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Account Number - 03 0543 0200658 00

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 17 Pokohiwi Road, Lower Hutt, or contact a committee member.

Thank you to those who pay and have paid, we appreciate it. All Normandale residents are eligible.



QUIZ

Word of the month:

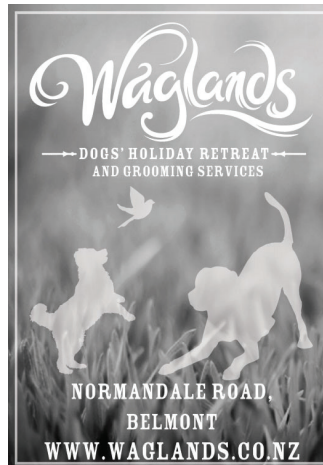
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- A. A builder
- B. A tight rope walker
- C. Quick witted
- D. A billionaire

Last-month's word:

Squirearchy

- B. Land owners



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Update on the Planting Plans

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On the 16th August 2018, your residents' association met to consider what plants we would put in the entrance to Normandale Road (also known as the Wattle Track - see article inside).

We decided that there were three different areas which might require different plants. These were: upper slopes, lower slopes, and the roadside. We agreed that we were keen on natives with a focus on those that belong in Normandale or work well in our suburb.

Here are the plants we are currently thinking about planting.

- Upper slopes: Manuka; Koromiko-Taranga; Veronica Parviflora; Kotukutuku Fuchsia Excorticata (common name: Tree Fuchsia); Dodonaea Viscosa (common name: Akeake).
- Lower slopes: Kaka Beak; Mahoe (common name: Whitey Wood); Kohekohe (Latin name: Dysoxylum spectabile; common name: New Zealand Mahogany); Myrsine Australis (common name: Red Matipo); Pittosporum tenuifolium (common name: Black Matipo).
- Roadside: Athropodium (common name: Rengarenga Lily); Blechnum and other ferns. We agreed we should only consider low growing perennials or small shrubs for the roadside.

Feel free to let us know what you think on our Facebook page: "Residents of Normandale" or via ntimes@hotmail.com.

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Road on Thursday 20th of September - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30pm until 9:00pm.

Down Wattle Track

Did you know that the road up from the over bridge into Normandale used to be known as the Wattle Track? Long-time residents Max and Pam Bruce tell us that they always used to hear people use that name, but that it's not used that much anymore. They think it would be great if we revived the name – particularly as the wattles have been flowering lately!

What do you think? Would you like to see the name revived? You could start the revival by using the name when talking to people – locals and visitors alike.

Elva Atkinson, a local resident and artist, painted a picture of the Wattle Track which Rosemary McLennan has used for the cover of her book "Glimpses into early Normandale".

Max and Pam have loaned us some photos which we hope to be able to reproduce for you over the coming months. The photo on the facing page is a photo of the Evans family on the Wattle track.

We were intrigued to know if the name had ever been used officially and checked out Papers Past (<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>). There we found a submission by a reader to The Evening Post on 26 August 1933 (reproduced to the right).

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"DOWN WATTLE TRACK"

"We followed a lot of paper up Melling Hill, for there had been a paper-chase, and it led through Maori Bush and away down the wattle track. And oh, you should have been there to see the wattle, Fairiell! It was beautiful."

"WILD ROSE" (15).

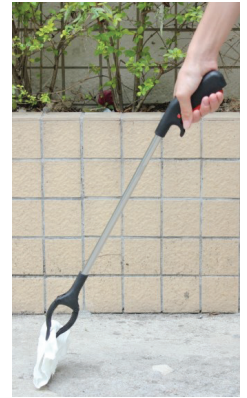
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Advance Notice: Keeping Normandale Beautiful

The Normandale Residents' Association is running a clean up sometime in October - date to be confirmed.

Please support this community effort to make our environment a cleaner, healthier place.

We suggest you think about using equipment, such as long handled tongs, to help you pick up rubbish in hard to reach places, and to keep yourself safe.



Evans Family on Wattle Track—thanks to Max & Pam Bruce

Advance Notice: Garage Sale

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