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Wellington Water Presentation

Laurence Edwards from Wellington Water made a presentation at the Normandale Residents' Association AGM in June. Below are some points from the presentation.

Wellington Water is a council owned entity that manages potable water, storm-water, and sewerage. While they deliver services within set budgets, Wellington Water does not own any of the assets. Those are still owned by the individual councils in the region.

The region's demand for water is increasing, mainly due to water loss as well as a rising population. A key figure was how water usage in the Wellington Metro area is about 200 L/person/day (in the 2022/2023 year). This loss and leakage is managed by Wellington Water, together with prevention, awareness, location and mend/repair work.

Here's how Lower Hutt compares to water usage figures (taken from their websites) from some other places.

- Hutt City- 358L/person/day
- Auckland- 241L/person/day
- Europe- 144L/person/day
- New Zealand- 227L/person/day

There is a growing backlog in piping renewal of steel/iron and fibre/cement pipes. The new polyethylene, and some PVC pipes have an expected life of 100 years. There are 2,600 km of water mains in the region and 15 km of it was replaced last year. The present replacement backlog is 422 km- expecting to be increased to 660 km in the next ten years, and to 1,290 km in the next 30 years.

Presently very few properties have water meters. Having property water meters would make leak detection much easier, as not all leaks come to the surface. Once a leak is reported or detected they are assigned a priority for repair: urgent, high, medium or low.

Hutt Valley's water supply is not infinite, and supply risk is increasing. A comprehensive approach with many options for supply and demand should be undertaken. The current model is no longer an option, and recommended actions should start (*cont. over page*)

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Next NRA meeting:
15th August 2024
7:30pm at St Aidan's on
the Hill. All association
members welcome.



now as present methods aren't sustainable and an increased expenditure is required.

Laurence summarized by requesting residents to ring the Hutt City Council (the urgent issues phone number is 04 570 6666) and report any observable leaks and this will make a contribution to keeping the water in the pipes.

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Jubilee Park Duck Pond Refurbishment

Recently, contractors started work on cleaning out the duck pond in Jubilee Park (see above picture), using a digger and a truck to remove silt and rubbish away. However, the work appears to still be in progress as only a small portion of the original duck pond has been attended to. Local resident Alistair Hardy tells us that Wellington Water have removed a large quantity of debris from a catchpit in Korokoro, and over 30 cubic metres of rock and mud from the large catchpit at the bottom of Miromiro Rd. This was their first cleanout for some years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark it down in your calendars, here are some upcoming events in Normandale. More details to follow in future issues of the Normandale Times.

- **Father's Day** Sunday 1st September
- Visit Minoh House and gardens, mid Sept. to view the spring cherry blossoms
- **Daylight Savings starts** Sunday 29th September
- **Recycling Weekend** 26th-27th October (2nd-3rd November backup dates)
- **Labour Day** Monday 28th October
- **Guy Fawkes Night** Tuesday 5th November
- **Inorganic Collection Day** Saturday 9th November

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NZ Birds

Find the names of some native birds.

- TOTORORE (Antarctic prion)
- MĀPUNGA (Black Shag)
- TĪEKE (Saddleback)
- PĪWAUWAW (NZ rock wren)
- KŌTUKU (White heron)
- MĀTĀTĀ (Fernbird)
- NGUTU PARORE (Wrybill)
- TARĀPUKA (Black billed gull)
- KOITAREKE (Marsh crake)
- PĪHOIHOI (New Zealand pipit)
- MOHO PERERŪ (Banded rail)
- TARĀPUNGA (Red-billed Gull)
- SALVIN'S MOLLYMAWK
- TŪTURUATU (Shore Plover)
- HAAST TOKOEKA
- CAMPBELL ISLAND TEAL
- PŪWETO (Spotless crake)
- KĀREAREA (NZ falcon)
- TŌREA (Oystercatcher)
- HOIHO (Yellow-eyed penguin)
- PARARĀ (Broad-billed prion)
- MOHUA (Yellowhead)
- TĪTITIPOUNAMU (Rifleman)

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