



## COMMUNITY NOTICES AND NEWS

### Reminder:

As mentioned in last months issue there will be a working bee at 9-30am on Saturday 16 July to remove the blackberry from near the existing plants, at the Normandale over bridge and clear an area for the new plants.

The planting day is Saturday 13 August at 9am and all help would be most welcome on these days. We have so much fun and enjoy the satisfaction of being involved in a community project.

Anyone who can help please contact Suzy. Please wear gloves and long sleeves, the blackberry can bite! Suzy 5664893

### Matariki at

#### Normandale school

Matariki is the star constellation known as the Pleiades and marks the Maori New Year. On Friday 17 June we celebrated Matariki with across the school waiata, flax and paper weaving, star photographs, rakau sticks, koru art and a shared lunch. We would love you to visit our class blogs and see the photographs of our wonderful day, just type [www.normandale.school.nz](http://www.normandale.school.nz)



Word of the month: promulgate

- A. A type of fruit local to tropical rain forests
- B. To inflict great damage to someone's personal property
- C. To promote or make widely known.
- D. A place in England

### June's word:

Confabulate

- B. To discuss or have a chat about something

The next NRA meeting will be held on the Wednesday 20th of July. New members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00 and all input is welcome.

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## NRA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Some of the highlights of the meeting:

Poto Road and its plan change. The area is now zoned 'general residential' by HCC. Agreement has been reached with HCC that a height restriction covenant is imposed on the site, and that money has been set aside to develop the reserve area as a play area for older children.

The Skateboard Ramp for which we have received grant money. This still needs clarification of requirements from HCC. Then we can go ahead and find volunteers to help with the repair. To meet HCC requirements it would be very useful to have someone with relevant trade qualifications involved, so if anyone knows someone with these who would be able to help, or if you know which end of a

hammer is which and would like to help, please contact Pete.

The planting of rhododendron & azaleas at the entranceway to Normandale has happened and a further grant had been allocated to complete the work.

Future of NRA. The AGM concluded that it was good to continue the NRA. People at the meeting agreed to help on the committee which had been struggling for members.

Thanks to all past committee members New Committee. Pete Matcham, (as chair), Caroline Dunbar, Grant Roberts, Margaret Cousins, Rachel Linkhorn, Robyn Caygill, Juanita McKenzie, Sally Sellwood, and Paul Caygill.



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## Community NEWS

### Past President: Sherril McNabb

I moved to Normandale with my husband Bruce and 6 (soon to be 7) children in 1987. We were enthusiastically received at Normandale School when we enrolled our primary school aged children as the roll stood at 90 at the time. For our first few years in Normandale I was a full-time mother.

When our youngest child started school I began working as a volunteer cataloguing and classifying new books as they came into the library at Normandale School from 1992 – 96. I was a member of the Normandale School Board of Trustees from 1993 – 1995 and went on to become a BOT member at Hutt Intermediate.

I joined the Normandale Progressive Association, as the NRA was then known, about 1995, and became Editor of the Normandale Times in 1996 – a position I held for 10 years.

I was President of the NRA from 2002 – 2005 when I stepped down to begin preparing for our move to China. I was also the NRA representative on the Minoh House Committee in 2006.

Bruce and I left to live in China in mid -2006 and lived in Shanghai for 2 years. In Shanghai Bruce set up and established a sales and support office for the company he worked for in Lower Hutt.

I found a job teaching written English and grammar to a group of Korean students. I also wrote occasional articles on life in China for the Hutt news.

On our return in 2008 I did not re-join any committees as I wanted to concentrate fully on landscaping our property and refurbishing the house ready for sale. I did however take a small part-time job as a Toy Librarian at the Lower Hutt Toy library. Doing up the house took far longer than we thought but eventually we were on our way up North to Kaikohe where we are now settling in.

I hope that I will enjoy living in Kaikohe as much as I enjoyed living in Normandale, and fully intend to take part in the local community.



## Community NOTICES

### Looking For Work

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