

NEW AND IMPROVED PEKANGA RD PLAYGROUND



COMING SOON!



AN UPDATE

Following consultation with the Normandale Residents' Association, Hutt City Council are going ahead with plans to install a new play ground at Pekanga Rd.

Above is a visualisation of the proposed new playground.

A HEADS UP

Work on removing the old equipment will start on the 30th May, and the refurbishment of the grounds and installation of new equipment will start on 16th June.

The new and improved Pekanga Rd Playground is projected to be completed by early July 2022.

AND THANKS!

Both the Normandale Residents' Association and Hutt City Council would like to thank all Normandale residents who provided feedback during the consultation period on the playground.

Keep an eye out on future newsletters as we continue to update you on the installation process.

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THE NORMANDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE

NRA AGM 2022

St Aidan's on the Hill • 7:30pm • Thursday 16th June

The meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the Association's activities for the past year, and vote in new NRA committee members. You could be one of them!

**HAVE YOUR SAY!
JOIN THE NRA**

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
HUTT CITY COUNCILLOR

SIMON EDWARDS

with updates on council activities in this election year, and speaking on HCC's response to climate change



& HUTT VALLEY DHB MEMBER

PRUE LAMASON

who will be around to answer questions on the future of the DHB & Hutt Hospital.



**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED!**

**GOT A QUESTION? WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
COME ALONG!**

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The next NRA meeting will be held on Thursday 21st July 7:30pm- all association members welcome. (Location TBA)

Behind Normandale we wish to have Pest Free Puke Ariki

Can you imagine kiwi roaming in Belmont Regional Park amongst regenerating native forest while kākā, kākāriki and titipounamu (rifleman) fly overhead?

The Friends of Belmont Regional Park (FoBRP) have this vision for our hills, Puke Ariki. They hosted a well-attended hui in May to discuss the how, when and who of a pest removal project across our 12,000 hectares.

Members from surrounding community predator-free groups gathered to share a common interest and entertain the viability of such a vision. Quentin Duthie, convenor of FoBRP and Belmont local, introduced us to some key people involved in inspirational conservation projects from both Wellington and other regions.

Dr Danielle Shanahan, CEO of Zealandia and Korokoro resident, reminded us that as recently as the 1990s, there were only 30 breeding pairs of tūi in the Wellington region. Now they are a common sight and sound across most suburbs.

Mauri Oho founders Lisa and Jeff shared the beginnings of their success story engaging with local Māori and iwi to trap predators in the Ruahine range. Paul Stanley Ward of the Capital Kiwi detailed the project underway across the Wellington peninsula in preparation for the introduction of kiwi into the wild. They have laid 4500 traps across 23,000 hectares of public and private farm land to eliminate almost all stoats, the biggest threat to kiwi chicks.

Full of inspiration and success stories, Duthie then threw the hui to us, the local community, to start considering and discussing how we could make this happen. Key next steps include meeting with local iwi, sharing stories about the work and success of councils and local groups, and refining the vision, goals and path ahead.

Would you like to protect the borders of Puke Ariki with a trap in your backyard? Email Nicole at Predator Free Normandale: pfnormandale@gmail.com for more details.

To stay informed of Pest Free Puke Ariki plans, you can contact the Friends of Belmont Regional Park on Facebook or at friendsofbelmontregionalpark@gmail.com.

By Emily Mossman – Predator Free Maungaraki



Bird of the Month

This month's bird is the as mentioned Titipounamu (Rifleman), New Zealand's smallest bird.

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