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Bird of the Month

The Kākāriki, or the New Zealand parakeet.

The name's etymology can also be seen with other native birds— here it stems from Kākā—parrot, and riki— small.



Word of the month:

Taihoa

- A. be patient
- B. a distrustful spirit
- C. circle back
- D. deep affection

Last-month's word:

Cupidity

- C. excessive desire



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Spring Festival Update



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we postponed the original date for the Spring Festival event We are now hosting the festival on

Saturday 23rd October 1:30pm-3pm

Where: Hutt Minoh Friendship House (38 Normandale Road)

We can also confirm that some of the entertainment advertised in last months issue now includes giant Jenga and Connect 4, as well as Normandale's own Kerry Logan on the guitar for some live music.

Pop along and mingle with fellow residents as we shake off a second lockdown— we would love to see you!

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

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The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Rd, Thursday 14th October 7:30pm - all association members are welcome.

Normandale Playground Update

Thank you to everyone who gave their thoughts on the proposed change to the Pekanga Rd Playground. Here at the Normandale Residents' Association, we were approached by HCC to gauge reactions and community response to such a change.

Both preliminary physical and digital responses paint a clear picture. Normandale is still keen on the existing playground at Pekanga Rd- but it could do with a face lift (e.g. updated equipment, a mow, some light issues).

Back in level 1 times we were going to hold a barbeque/forum where residents could voice their opinions directly on the proposed playgrounds. Unfortunately this got cancelled, but we still received some stellar feedback .

We have sent along a summary of all those responses to HCC, as well as some recommendations on what could be done to give the playground that face lift. We will have updates to follow on what's instore for the playground.

It was great to see such community engagement on this issue, and if you do have any additional queries, concerns, or comments on the playground please feel free to get in touch (see front page for contact details).



(the current Pekanga Rd Playground,

Emergency Water & Normandale

During our AGM, the guest speaker Kane McCullom from WREMO raised some key points about emergency preparedness in Normandale, including water.

All Normandale households are encouraged to store their own emergency food and water supplies as road access to our suburb could easily be cut and potable water reticulation supply lost. Most residents have dedicated food and bottled drinking water stored away somewhere in their homes. However, while Normandale has a 'community hub' for emergency situations at St Aidans, it's purpose is co-ordinating those in need with those who can give help- not providing resources. Because of this, in addition to your current arrangements with emergency supplies, it could be worth considering installing a rain water tank.



Here's one such setup of a water tank on a Normandale house. (left) 200L water tanks (including all the extras to connect them to rain water downpipes) are available from HCC, and are \$105. They are available from Naenae, Eastbourne, Petone, and Wainuiomata libraries. With Normandale's geography and current emergency measures it might be worth thinking about purchasing one for your home. See <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Emergency-management/Emergency-preparedness/> for more information.

SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

Just a reminder that subscriptions for the NRA are open now, covering the 2021/2022 year. Subscriptions are \$5 per person and allow the NRA to carry out projects on behalf of the community. All Normandale residents are eligible.

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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, please send your subscription to: The Treasurer, c/o 17 Pokohiwi Road, Lower Hutt, or contact one of the committee.

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