before Christmas Day (18th Dec.)

### Community BBQ 2022

Keen for a yarn with your neighbours over a classic Kiwi BBQ? Seen some of our other community events and thought about getting to know what the Residents' Association does in Normandale? Watch this space!

The Normandale Residents' Association is gearing up to host the annual Community BBQ in 2022. Details to follow in February's issue of the Normandale Times.

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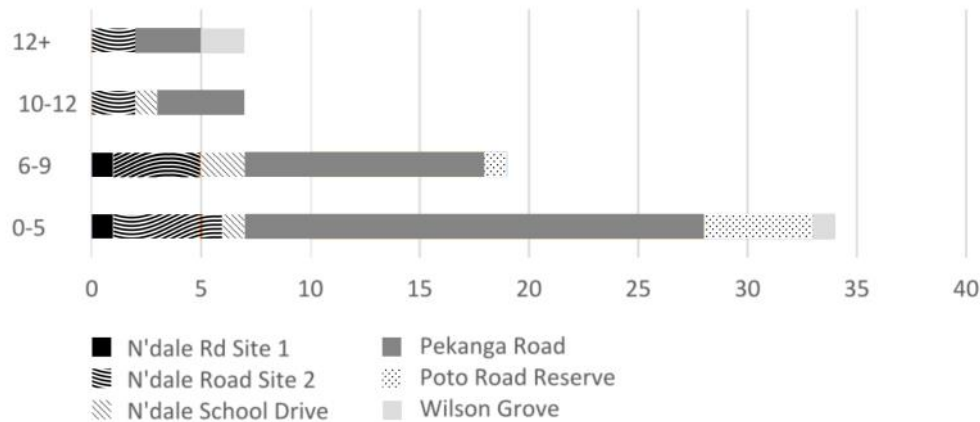
The next NRA meeting will be held on Thursday 17th February 7:30pm - all association members welcome. (Location TBA)

# Pekanga Rd. playground Recommendations

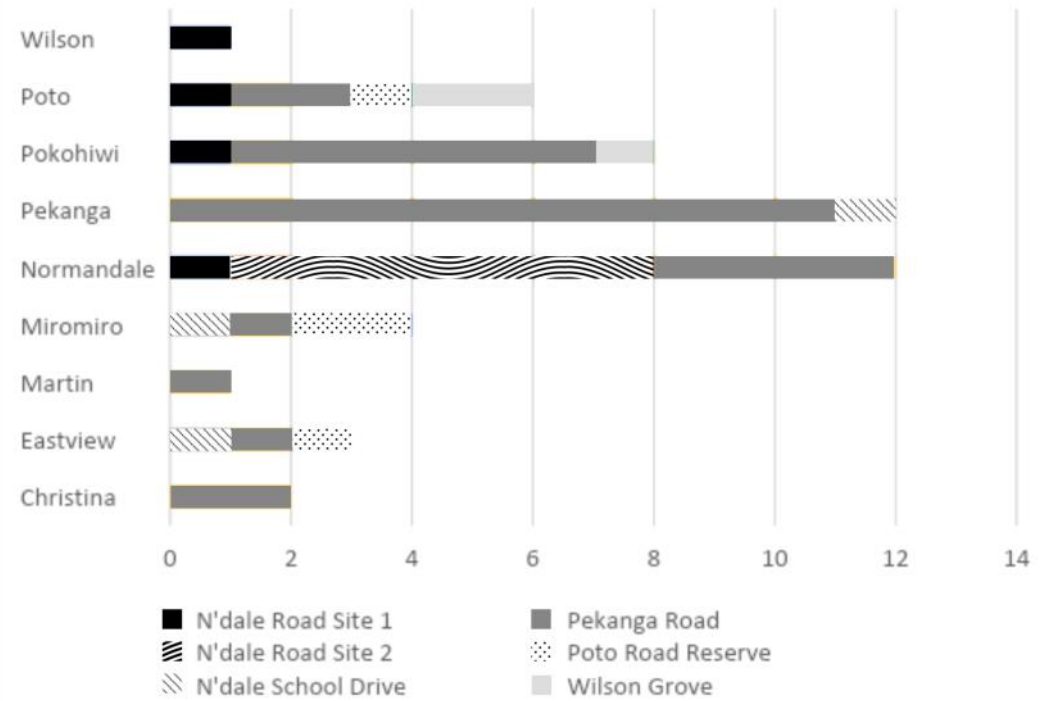
Thanks again to everyone for your submissions on what should happen to the Pekanga Rd playground. We had 56 responses from a wide range of streets and age ranges reflective of Normandale. Though there were some differing views, the most common response was to upgrade the current site (at Pekanga Rd). We sent all submissions to the council, along with a summary of what the community said. In the November issue, we mentioned some recommendations that the Normandale Residents' Association made to HCC based on community feedback on the Pekanga Rd Playground. Those recommendations included:

- Formal play equipment
- Informal picnic tables and chairs
- Pruning of the foliage
- Drainage
- Traffic calming
- Car parking

### Preferred location by age group of children



### Preferred location by residential street



Graphs detailing data on where residents would have liked a playground based on residents location (above) and by age group of children (left).

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**Quiz**

**Word of the month:**  
Putiputi  
A. flowers  
C. fish colony  
D. computer

**Last-month's word:**  
Taihoa  
B. be patient