

# NORMANDALE TIMES

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## Welcome to 2025

Happy New Year everyone. Did you manage to see the comet over the Christmas break? Like many comets, it didn't behave as predicted and the best view, with a really bright head, was on the Friday, days before the expected 'best time'. Luckily that was also the time with the clearest sky. Given the belief around the world that comets are harbingers of doom and pestilence, it couldn't possibly have anything to do with the inauguration of the new US president, could it?

Back here in Normandale, it's been funny old weather hasn't it, with extremes of temperature, as well as a reasonable dollop of rain to keep the grass green and the veggies growing. As my old geography master used to say: "Continents may have climate boys, but we have weather!" The last few weeks have been a perfect example of this.

As we start a new year for the NRA, your committee has a few things on its agenda: some housekeeping, registering our new constitution to incorporate the changes required under the 2022 Act; following up on existing issues - chasing up Wellington Water over the clean up of Jubilee Park pond; and talking to the Council about the small and sometimes not so small issues that affect our suburb.

If you have any issues you would like us to pursue, please let me know, and remember that residents are always welcome at our regular meetings.

Kia kaha

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## Sunshine and smiles greet Santa

Some of the best weather during the Christmas break was laid on for Normandale's Santa Parade - number 41 and the 40th anniversary of the first parade back in 1984.

Almost 40 households received deliveries during Santa's Christmas morning visit.

Fourteen kilos of sweets for those watching Santa travel past were again provided by the Normandale Residents' Association.

Thanks are due to this year's parade team - David and Tara Capel, Göran Persson, Malcolm Cameron, Aaron Gough, Rosemary McLennan, Hana, Amy, Jonty, Mckenzie, Danny Vare, Samantha Gough and Noah Hayes.



*Santa and his 2024 team, from left, Amy, Mckenzie, Hana and Jonty ready to deliver a load of presents.*



*Baby Lucia, held by dad Jared, receives her present from Santa, watched by locals in Pekanga Road.*

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(from Heritage New Zealand) ‘Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is undertaking a review of its Statements of General Policy and is seeking feedback on the new draft Statements. The Statements of General Policy will help guide our mahi over the next decade, including heritage advocacy, archaeology, the New Zealand Heritage List Rārangī Kōrero, the Landmarks Programme and caring for our properties.’

If you would like to provide feedback, or view the draft Statements of General Policy, you can use the link below. [www.heritage.org.nz/about/currently-consulting-on#makeasubmission](http://www.heritage.org.nz/about/currently-consulting-on#makeasubmission)

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**Word of the Month:**

*Febrile*

A. shade of green  
B. hollow structure  
C. pale skin  
D. nervous energy

**Last month's word:**

*Incipient*

C. beginning to happen

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