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Super-city submission

It's that time of year when your committee earns its keep burning the midnight oil reading and commenting on the plethora of documents issued by local Government to welcome the incoming (financial) year. This year to keep us on our toes we have also had the added attraction of the Local Government Commission (LGC) proposals for the Wellington region, and Greater Wellington's Climate change strategy.

By the time you read this I hope to have all our submissions available on our website for you to read at your leisure, but for those of you who would like a brief overview, the following is a summary of our submission to the LGC.

"We rejected the proposed re-organisation of local government in the Wellington Region as unnecessary and contrary to the principles of good governance. We considered that no problem had been identified, and that the proposed changes were, by the Commission's own figures, the costliest and riskiest option. We felt that the proposed structure removed decision making further from the community. We also felt that the regional council was doing a good job in delivering region wide services and as effective Kaitiaki of the environment, and that a move to any form of unitary council would be a retrograde step.

We suggested that an increase in regional planning would be advantageous, especially the development of spatial plans, and that this could be accomplished within the current structure without loss of local democracy."

We will be considering our response to the Greater Wellington and Hutt City Council Long Term Plans at our next committee meeting, and if anyone would like to come along and express an opinion you would be more than welcome.

Pete Matcham – President, Normandale Residents Association

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Introducing – Dr. Sally van Vuuren

From time to time, many of us need a little help and support in life. Dr. Sally Jansen van Vuuren is a qualified, experienced, confidential counsellor, based in Normandale, who works with people of all ages (including children) and from all walks of life. Sally is passionate about helping her clients make positive changes in their lives and encouraging them to reach their full potential, and brings caring, sincerity and respect to her practice.

Sally ensures her clients feel safe and comfortable to tell their story. Trained in a range of therapeutic approaches, Sally works with you to find the right approach for your personality and situation. Common issues that Sally works with include:

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- * Relationship Issues

Sally also provides a career counselling services that includes support with career selection, career change and transition, help with creating a professional CV and application letter, as well as preparing for interviews and psychometric testing.


Sally has a PhD and business degrees from Victoria University, and a Masters degree in Counselling from Massey University.



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The next meeting of the NRA will be held at St Aidan's Church on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.30-9pm. All association members welcome