

# NORMANDALE TIMES

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## NORMANDALE NEEDS YOU!

in the Normandale Residents' Association committee, to boost civic engagement and help make Normandale a better place to live. Serving as a committee member answers the question of how can I become more involved with my community, while also making some life long friends right here on the hill.

Think you're up to the task? Then come along to our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is a great place to start out if you're wanting to get more involved with a discussion and update on the NRA's general business, a specialised talk from a guest speaker, and some refreshments and good company too.

**The Normandale Residents' Association:** a group of passionate Normandale community members who promote and advocate the views and interests of Normandale residents. The committee is always looking for new members to help take this suburb to new heights.

### THE NORMANDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30PM  
JUNE 19TH 2025  
ST AIDAN'S ON THE HILL

Refreshments provided

Guest speaker to be announced in next  
month's issue of the Normandale Times.



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Next NRA meeting:  
15th May 2025 7:30pm  
at St Aidan's on the Hill.  
All association members  
welcome.

## Community garden preparations for winter

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Our small garden on the corner of Normandale and Miromiro Roads (see pictured below) is now completed and mulched ready for the winter. Keep eyes peeled for spring bulbs which should start showing in the next few weeks, and check out the new plants. Additional leptospermums have been planted along with low growing hebes, coprosma and a variety of libertia. If you would like to help the committee weed and maintain this garden, please let us know at [normandale.residents@gmail.com](mailto:normandale.residents@gmail.com)



### Jubilee Park pond update

Recently contractors made a second attempt to clean out the duck pond at Jubilee Park. This was after prompting by the residents' association who advised that the initial work was unsatisfactory.

Clean out attempts have enabled about half the original pond area to be used as a conventional duck pond. The other half of the original pond still remains silted up (shown below).



## EXPERIENCE MESSY CHURCH

At 4pm on the third Sunday of the month excited children, and their relieved parents, show up at St Aidan's for Messy Church. The first 45 minutes is for activities and the children (and adults) choose whatever appeals to them. We aim to have a variety of activities to suit different ages and interests. In the past for example we have made paper, blown giant bubbles, made hammered flower prints, sprayed food coloring over leaves to make silhouettes, created exploding popsicle stick chains (it's fun- google it), done science experiments and been creative with playdough. The activities link to our theme for the month - for example, our Easter theme was about butterflies and new life. Next, we spend 10-15 minutes together singing, learning about the theme for the session, and adding our prayers to the prayer tree. Then it is back to the main room which has been transformed to a dining room, and we sit down to a two-course meal together.

There is no charge although an occasional donation is welcome. You can find out more about Messy Church at [www.messychurch.nz](http://www.messychurch.nz) or if you would like to talk to one of the St Aidan's Messy Church team phone Sarah at the office on 04 569 6017 and she will arrange for someone to call you.



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