

# NORMANDALE TIMES

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## Normandale Inorganic Collection 2024

Saturday 9th November  
9am - 4pm  
Bend of Normandale Rd (near no. 141)

### What is the Inorganic Collection?

Inorganic Collection Day is a tradition in the Normandale community hosted by the Normandale Residents' Association.

Two Jumbo sized bins will be positioned at the bend of Normandale Rd, (near 141) where Normandale residents can dispose of their inorganic rubbish. NRA members and helpers will be in attendance for transferring the rubbish.

For safety reasons, please approach the bins from below and wait for assistance.

### Do I have to pay to use the bins?

All residents bringing rubbish are requested to have paid their annual sub of \$10 per household before coming along. For large loads an additional charge may be requested, so if you are bringing a large load, or multiple loads, please bring some cash as well :)

If you have a larger item intended for bin disposal, the NRA may be able to lend a hand. Subject to prior discussion-inquire with us (see contacts below).

### What can I put in the bins?

We can accept most inorganic rubbish but please be advised that **we cannot accept:**

- Garden / household refuse.
- Tyres, Glass, Paint.
- Recyclable materials.
- Hazardous materials (especially medical waste).
- Commercial / excessive quantities of building waste.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** The NRA committee would appreciate any extra sets of hands during our Inorganic Collection Day. If you can spare a hour to help out at the collection site, please let us know when you are available (see contact below).

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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:  
17th October 2024  
7:30pm at St Aidan's on  
the Hill. All association  
members welcome.

### Contractor and community leader Snow Olsen dies

Normandale has lost a long-time community leader through the death of Snow Olsen, 96 (pictured across). John Sverre Olsen - Jack, or Snow to many - lived in Stratton Street for much of his life. He was on the Normandale Residents (then Progressive) Association for many years and served as its president.

Snow's memorial service was held at Maungaraki Baptist Church as the building was previously a social hall at the Woburn Railways Workshops. After Snow sold his contracting business he helped teach apprentices at the workshops. Celebrant Sandra Greig officiated the service.

Both were on the Normandale Progressive Association together and she recalled how Snow deputised for the man in red for the first few Normandale Santa Parades 40 years ago and how much he enjoyed his role handing out presents. Snow was educated at St Patrick's College in Wellington before qualifying as a diesel mechanic.

Snow and his wife Jocelyn raised their family of five at a large property in Stratton Street. He later sold the section they had been given as a wedding present to buy the first bulldozer for his new contracting business which later employed up to 40 people. He often took on riskier work and pioneered techniques now commonplace.

Work on the new Maungaraki subdivision was among the Hutt Valley infrastructure contracts he won in the 1960s. He was also known for his support of other businesses. Once he handed over contracts he had won to another company to keep it afloat and it is still in business in 2024. Snow used his contracting business vehicles to build the driveway at the Normandale Playcentre which had only walk-on access.

In the 1970s and 1980s Snow was branch chair of the Wellington Contractors Federation. He was also involved in the Wellington Scandinavian Club where he served as president.

At Snow's funeral his children described him as kind and larger than life, generous, positive and devoted to his family. They said life in the Olsen household was never boring. "It's all go around here," was a favourite saying of the man they described as an extrovert who made a real difference to people's lives and stuck to his principles.

When he felt the Labour Party had lost its way in the 1980s he joined NewLabour and six weeks out from the election became the local candidate, winning enough votes to get his deposit back.



Snow's wife Jocelyn died in 2010. In his later years Snow moved to Masterton and lived there for about four years. This was followed by a move to Eketahuna where he lived in Olsen Street. He died in the Vincentian Home in Berhampore, Wellington, on August 31st. - Rosemary McLennan

**RECYCLING WEEKEND** 26-27th October (2-3rd Nov. backup dates)

We will be holding our annual community recycling days on the last weekend of October. 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. Take a trip around the neighborhood 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, please be sensible and not put your goods outside.



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**Predator Free Normandale  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

Once again Predator Free Normandale has been given the opportunity to be part of the Predator Free New Zealand Trust, Backyard Community Programme.

Helping us get a rat trap in every 2nd back yard of Normandale.

To help this happen we are hosting a long overdue community meeting and talk on 23rd October

Come and meet us and listen to our special guest from Predator Free Wellington.

Find out how they eliminated rats, stoats and weasels from the Miramar Peninsula and their plans to keep that momentum going throughout the city.

Learn some tips and tricks to help catch more rats and also about the amazing results they are seeing on the Peninsula.

On the night we will have tunnels and Victor rat traps available to Normandale residents for \$10.

**When: 23rd October 2024**

**Where: St Aidan's – corner of Poto road and Stratton Street**  
**Doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm**

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**Exchange  
matters**



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**LOCAL SHOWS:** It's nice to see local schools have been successful with their respective productions – both Maungaraki and Normandale schools have put on very professional shows. Thank you to the local community, teachers, and senior leadership for your support. To the students, the hours of work rehearsing, sorting costumes and calming nerves have culminated in an unforgettable learning experience. Well done! We look forward to more productions in the future.

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**Quiz**

**Word of the Month:**

**Approbation**

A. Incorrect estimate  
B. Praise or approval  
C. Held in contempt  
D. Intense dislike

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