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Highlights of 2023- from the Normandale Residents' Association

- September: Clean-up in Jubilee Park and weeding on the corner of Normandale and Miromiro roads. A lot of rubbish and weeds were removed.
- Over 2 weekends in October: Installed water butts at Kyokushin Karate Hall. There is still a container supply of emergency water at St. Aidan's church.
- November: Inorganic Rubbish Collection. Highlight was working in the open in a thunder storm including torrential rain. We did dry off later when the sun came out. We filled one dinosaur bin and half-filled another with metal for recycling. A major disappointment was the amount of building rubbish that was put in the bins after we had packed up. This cost the NRA several hundred dollars.
- December: A member of the Maungaraki Community Association joined us for our Christmas meeting which was held in the Poto Reserve amphitheatre. We had some interesting discussions on how the two associations differ, and some thoughts of how we could do more together.
- Throughout the summer we attempted to keep the Normandale Rd / Miromiro Rd corner weeded. Several more small shrubs have been planted so look out for some flowers next spring. The ferns planted last year are growing well where they have enough light.
- April saw our first WREMO training day. Best turn-out in the region so far with both young and old attending (about 40 people). Pizza was provided as a late-morning snack, and everyone joined in the training happily.
- Also in April was a clean-up session in Poto Reserve which had got very overgrown due to the weather. A start was made on removing a lot of weeds and scrub from the slope above the amphitheatre. Further work will be required. Thanks were sent to the local Park Ranger who had earlier done substantial clearing of weeds on the paths.
- Normandale residents were invited to visit the Korokoro Emergency Water Station. This was extremely interesting and it is comforting to know that there is a possible source of treated water close to the Western Hills in emergencies (depending on damage).



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Next NRA meeting:
Thursday 20th July
7:30pm at St Aidan's
on the Hill- all
welcome.

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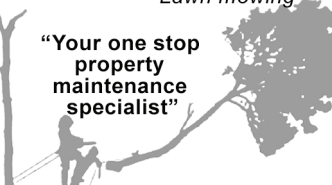
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Quiz

Word of the Month:

Lambent

- A. tender
- B. flickering
- C. wistful
- D. soft

Last month's word:

Terraqueous

- D. land and water

Update on Belmont Regional Park

At the Normandale Residents' Association AGM, guest speaker Bruce Forster, the Belmont Regional Park Ranger and a local resident, gave a talk about his work. Included was an update about various plans and activities in Belmont Regional Park and he subsequently answered some general questions. Key points from his talk were as follows:

- Two new memorial seats have been put in the park (this was reported in the Hutt News) and they are looking at installing some picnic tables.
- Belmont received funding for new way-finding signage, and many have been made and installed throughout the park including new map boards for BAMBA (mountain bikers). A story-telling project has started (e.g. history of the bunkers). This is a 3-year project.
- 240,000 native trees will be planted this winter, new culverts are going in, and there will be track improvements including gravel on a section from Hill Road to Old Coach Road.
- A new bridge, which will be lifted in by a Black Hawk helicopter, is going in near Korokoro Dam as part of the track re-alignment and removal of the stairs.
- Waitangirua Farm (now being called West Belmont) is no longer being farmed and 3.5km of firebreaks have been put in along with new dams for firefighting, and farm infrastructure is being removed. Pine trees are being removed and the woolshed will probably be developed for use as a plant nursery. Porirua City Council is working alongside Greater Wellington Regional Council to help provide riparian planting. There will be a new off-leash area for dogs on a section of the Waihora Loop track, up on the ridge.
- Greater Wellington Regional Council staff with night vision gear are doing pest control (hares are the worst with pukekos also proving problematic). There is difficulty getting a balance with pest plants – e.g.: gorse is a "nursery" plant but makes planting difficult, so certain areas are controlled (weed-sprayed).
- At Takapu Road, they will link the east and west sides of the park with three underpasses (under Transmission Gully motorway); there are lots of potential bike tracks. These links are closed as this is still part of the road designation. The council will update the public when they know more with respect to opening dates, but there is still a fair amount of work to be completed on Transmission Gully before this can happen.
- The license for Belmont Farm (1,000 hectares of grazing up from Hill Road) ends in January 2026; the community will have a chance for input through the Master Planning consultation process.
- There is lots of information on Belmont Regional Park which you can find here > gw.govt/parks/belmont-regional-park/

Subscriptions are now due

The Residents' Association membership year is from 1st July to 30th June the following year.

This year, at our AGM in June it was agreed that the subscriptions would take a different form to previously. From 1st July, the subscription will be \$10 per household per year. This will make it easier to understand the number of households who are supporting your association.

This is the first change to either subscription amount or form in over 25 years. Just think what \$5 would have bought when the century changed.

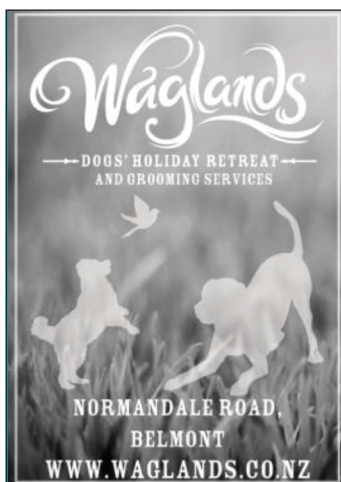
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