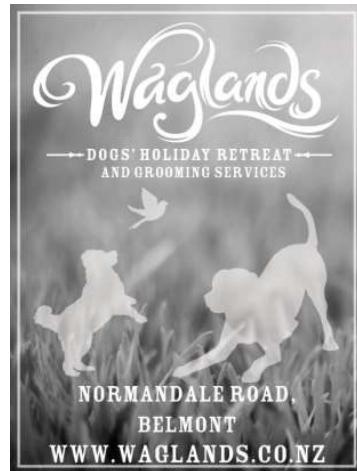


## A new book on Melling

Normandale resident Sandra Grieg has written a book called Melling, aka Stillingfleet. How many of you know the history of Melling? Melling aka Stillingfleet is a story of the history of the people and the river from the first settlers in the 1840's.

This book covers Melling's history, the streets, the people, the cemetery and the river. Sandra has brought together the social and historical records and rolled one suburb into a story making it also a record of the people, their lives, struggles, achievements in the place they called home.

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### Word of the month:

#### Plebeian

- A. Clichéd comment
- B. Mythical Norwegian beast
- C. People of the lower classes
- D. Mathematical model for population growth

#### Last-month's word:

#### Gambol

- D. To frolic, skip or hop

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## Emergency response and AGM

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The Normandale Residents' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting this month. At 7:30 pm on Wednesday 21 June at St. Aidans on the Hill, we will be discussing the major goings-on of the year as well as the plan for the year ahead.

Part of planning ahead, is thinking about how our suburb will react in an emergency. We will be featuring a guest speaker, Ashleigh Brown from WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) to talk about the future of civil defence in New Zealand and in Normandale. There are some fairly major changes on the horizon, so it is worth coming along to hear more!

In terms of emergency response, one of the things we will need to consider is that if there is danger of a tsunami, people who live on the flat are advised to go up the hill. How will Normandale cope with a large influx of cars and people?

In other NRA business, as usual, we are looking for new members of the committee to put forward a little of their time each month and give back to the community. Being part of our committee doesn't take a huge amount of time and you can give as little or much of your time as you can manage.

We produce the monthly Normandale Times; organise and provide labour for the annual inorganic rubbish collection (the only suburb in Lower Hutt to do so); clean up Normandale as part of 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful'; have an effective direct voice with HCC on matters that affect our suburb; manage both a website and facebook page for the area; and fund and negotiate community facilities.

JOIN US and Ashleigh Brown from WREMO on the 21st of June to talk about our plans for the coming year and beyond.

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The next NRA meeting will be held at St Aidans church on Wednesday 21st of June - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the committee.

Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

# Pink Shirt Day at Normandale

On Friday 27th May Normandale School students came together for 'Pink Shirt Day'. The purpose of the day was to raise awareness of how we can make Normandale School a place where all people feel safe, valued and respected.



Not only did children have pink shirts, they also had pink hair, pink headbands, pink shoelaces etc. The community also got behind this event with many parents and pre-schoolers also showing their support by wearing something pink. Our assembly was based around 'Bullyfree' and students showed their waka (see picture to the right) with the message 'together we can prevent bullying'.

It was a special day with an important meaning and it was great to see everyone's support.



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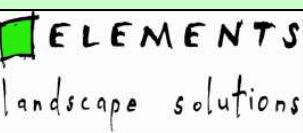
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### Help! We need volunteers

Perhaps you are a retiree with some time on your hands, or a parent with preschoolers? Our Toy Librarian Michelle would love your help on a monthly (or so) basis. Please pop in or email [westernhillstoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westernhillstoylibrary@gmail.com) – we look forward to hearing from you.

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