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Normandale Residents' Association President's Address 2023

Well it seems that it's déjà vu all over again. Like every other voluntary organisation, the NRA faces the twin challenges of falling membership and finding people to serve on committees. So after some considerable arm twisting, I was persuaded to serve again as your president. I'm very grateful that all existing committee members also agreed to stand again and were elected at the AGM, which will make keeping the association going much easier.

To help address the dual problems mentioned in the AGM, the residents' association agreed to change our membership basis from individuals to households, which will simplify the treasurer's job.

So what's our plan for the coming year? It's clear from the survey we ran earlier this year where you think we should concentrate, working with HCC to promote policies that benefit Normandale, and providing services directly, principally the inorganic rubbish collection. We made a large loss on the inorganic rubbish collection last year, and if we are going to be able to continue to run this on an annual basis, your committee will need to put their thinking caps on about how best to finance it in future.

Remember you are always welcome to come to our committee meetings or to talk to any committee member if there is anything that you would like us to help with, or that we should know about.

Pete Matcham
- President

Normandale paths, tracks, and shortcuts- a new segment!

For those new to Normandale, you may be interested to know about the following pedestrian footpaths/ shortcuts. In this inaugural segment we are highlighting two stairway shortcuts in Normandale. These shortcuts are both properly sealed and include street lighting. They were originally created to increase mobility in the event of natural disasters. (cont. on next pg) *pictured right: top entrance to The One Hundred Steps'*



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Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the committee. *Note: Copy deadline is the 25th of preceding month.

Next NRA meeting:
Thursday 17th August
7:30pm at St Aidan's on
the Hill- all welcome.



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Normandale shortcuts cont.

Both walkways traverse native bush and cut down on exposure to cars when walking down into the valley. Check them out!

The One Hundred Steps

Corner of Miromiro Rd & St Johns Way

Steps that go from the corner of Miromiro Road/St. Johns Way to the corner of Normandale Road/Miromiro Road. This is commonly known as the “One Hundred Steps”, (*pictured right*) because of the numbered flight of concrete steps. It is a convenient shortcut for pedestrians on route to the valley and is also used by fitness enthusiasts.



The Zigzag

Corner of Normandale Rd/Miromiro Rd to Pekanga Rd

A path and steps that go from the corner of Normandale Road/Miromiro Road to the bottom of Pekanga Road. This is commonly known as the “Zig Zag”, because of the many changes in route direction. It is another shortcut to the Valley. (*view from bottom of the path pictured left*)

Have a shortcut you use, or a Normandale track you want to highlight? Email in to ntimes@hotmail.com to have it featured in next month's segment.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: WE RUN ON THEM

Thank you so much to the residents who reached out to us inquiring about where they could pay their subscription for this year (apologies for not putting it in last month's issue).

At our AGM last month it was agreed that subscriptions will now be \$10 per household per year.* This makes life easier for the Treasurer and, hopefully, you; but to keep track of who's paid, and to meet the rules in the new Incorporated Society Act, we still need a name and address for our records- e.g. J Smith 999 N'dale Rd. So if paying directly into our bank account, please put these in the reference fields.

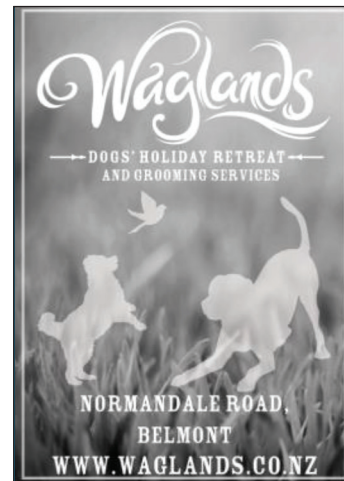
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*Well what does flicking you guys a tenner do?

We use your subscription money to pay for: the bins for Inorganic Collection Day, and the pizza lunch during the WREMO drill recently, among other things. It all goes back into community events, but we always welcome feedback- let us know if you think we should be focusing on something specific. Please support your committee by paying your sub. It is only once a year. We cannot do the things we do without you. Cheers to everyone who has paid their sub already!



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Word of the Month:

Ameliorate

- A. season
- B. shift direction
- C. improve
- D. light

Last month's word:

Lambent

- B. flickering



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