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## NORMANDALE NEEDS YOU!

in the Normandale Residents' Association committee, to boost civic engagement and help make Normandale a better place to live.

Serving as a committee member answers the question of how can I become more involved with my community, while also making some life long friends right here on the hill.

Think you're up to the task? Then come along to our upcoming Annual General Meeting (or AGM). The AGM is a great place to start out if you're wanting to get more involved with a discussion and update on the NRA's general business, a specialised talk from a guest speaker, and some refreshments and good company too.



**The Normandale Residents' Association:** a group of passionate Normandale community members who promote and advocate the views and interests of Normandale residents. Details on the AGM are over the page. The committee is looking for new members to help take this suburb to new heights.

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The next NRA meeting will be held on Thursday 19th May 7:30pm- all association members welcome. (Location TBA)

THE NORMANDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**7:30PM**  
**JUNE 16TH 2022**  
**ST AIDAN'S ON THE HILL.**

Guest speaker to be announced in next month's issue of the Normandale Times.

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Subscriptions are still open, covering the 2022/23 year.

All Normandale residents are eligible.

## Annual Plan & Normandale

It's Annual Plan time for Hutt City Council, so the NRA was especially pleased to have Mayor Campbell Barry meet with us at our April meeting. Annual plans are a chance for us to review the priorities set by the Council's ten year strategic plan. We discussed several things with the Mayor, including improving footpaths and cycleways, the importance of a connected network for active mode users, and above all, the need to plan for people not vehicles. We also discussed the impact of urban intensification on suburban centres and the importance of integrating this with public transport.

We didn't neglect issues around Normandale, especially water leaks and the state of the pond in Jubilee Park. The Mayor took note of our concerns and ideas, and promised to put us in touch with appropriate council officers to follow up on actions.

In response to a query about the excessive wait time on telephone enquiries to the front desk, the Mayor explained the impact of staff shortages due to Covid19 and that he would look into the possibility of using a call back system. The NRA will also be making a submission on the Annual Plan.



*Pictured: state of the pond in Jubilee Park.*



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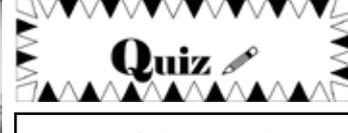
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**Word of the Month:**  
**Tocsin**  
 A. type of angle  
 B. a secret signal  
 C. a secure place  
 D. dispersal method

**Last month's word:**  
**Vexatious**  
 B. annoying