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Upcoming Events

Recycling Weekend

When: Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November.

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.

To note- there will not be an inorganic collection day this year. We hope to get something on the cards for autumn next year.

Hutt Japan Day 2023

When: Sunday 19th November, 11am-3pm

Where: Dowse Square

Immerse yourself in Japanese culture at Hutt Japan Day 2023. From taiko drumming, martial arts performances, to authentic Japanese cuisine from curated food stalls and trucks it's a cultural journey you won't want to miss! Hosted by the Hutt Minoh House Friendship Trust, whose conference center is nestled right here in Normandale, this festival promises a captivating experience.

Santa Parade 2023

This year it will be the 40th time the man in red makes a special daylight visit to our suburb on Christmas morning.

Santa delivers gifts by arrangement and there are sweets for everyone waiting at their gates to watch him ride by in his sleigh. Start time and route details will be published next month.

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Next NRA meeting:
16th November 7:30pm
at St Aidan's on the
Hill- all welcome.

Flowering Cherry Trees and Sycamore Trees – Pretty but INVASIVE!

Right now cherry seeds, spread by birds eating the fruits, are starting to sprout everywhere. They are often found in suburban gardens, paddocks, in grassy scrubby areas and popping up between pavers and in cracks.

If you haven't purposefully planted these in your garden, you may want to consider pulling them out before they sprout significantly. Once they get bigger they are very hard to remove and as an invasive species, grow very fast and stifle the native bush. Sycamore trees are another invasive species and those seedlings are also just starting to sprout. The following pictures show what the seedlings look like.

Thanks to all those walkers who pull out cherry and sycamore seedlings they see in Poto Reserve.

Left: Cherry seedlings.

Right: Sycamore seedlings.



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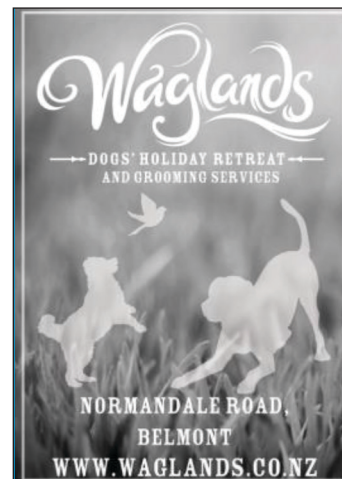
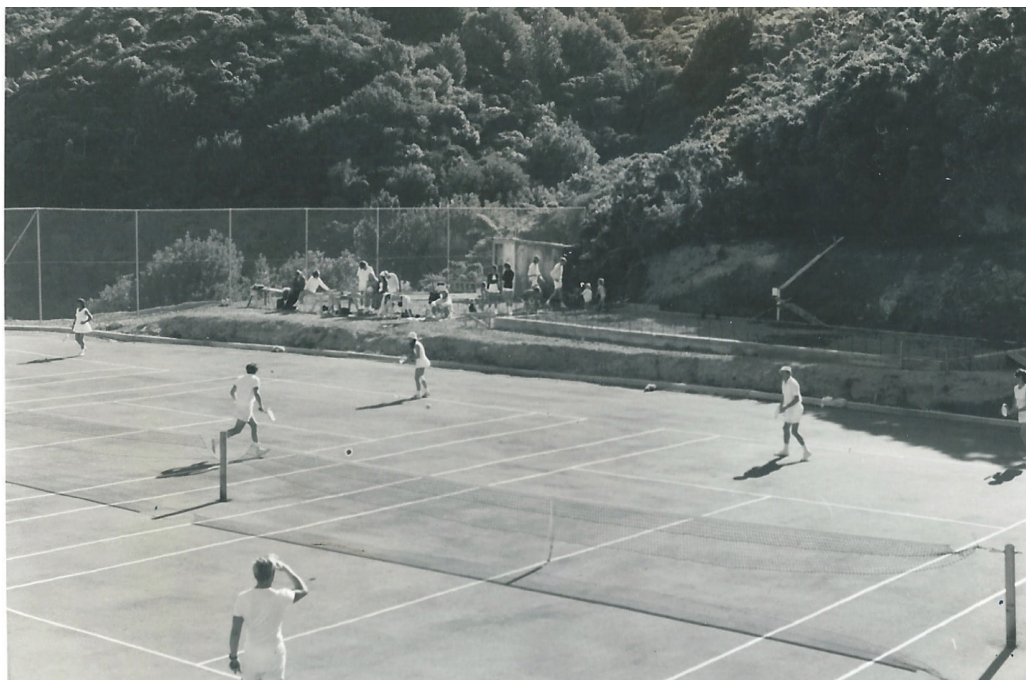
Maungaraki Tennis 50th Jubilee

On the weekend of 11th / 12th November Maungaraki Tennis Club celebrates its 50th Jubilee. The birthday weekend includes an open day at the club on Saturday 11th followed by a function in the evening. On Sunday afternoon there is to be a recreation of the traditional Street League Tournament - which used to be the 'married couples league' back in the 70's. It is going to be all about fun tennis with a 70's twist to crown one suburb as the victor.

The Club is really proud to have written a publication to celebrate. It has been a huge task collating submissions from past and present members and archives. Local author Denika Mead helped edit the publication with a group known as the MTC Gold Card Club. Stories have emerged about the building of the club along with the birth of the Western Hill suburbs. It highlights the contributions of its three generation families, and founders who went door to door to find community support and then built the club. It highlights MTC involvement in Premier One and Interclub Tennis for the past 50 years and the achievements of some very notable players and personalities.

Tickets are available for the 50th Jubilee Function and to preorder the magazine on our website <https://clubspark.kiwi/MaungarakiTennisClub>.

Below: Playing tennis while in the background the clubhouse is being built by early members.



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Windy weather causing your rubbish to whip away? No worries, extra council bin clips are available

Extra clips are available for your council supplied rubbish and recycling bins from the Hutt City Council offices (30 Laings Rd).

Having extra clips on your bins allows them to be more securely clamped shut against high winds and spillages.



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