

Design A Logo: Extended Deadline

Since last issue, I have had several submissions all of which were very good. Several of the submitters said they hadn't had enough time to get their design done properly so I am extending the deadline to the 26th of this month. For those who have not yet submitted anything but would like to, feel free!

The designs can be of anything you think personifies Normandale. Your finished product must be sent in to ntimes@hotmail.com with the message titled "logo competition", or dropped directly into 17 Pokohiwi Rd by the 26th of November so that they may be judged.

Bear in mind your logo should look good in both colour and black and white. I hope to see many interesting submissions and look forward to judging them all.

Paul Caygill
Editor of the Normandale Times



Word of the month

Pusillanimous

- A. Difficult to solve or hard to work out
- B. Infected wound caused by rotting teeth
- C. Lacking courage and resolution
- D. Technical name for a shrike or the shrike family

October's word

Crepuscular

- A. Primarily active in twilight hours, at dawn and dusk

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Logo competition has been extended
See back page

Poto Road Corner Development

As you may recall, whilst we were unsuccessful in preventing the sale for development of the non-reserve portion of the land at Poto Road corner, we were able to secure funding for the development of a lookout and picnic area within the reserve. Our consultation with residents also identified the desire for an adventure area where older children could play unsupervised and in a way that improved their ability to evaluate risk. We also obtained a height restriction on any development on the non-reserve area so that the lookout cannot be blocked. We have recently met with council officers and are working with them and a local landscape architect to develop a concept plan for the area. The initial concept is shown below and incorporates a lookout tower, a short circuit around the picnic area that could be used for youngsters learning to ride their bikes, and plenty of opportunity to explore the wooded area, set up ambushes etc.

We have also agreed to the removal of the pines currently growing there, which will open up the site and allow us all to better evaluate the options. All being well, we hope that the area will be available for use over the summer. Your feedback on the concept plan would be welcomed, so please email any comments or suggestions to me at normandale.residents@gmail.com, or snail mail: 301 Normandale Road, Lower Hutt.

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st of November - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00.

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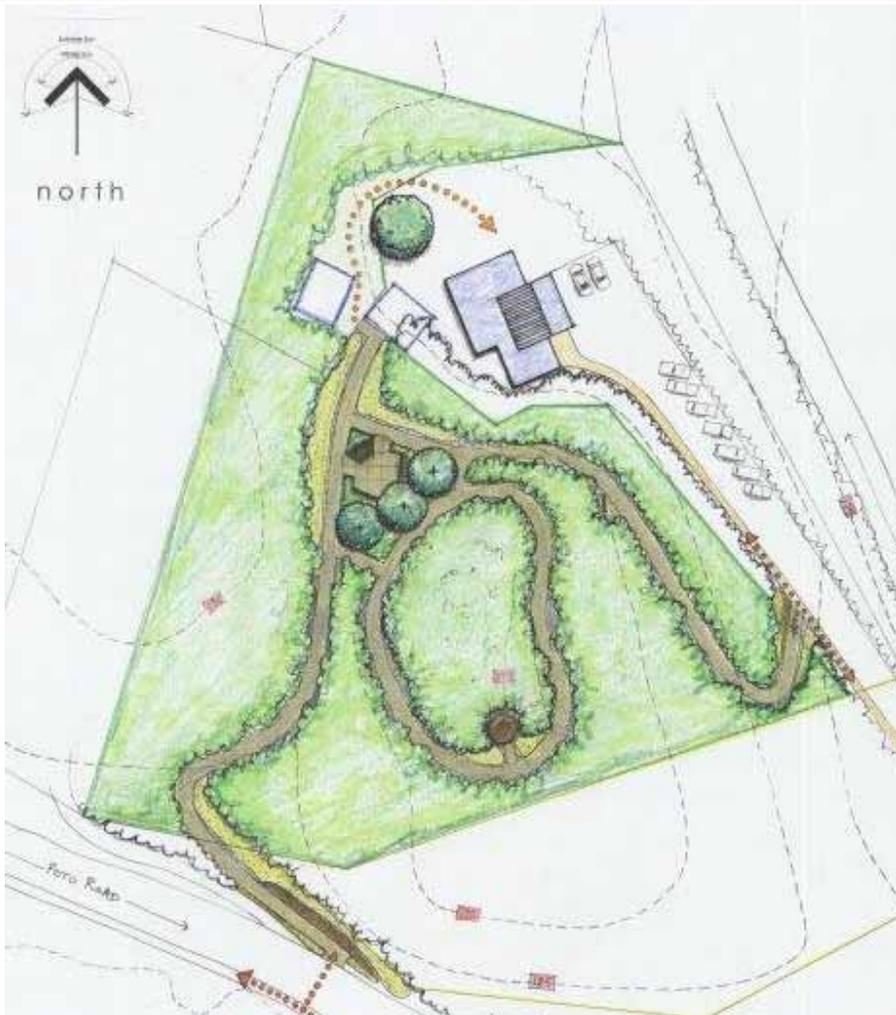
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Proposed Poto Road corner site plan



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You will see elsewhere in this edition that your committee is working to get the annual Inorganic Rubbish Collection arranged for 17th November, so start turning out those cast off treasures, but remember that we rely on your subscriptions for the income to fund these events. If you haven't yet paid your subscription, please do so before the 17th to ensure we can pick up your rubbish.

