

Installing Normandale's Emergency Water Tanks



(pictured above left to right: Angelica, Alastair, Ivan, Sandie, Zachary, and Phil.)

Recently Normandale Residents Association committee members and helpers gathered at the old Scout Hall in Wilson Grove to install community emergency water storage tanks. Everybody involved was surprised by how simple the process was. Some commented "this is so easy I could do this at home".

In fact the NRA encourages residents to install their own emergency water tanks at home. But if you do, please ensure that the tanks are well strapped down to prevent movement and possible overturning in an earthquake.



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Santa Day Parade

Santa and his helpers are getting ready for his 39th Christmas morning visit to Normandale.

The parade is a highlight of the local calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the auspices of the residents' association.

Santa's parade begins at 10am on Christmas Day on the corner of Poto Rd and Stratton St. The route is Stratton St, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Rd, Poto Rd, Pokohiwi Rd, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Rd, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Rd, Poto Rd to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Rd and up Normandale Rd to finish at Pekanga Rd soon after 11am.

A car with a siren will herald Santa's approach.

Santa will be delivering presents and his helpers will throw sweets to those waiting near their mailboxes to greet him.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary on 04 586 4180.

Please have presents to her no later than a week before Christmas Day (Sunday 18th. December).

Happy
Holidays
Normadale!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Enjoy the break and if travelling away, drive safely.



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Next NRA meeting:
Thursday 16th
February 7:30pm
at St Aidans on the Hill- all association members welcome.

A first for your Inorganic Collection



For over 40 years the Normandale Residents have had Inorganic Rubbish Collections, originally with a lorry driving round and collecting the unwanted items, but more recently bins have been provided and householders have brought their own rubbish to the bin. Throughout all those years we have sometimes had good weather, sometimes wet and sometimes too hot. But this year we had thunder and lightning and rain so heavy there were streams several centimetres deep running down the road. By the time we packed up, it was hot and humid and all wet clothes had thoroughly dried.

Pictured left to right: Zachary, Iain, Sandie, Pete, Margaret, and Alastair.

But we soldiered on! We had organised 2 bins, one for general rubbish which would go to landfill and one for metal waste that could be recycled. Your committee and their family members were there to ensure safety and smooth disposal of the waste and during the 5 hours we filled both the rubbish and the metal bins to an estimated 90%. The bins were each roughly the size of a shipping container – there was so much rubbish.

As items were brought along, anything that looked re-usable was put to one side. This resulted in some impromptu recycling with other visitors returning home with more than they brought. Your committee have also taken items to various op-shops and to Earthlink for further recycling. This was a very good result and shows that our collection is still used by the residents.

The only sad part is those people who brought their rubbish down after the bin was closed and therefore did not pay their way. Worse though was those who put general building waste in the metal bin between Sunday lunchtime and when the bins were taken on Monday afternoon. As our arrangement with the bin-hire company is that one bin will be metal, not rubbish, it is possible this thoughtlessness may increase the cost.

Over 60 households visited the bins with their waste, but only 10 had pre-paid their sub. The remainder paid us their fee at the time, but the fees will cover less than half the cost.

BIRD OF THE YEAR 2022



December's Bird of the Month goes to the winner of Forest and Bird's annual contest for Bird of the Year. This year 2022's Bird of the Year is the piwauwau rock wren! New Zealand's only true alpine bird, the rock wren lives its entire life- from egg to parent - in the snow and ice of the mighty Southern Alps.



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