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Normandale Residents Association President's report 2024

The Association has had an active and successful year, delivering on our objectives of informing and representing our community.

We have made formal submissions on resource consents and council plans, but our main effort has been as always, through creating relationships with councillors; especially those that represent our ward and those who are part of the wider Western Hills community.

Following on from our WREMO drill your committee edited the Normandale section of the formal Community resilience planning guide which has now been formally issued.

Following the storm related power outages last year we invited Wellington Electricity to speak to the community on the challenges that servicing the more rural areas such as Normandale present. There was a good turnout of residents, and their presentation was well received. All questions residents posed were answered fully, although not always to the satisfaction of the questioner. The Association holds a copy of the presentation.

Our information evening on the City and Regional Long Term Plans was equally well attended, and I would like to thank Chris Parkin and Simon Edwards from Hutt City and Quentin Duthie from Greater Wellington Regional Council for their attendance and forthright answers to our questions.

We continue to remind HCC and Wellington Water of the need to repair the sluice gate and dredge the pond in Jubilee Park, and I understand that the resource consents for the work have now been issued, so hopefully we will soon see some action.

We had planned this year to replace the Horse Trough Information Board that was 'removed' some time ago. We had expected to fund this ourselves but after discussions with HCC, they have now replaced the sign at no cost to us. They also cleaned up other signs, and all are now on the Council's asset register. My thanks to Murray Thessman for arranging this. (continued on next page)

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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: 18th July 2024 7:30pm at St Aidan's on the Hill. All association members welcome. Internally, your committee has spent a lot of time considering the implications of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 for our Association and concluded that we should remain as an Incorporated Society. Consequently we then had to consider a complete re-write of our constitution to meet the requirements of the 2022 Act. The resulting draft has been available for perusal and comment on our Google Drive, and will be presented to the AGM for ratification.

I would like to thank your committee for their continued support and efforts over the year, and especially our Treasurer Sandie, who has successfully managed to wade through an interminable mound of bureaucracy to open new savings accounts and improve our income. Sandie has also led the work done by committee members in maintaining and improving our plantings at the entrance to Normandale Road, whilst Angelica has done the same for the plantings around Poto Reserve.

We also negotiated a new contract with Professionals Estate Agency to maintain our noticeboards and they have now been cleaned and new artwork applied.

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.

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Pete Matcham - President 31.05.2024

Dog Discovery

Find the names of some dog breeds.

- · CHOW CHOW
- BULLDOG
- LABRADOR
- BEAGLE
- POODLE
- HUSKY
- BASSET HOUND
- CORGI
- GREAT DANE
- · CHIHUAHUA
- DACHSHUND
- ROTTWEILER
- POMERANIAN
- BORZOI
- GERMAN SHEPHERD
- HAVANESE
- BORDER COLLIE

Dog sharing in Normandale & Maungaraki!



You have a dog, but...

- Your dog has more energy left at the end of the day than you
- You are notable to walk it as much as it would need
- OR your dog is home alone during your work day

You would like a dog, but...

- Your work day is long
- The dog would be home alone all day
- OR you are at home during the day but feel you wouldn't have enough energy for walking it much
- You can't afford a dog walker
- Some days or weekends you'd need someone to take care of it
- You'd appreciate sharing the costs

Why not create a win-win-win situation? Would you be happy to share a dog with someone in the neighbourhood?

- One has the dog's company during the day
- You share the weekends, help each other out when away
- The other walks it whenever possible before/after work and has company in the evenings
- You might share costs

If that sounds like a good idea and you are willing to communicate and negotiate openly about what you expect from the arrangement and treat each other (and the dog) with respect and kindness, then everyone wins. Maybe not only a happy dog, but a new friendship as well...

Give me a call if you're interested and I'll try my best to find a dog match! Please call in the early evening after 6pm or on the weekends.

Julia 2 021 163 8725

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