# NORMANDALE TIMES

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### **Election Day**

A reminder that Election Day is **Saturday**, 14 October 2023.

Some key points to remember leading up to Election Day:

- Normandale is part of the Hutt South electorate on the general roll, and part of Ikaroa-Rāwhiti on the Māori roll.



- You can vote at any polling station, and the voting station for Normandale is at St Aidan's on the Hill, Church Hall (corner Poto Road & Stratton Street). The hall will be open from 9am to 5pm on 7th October (for early voting) and open from 9am to 7pm on the 14th October.

#### **Upcoming Recycling Weekend**

On the second weekend of November (11th-12th Nov.) we will be holding our annual community recycling weekend.

Residents can put out household goods, toys, garden equipment, pieces of furniture, and other bric-a-brac that other residents can pick up and reuse. Any items put out should be clearly marked as free to anyone, and please avoid putting items out that are not recyclable/ reusable.

Take a trip around the neighbourhood and help yourself to anything clearly free to a good home. You are responsible for anything you put out and anything remaining at the end of the weekend should be taken back in. In the case of bad weather, we will reschedule to the following weekend.

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Next NRA meeting: 19th October 7:30pm at St Aidan's on the Hill- all welcome.

#### 9% of Normandale

As at the printing of this issue, 63 households out of the 700 in Normandale have shown their support by paying their household subscription. Thanks to everyone who makes up that 9%!

We can't continue to deliver the level of services we would wish to the Normandale community with the current level of income. The cost of our most popular event, and the one you all agreed was the most important in our recent poll, the Inorganic rubbish collection, is also our most expensive exercise. Tip fees are also due to increase, and we can't sustain the level of loss we incurred last year.

The Normandale Residents' Association annual subscription is \$10 per household per year. You can pay your subscription to the following account number:

Bank- Westpac (Petone branch) Acct Name- Normandale Residents Association Acct No. - 03 0543 0200658 00

Please remember to include your name and address in the reference and code fields.

#### Well known Western Hills resident Max Shierlaw passes away

The NRA committee notes with sadness, the death of our long time auditor, Max Sheirlaw. Max served several terms as a HCC Councillor representing the Western ward. He was very supportive of local community organisations and reviewed and audited the accounts for many. The committee extends our condolences to his family.



## Meet the Candidates evening

The recent Meet the Candidates evening, held at Maungaraki Community Library as well as livestreamed via Facebook, was a lively event with candidates from Labour, Act, TOP, Greens, and National.



The event was split into two halves. During the first half, candidates were asked some prepared questions people sent in. The second half was a discussion between the top two candidates for Hutt South, Ginny Andersen (Labour) and Chris Bishop (National) (pictured above). Both Ginny and Chris fielded questions about specific Hutt Valley issues like RiverLink and crime on the Hills, a well as some wider issues impacting residents like roading and climate action.

While there was some disagreement about some issues, such as the proposed Petone to Grenada Link, there was agreement between Ginny and Chris about othersnotably the mismanagement of information releases regarding Hutt Hospital, and the ease of access to both their offices as part of the wider democratic process.

#### Power outages in Normandale- an update

If you have been one of the many affected households in Normandale with no power these last few weeks below is an update from the Residents' Association on the issue.

I have just contacted Wellington Electricity, the company responsible for the local electricity distribution network regarding the number of outages we have been experiencing in Normandale over the last week.

They advise that they were all related to the stormy weather, with clashing wires and contact between wires and vegetation the most common factors. These can cause cascade effects with safety cut outs tripping up and down stream of the actual fault. These have to be restored in sequence once the actual cause has been identified and corrected. Wellington Electricity have today also been inspecting all lines in the area to identify other potential risks and are working with Treescape to address these.

### Normandale Playcentre

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the public are invited to attend Normandale Playcentre's Annual General Meeting on Saturday 28th October at the Petone Community House at 6:30 pm

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