

Some Suggested Plants

Kowhai:

Sophora 'Dragons Gold' size: 1.5m x 1.5m
 Sophora microphylla grows to 8m high
 Sophora tetraptera size: 6m x 3m

Ngutukākā (Kākā beak):

Clianthus puniceus 0.8 to 3m tall
 Clianthus maximus 1.5 to 6m tall

Manuka:

Leptospermum 'Blossom Queen' size: 1.2 x 1.2m
 Leptospermum 'Coral Candy' size: 2.5 x 2m
 Leptospermum 'Martinii' 2.4 m
 Leptospermum 'Princess Anne' 2 m
 Leptospermum 'Red Damask' 2.5 m
 Leptospermum 'Wiri Donna' 2 m
 Leptospermum 'Wiri Joan' 2 m
 Leptospermum 'Wiri Shelley' 1.5 m

Taupata:

Coprosma 'Poor Knights' 0.5 m
 Coprosma 'Red Rocks' 0.5 m
 Coprosma 'Taiko' various sizes

And many more!

Photo of the Kākā beak flowers on the right—great for Tuis and Waxeyes.



Quiz

Word of the month: Squirearchy

- A. Middle class
- B. Land owners
- C. Class revolt
- D. Wine tasters

Last-month's word: Discombobulate

- D. Upset



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More birds, more beauty – which plants would you choose?

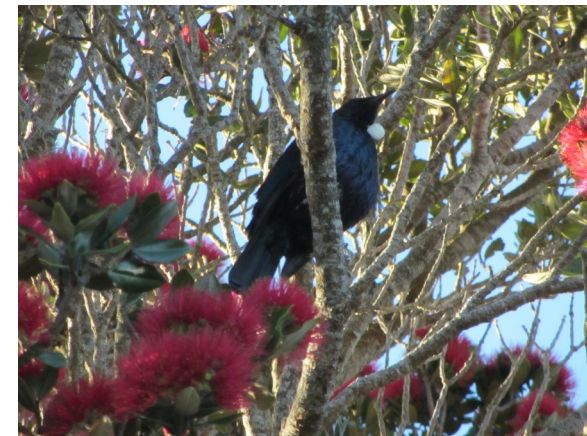
In the coming months the association is planning for spring and early summer when we will have a few community activities. One of the things we have been talking about for a while has been doing some more planting to beautify the lower entrance to Normandale.

At our next association committee meeting we will be beginning to firm up our plans for the planting. We invite you all to come along at **7:30 pm on Thursday the 16th of August to 17 Pokohiwi Road** to join in with the planning. If you can't come along but have some great ideas, please email us at ntimes@hotmail.com.

To make clear what area we are meaning, we have included an aerial photo of the area - see inside the newsletter. By the meeting time, we'll have accessed a map showing elevations. Given that some of the slopes are quite steep, we will have to make sure that we aren't planning to plant half way up a steep slope!

We have also pulled together some suggestions for some plants to help start the conversation. Our suggestions include plants that encourage the birds to spend more time in our neighbourhood.

See inside and the back page of the newsletter for some possible suggestions for plants.



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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Rd on Thursday 16th of August - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

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More about the planting plans

Here is the photo of the area we are looking at adding plants to.



Suggestions for plants include **kotukutuku**, (fuchsia excorticata), also known as the tree fuchsia (see picture on the right). This plant has been in serious decline since the introduction of possums. Kotukutuku naturally colonises open spaces. It flowers from early winter, providing nectar for tui & korimako (bellbird).



Good Bye From Daniel.

Thank you to everyone who reads the Normandale Times. It's been a pleasure to help provide this service to you and to be a part of this year's Inorganic Collection.

To the group that volunteer their time and expertise to run the Normandale Residents' Association - thank you. The work you do is truly amazing - you make a huge difference and deserve every acknowledgement you get.

In the nearly 3 years I've been working for the Normandale Residents' Association, I have developed skills that I feel will set me up in good stead for NCEA and beyond: layout, self management and use of email are skills that come immediately to mind.

I wish the new editors, and everyone reading this, good luck in all they do.

Change of editors

Denika Mead and Erin Cleland will be taking over from me, under the skilled and watchful eyes of Robyn Caygill. Hopefully you will learn more about them in the coming months, as they work to fill this newsletter with interesting and relevant information for the community.

Please, if you have any suggestions of things to put in the Normandale Times let us know.

It *can* be difficult to fill the Normandale Times up and we love including work by members of the community. Please make the next few months easier for the new editors, who are still learning the ropes.

If you have anything you want included in an edition of the times, any question you have for the committee, or any suggestion for the editors, submit it to ntimes@hotmail.com by the 25th of the month before and we will do what we can to include it.

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