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- *even my cheeky hand inked birds of the month!*

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Word of the month:

Vexatious

- A. bendable
- B. annoying
- C. accurate

Last-month's word:

Putiputi

- A. flower

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Break ins in Normandale

A heads up for residents, as there have been reports of recent car break-ins and other thefts in Normandale. Similar break-ins and thefts have also been reported in Maungaraki, and the Police are reminding people to be vigilant. In the semi seclusion of Normandale, there can be a sense of safety, and especially in the past summer months residents can feel at ease leaving belongings out. Such behaviour could potentially be linked to a targeting of the neighbourhood. However, Police have not as yet conclusively linked any causality- the thefts also potentially being random acts of opportunity. While targeted theft can be hard to pre-empt, the Police do advise residents of a few basic things to remember to curb opportunity theft.

- Keep car windows and doors locked
- Do not leave valuables in your car where they can be seen from the outside
- If possible park your car in a lockable garage
- Do not leave your garage door open when you are not there
- Do not leave valuables lying around outside your house, take them inside

If you have been a victim of a car break in, please do remember to assess and record the damage as soon as you recognise your car has been broken into. It is also important not to enter or move the car- you could interfere with evidence. Instead, start taking photos of the details of the break in from the outside (windows, doors, boot, tyres). In addition to taking pictures, write up a written list of any damages done to the car and any items that were stolen. Not only is this helpful for the Police, but also any insurance claims you make. From there, you can call the police, or report the theft on [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz) where they can advise you on next steps.

Last one!



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Kia ora,

After almost 20 years it is time for me to have a lifestyle change. Real Estate has been a huge part of my every waking hour but its now time to sit back and relax.

My daughter Megan, who many of you will know, will be the new and much younger version of me. I will still be around but in a much lesser capacity. Cheese scones will become a mid-week event so I could knock on your door at any time. Be ready to pop the kettle on.

The last 20 years have been a fantastic part of my life and I can only say a very big Thank you to all of you that have supported and added to my journey.

So, not gone, just fading!

Cheers!

Cheryl

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting
will be held on
Thursday 17th March
7:30pm - all association
members welcome.
(Location TBA)

Farewell Normandale– a letter from Robyn Caygill

Last Thursday (17th of February) I attended my very last Normandale Residents' Association meeting. It was a sad farewell, but I will take many happy memories with me to Christchurch and my new home.

I've been part of the association since we moved to Normandale and was an active committee member for over a decade. I've assisted with the Normandale Times as an editor, proof-reader and deliverer. I've been treasurer of the organisation, and in my final year and a bit served as your President. My family have also been heavily involved, either on the front line or assisting from the background. We farewelled Paul about this time two years ago, when he 'retired' as our Association president. Graham and I are now moving to the same city as Paul and our wider family.

Your committee are a great bunch of hard-working people with lots of great ideas. With only meeting 10 times a year as a committee, it is difficult to put all of them into action!

Over my time in Normandale I've seen a few changes. We've added more social activities to the Association calendar, advocated on behalf of the community many times, helped improve the facilities in Normandale, and continued the ever-popular Recycling Weekends and Inorganic Collections. None of these activities are possible without your input and support. Big thanks are due to those who serve on your committee making all of this possible – even if they are only on the committee for a short time, it all makes a difference.

I've thought about what my final words in writing should be to you. Something literary, such as "Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?" (Douglas Adams). Hmm that is quite nice. What about some wise words from a great philosopher such as "Nothing beautiful without struggle" (Plato). Oh, yikes that is a bit negative. How about what I feel about Normandale?



(Pictured left– retiring Normandale Residents' Association President Robyn Caygill)

I've loved living in Normandale. It is such a leafy suburb and I'm going to miss the views, the bird song, the neat walks, the wind (it had to be said), but most of all I'm going to miss the people. Keep being the awesome little suburb that you are and treat your neighbours and your neighbourhood as the treasures that they are.

Farewell!

-Robyn Caygill

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