

AGM: Committee Report 2022 (February to June)

Once again we found our President leaving Lower Hutt in the New Year. Robyn truly has been a hard worker and kept momentum within our community in the difficult conditions since COVID arrived. We wish her success in her new life in Christchurch.

So, what has happened since her departure? We had guest speakers from Maungaraki Resilience Network and the Western Ward community panel. We were also pleased to welcome the Mayor, Campbell Barry to our April meeting and his commitment to taking up the concerns we discussed.

We have replaced the emergency water containers that are stored in St. Aidan's. The lids of the old containers were beginning to split, and when the water was refreshed last year we decided that it was time to replace them all. We now have 24 twenty litre screw top containers safely stacked in case of emergency. These will not be enough to keep the whole community watered but will be a good start if the worst happens. We have plans to also store more emergency water at the Karate hall in Wilson Street. These have been purchased and we hope to install them soon.

The planting at the corner of Normandale and Miromiro Roads has been edged to make weeding easier and an obvious edge for the council contractors to mow to. Unfortunately, the long hot summer has meant some plants need to be replaced as they were dried out. These will be replaced before the spring with more heat resilient species.

The renewal of the Pekanga Road playground has begun, and HCC has removed the old equipment. The improvements to access to the small reserve between Cottle Park Drive and Normandale Rd from Normandale Rd should be started in the next few weeks.

- NRA Committee Report, June 2022

Introducing Chrissy Kibblewhite

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NRA Annual General Meeting



Thanks to everyone who made it out to our AGM this year, as well as St Aidan's for letting us use the venue.

The Normandale Residents' Association itself saw no new nominations for President, therefore in the interim will continue to have a rotating chair for each monthly meeting. All remaining members of the committee were re-elected. The Normandale Residents' Association committee for the 2022/23 year is as follows:

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The next NRA meeting will be held on Thursday 21st July 7:30pm- all association members welcome. Location TBA

NRA Annual General Meeting cont.

Simon Edwards from the Hutt City Council spoke at length about various topics, including the recent Climate Change Report, Three Waters (Lower Hutt would be in Entity C), the imminent Intensification Policy release, the RiverLink project, cycleways, the Cross Valley Link, and waste management. Simon also mentioned how Normandale had a 20% contamination of their suburbs recycling bins. It's a good reminder for all of us here on the hill to not mix up our rubbish with the recycling. Did you know that one tainted bag of recycling can ruin the whole truckload?

Our other guest speaker Prue Lamason brought along a surprise guest of her own, fellow Hutt Valley District Health Board member Dr. Richard Stein. Prue and Richard both opened up a dialogue about recent news regarding Hutt Hospital, especially the controversial news on Hutt Hospital's Heretaunga block building. Thanks go to all our guest speakers.

Pictured right: AGM guest speakers, Hutt Valley DHB members Prue Lamason and Dr Richard Stein.



AGM: President's Report 2022 (to February)

Our plans for the second half of 2021 were vastly disrupted by COVID restrictions. It was quite a frustrating year, postponing and then cancelling our planned spring festival! We did however manage to continue our work beautifying Normandale, with appropriately distanced outdoor activities. We continued our planting plans for the entrance of Normandale with a few sessions planting some beautiful ferns. I look forward to the day when I visit and they've colonised the undergrowth instead of the tradescantia!

We also collaborated with Predator-Free Normandale to clean up Jubilee Park. While there is still more work to do, our combined efforts have seen a great improvement in this area. We ran another recycling weekend, though the second day was rained off (grrr). As mentioned last year, we see this as one way we can contribute to a more sustainable future, by encouraging more reuse and re-purposing and reducing waste.

At the request of Council, we also ran a consultation on whether Pekanga Road playground should be upgraded or moved. We had a lot of responses to this and had planned an on-site consultation to allow for verbal responses – again, an activity scuppered by COVID!

I'd like to thank the committee members who made up our wonderful committee, supported me this year, and contributed many hours of their time: I will miss you! I wish you all the best with your future endeavours. And finally, we couldn't have done all this work for our community without the support of our community. Thank you all.

-Robyn Caygill, President to February 2022



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