Pete Matcham
President, Normandale Residents Association

Access Restored To A Beautiful Venue (continued)

The houses were demolished and later, surplus land was given to the city council and incorporated into Jubilee Park. Many trees and shrubs, including gums and rhododendrons, from the gardens remain. At each site is information, written by local historian Rosemary McLennan, about each house.



Picnic with a view: table and seats are provided, just bring your picnic. An interpretation sign explains the site was once the home of J D Climie, an early surveyor after whom Mt Climie in Upper Hutt is named.

Work on the park has included a built-in picnic table and seating at the edge of a lawn that was a tennis court for one of the houses. There are panoramic views over Lower Hutt from the site. A walking track links the park with Gaskill Grove in Harbour View. Locals can walk a complete loop by going up Harbour View Road, and taking the track through to Normandale Road, down to the Normandale Overbridge carpark, along the drive below Minoh House to the pond.

Rosemary McLennan, Local Historian

I run an art and craft market at Knox Church hall once a month. It is on the 2nd Saturday of the month right through to Christmas, from 9:30 am to 1:30pm. We are at the Knox Church hall, 574 High Street, Lower Hutt. We sell lovely handmade goods and crafts made by local crafts people. A must for a browse. Stall enquiries phone Marianne on 5895-388



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Access Restored To A Beautiful Venue

A picnic spot within walking distance of lower Normandale and Harbour View is more accessible now the main walking access into the park has been restored. It was blocked by clumps of bamboo and tree branches after a slip several years ago. Alternative access was by another track near the pond below Hutt Minoh Friendship House. Work was carried out by Normandale couple Paul and Denise O'Hagan's Valley Landscape team for Hutt City Council and has not only restored the path, but improved it and reduced the number of steps to a short flight making it more accessible for those with baby buggies. Most of the improved path is compacted gravel.



Stairway to heaven: the main access into Jubilee Park has been cleared and improved.



Spoiled for choice. Plenty of directions

The grassy areas of the park were once the sites of grand homes which had driveways onto the Western Hutt Road. The houses and drives were acquired by the government so the road could be widened from two lanes to four in the 1960s.

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Congratulations to all those involved in the Normandale Playcentre open day in October. Your new playground looks amazing and is a tribute to the hard work of the families, many who are now at school. Thank you to the choir, you sounded beautiful. I think the favourite song of many was 'Over the Rainbow'. Thank you to the parents who bought their children out on a Sunday. A special thank you to Andrea PETERS and Jo Pegler who have trained the choir at lunchtimes.

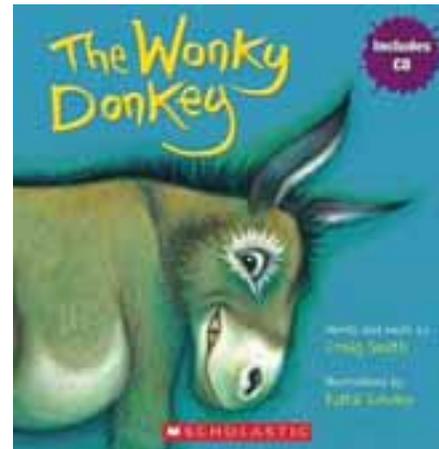


School choir helps celebrate Normandale Playcentre's open day

And coming up in November...

Award-winning musician and author Craig Smith visits Normandale School in November. Craig is the author of musical hit books the Wonky Donkey, Wilbee the Bumblebee and Kaha the Kea. This will be a great show, with lots of tongue-twisting lyrics and even more laughs. We're pleased to be able to host him and are looking forward to his visit!

Anne-Marie Gordon
Principal, Normandale School



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Please pay directly into the NRA bank account:

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Account Name - Normandale Residents Association

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Ensure that you give both your name and partial address enough to identify who you are in the references.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please send your subscription to: The Treasurer, c/o 301 Normandale Road, Lower Hutt, or contact one of the committee.

Thank you to those who pay and have paid, we appreciate it.

Here is one if the many activities your subscriptions help to cover

Normandale Residents Association Inorganic Rubbish Collection

Saturday 17th of November 8:30 am

- All inorganic rubbish to be on roadside verge by 8am
- No garden or household refuse will be collected
- No tyres or glass
- No recyclable material
- No paint (water or oil based)
- No hazardous material including medical waste
- No commercial or excessive quantities of building and other waste
- Very heavy items will not be collected unless someone provides extra assistance

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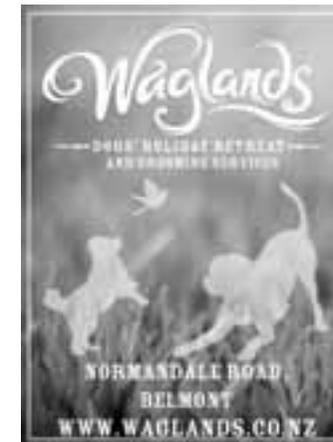
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