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UPCOMING EVENTS

Some notable dates to mark down in your calendars this autumn.

- **Western Hills Sewer Main project starts** 12th-26th April

A critical project to line a section of an aging wastewater pipeline on SH2 (north of Melling). These works are expected to take place 24/7 for two weeks from 12 April 2025. This work is important to prevent the pipe from failing which could lead to significant environmental, traffic and public health impacts. As updates are ongoing the latest information, including the traffic management plan, can be viewed on Wellington Water's website.

wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/western-hills-sewer-main-rehabilitation

- **Term 1 School holidays** 12th-27th April
- **Good Friday** Friday 18th April (remember the shops will be closed)
- **Easter Sunday** 20th April (remember the shops will be closed)
- **Easter Monday** Monday 21st April
- **ANZAC Day** Friday 25th April (remember shops only open at 1pm)
- **Vivienne Westwood & Jewellery exhibition closes** Sunday 27th April

Te Papa is the first venue to host the global tour of Vivienne Westwood & Jewellery. The exhibition dives into the history of jewellery design and creation by the Vivienne Westwood house. tepapagovt.nz/visit/exhibitions/vivienne-westwood-and-jewellery

- **Mother's Day** Sunday 11th May
- **Pink Shirt Day** Friday 16th May

Pink Shirt Day is a anti-bullying campaign where in New Zealand participants wear a pink shirt on the third Friday in May. Promoting kindness, inclusivity, and standing against bullying, it's celebrated annually both in Aotearoa and in Canada, particularly in schools.

- **ZZ Top performs The Elevation Tour at TSB Arena** Sunday 18th May
*A reminder for potential delays due to crowds/congestion
- **NZ International Comedy Festival** 2nd-25th May

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Next NRA meeting:
17th April 2025 7:30pm
at St Aidan's on the Hill.
All association members
welcome.



Report on the recent WREMO Hub Quiz

Much fun was had by all at the Lower Hutt Hub quiz, hosted by WREMO on 22nd March at the Maungaraki Community Hall (one of the local community emergency hubs).

The turnout was impressive, far greater than expected and packed out the hall. This resulted in some good-natured sharing of pens and question sheets between the teams until more could be prepared. There was a good range of ages present enjoying the eight rounds of trivia questions and trying their hand at the emergency management questions for spot prizes including a grab bag and emergency toilet. And there were plenty of snacks available including the range of pizzas that went down particularly well with the children.

Normandale Residents Association committee members were spread across two teams, coming in 5th and 9th overall which we did not feel ashamed of. And, of course, that was not what it was about. WREMO hosted a highly successful, fun-filled evening which also conveyed a more serious message about community resilience and disaster preparedness.

SEEKING:

Volunteer deliverer of the Normandale Times along Pokohiwi Rd and Eastview Grove.

Special thanks to the retiring deliverer who is moving after 41 years in the suburb.

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Miromiro seen in upper Normandale

The miromiro (the North Island Tomtit) is becoming a regular visitor to gardens in Normandale. Flitting between trees and shrubs, gleaning insects from the leaves and from cobwebs, the miromiro is not too shy, but very fast moving. While a real joy to see, it can be difficult to get a good photo (see pictured).

If you have spotted a miromiro or any other rare bird around your property, let us know. Even better, if you can manage to snap a picture, send it to us and we'll include it in a future Normandale Times issue.

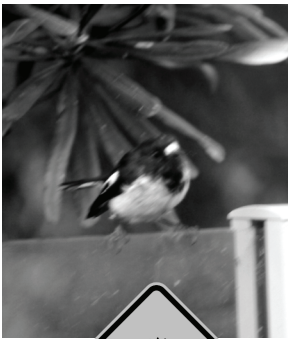
Low flying kererū

Low flying kererū have been spotted swooping across roads in Normandale. This has caused concern for some residents when driving. There is the potential for the Normandale Residents' Association to make the case to council for 'slow for kererū' road signs to be erected. However this requires verification of low flying areas. If you have encountered low flying kererū when driving in Normandale, drop us a line advising the specific location at normandale.residents@gmail.com.

About kererū

The kererū, or the kūkupa in some northern Māori dialects, is a native pigeon to New Zealand. While not endangered, they are compromised by introduced species like possums and rats. They are also affected by flying into moving vehicles, overhead power lines and windows. They have a wide distribution throughout the country including native forest and urban shrubbed areas. They often roost on power lines and tops of trees and usually nest one egg at a time.

The kererū is a big bird, measuring up to 50cm and weighing up to 650g. They also sound out a distinct low frequency 'whop' when flying. Since the extinction of the moa, the kererū is now one of the only bird species big enough to swallow large fruit, such as those of karaka, miro, tawa and taraire, and disperse the seed over long distances.



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