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Reporting rubbish

There have been recent reports of rubbish being dumped along Normandale roadsides. Residents are encouraged to help with this problem by:

- Picking up the small or minor rubbish and putting it their own rubbish containers.
- Reporting to the Hutt City Council on 570 6666. If the rubbish is of a significant size, they will remove it.
- Note the details of anybody seen dumping rubbish and advise the council.

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Garbage galore

*2 word finds in this month's issue!
Find some rubbish related words.*

- RUBBISH
- DEBRIS
- SMELLY
- LANDFILL
- COMPACTOR
- SANITATION
- REFUSE
- COMPOSTING
- LITTER
- PLASTIC
- ENVIRONMENT
- POLLUTION
- SUSTAINABILITY
- WASTE MANAGEMENT
- BIODEGRADABLE
- EMISSIONS
- TOXIC FUMES

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Next NRA meeting:
20th March 2025
7:30pm at St Aidan's on
the Hill. All association
members welcome.

LOWER HUTT 'HUB' QUIZ

A Quiz Night at your local Hub

Saturday 22nd March | 6:00pm
Maungaraki Community Hall,
135 Dowse Drive



Event by
Wellington Region
Emergency Management
Office (WREMO)

Where: Maungaraki
Community Centre,
135 Dowse Drive,
Maungaraki, Lower Hutt

When: 6pm-9pm,
Saturday 22 March

Who: All ages

Register: www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/lower-hutt-hub-quiz/lower-hutt

WREMO hosts community 'Hub' quiz

Gather your friends and whānau and put your trivia skills to the test at our Lower Hutt 'Hub' Quiz! Challenge your knowledge, compete for prizes, and enjoy snacks and pizza. It's a fun way to meet your neighbours, discover your local Community Emergency Hub and have a great time!

There will be prizes for the winning team, plus spot prizes throughout the night, including a 200L Emergency Water Tank, a Grab Bag, and a 2-Bucket Emergency Toilet.

Spots are limited, so register now (for free) to secure your place. Bring a team of up to 6 people, or register individually, and we'll match you with a team on the night!

The quiz rounds will be all general knowledge, with one round about disasters – so get studying!

This event will take place at Maungaraki Community Hall, one of Lower Hutt's Community Emergency Hubs. These hubs are designed to empower communities by providing a space where people can come together after a major disaster to share resources, solve problems, and support one another. Throughout March, we're hosting events at Community Emergency Hubs across the region to help people connect with their neighbours and build stronger, more resilient communities.

We can't wait to see you there! For more information, please email us at info@wremo.nz

We aim to make our community events inclusive to all people. If you are attending the event and have specific accessibility requirements, you can send us an email at info@wremo.nz with the event name and we will get in touch to see how we can meet your needs as best we can.

Pests in Normandale spotlight: Rabbits


Rabbits recently have been spotted in lower Normandale, as well as the rural parts of upper Normandale where residents have been controlling them for many years. In light of these new sightings, the Normandale Residents' Association would like to highlight the Department of Conservation's notice that wild rabbits are considered to be an ecological pest.

Rabbits in Normandale are a threat because:

- On average 7-10 rabbits consume as much as one ewe.
- Their burrows and scrapes cause extensive damage on erosion prone soils.
- They threaten vulnerable native plants.
- As year round prey, they support predators which contribute to the extinction of many NZ native birds and animals.
- They have a very high reproduction rate and are capable of rebounding quickly from control measures.

Today, land owners, including the Crown, are responsible for controlling rabbits on their own lands. Regional councils monitor numbers regularly and enforce rabbit control when numbers become excessive, regardless of land tenure.

The Normandale Residents' Association and the folk at Predator Free Normandale are disheartened to hear about the increase of rabbit sightings in the suburb. We would implore you and those you know- DO NOT release any pet rabbits into the wild, or put food out for wild rabbits you do encounter.



Quiz

Word of the Month:

Ambisinister

- A. shade of purple
- B. clumsy
- C. mutually beneficial
- D. large foyer

Last month's word:

Febrile

- D. nervous energy



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Natural Disasters

Find some of the terms used when talking about natural disasters.

- AVALANCHE
- DROUGHT
- EARTHQUAKE
- FLOOD
- HEAT WAVE
- LANDSLIDE
- TROPICAL CYCLONE
- VOLCANIC ERUPTION
- WILDFIRE
- BLIZZARD
- TSUNAMI
- TORNADO
- SANDSTORM
- SINKHOLES
- EMERGENCY
- HURRICANE
- RESCUE TEAM
- DANGEROUS
- EVACUATION
- MONSOON
- TYPHOON
- SHELTER
- RED CROSS

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