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THE NORMANDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE

## NRA AGM 2025

St Aidan's on the Hill • 7:30pm • Thursday 19th June

The meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the Association's activities over the past year, and vote in new NRA committee members. You could be one of them!

HAVE YOUR SAY!  
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### MEETING WILL COVER:

what the Association did last year, community events hosted, upcoming community projects and events, and open floor time- what do you want to see happening in the suburb?

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### TOPICS YOU MAY WANT TO CHAT ABOUT:

- ☐ Community garden
- ☐ Upcoming local elections
- ☐ Riverlink
- ☐ Melling interchange
- ☐ Suburb infrastructure (e.g. power outages, pipe leaks)
- ☐ Emergency resilience
- ☐ Pest control in the suburb
- ☐ Greater Wellington Regional Council updates
- ☐ Our counterpart organisations on the Western Hills
- ☐ Community safety, and more!

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Next NRA meeting:  
19th June 2025 7:30pm  
at St Aidan's on the Hill.  
All association members  
welcome.

## Matariki

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades, Seven Sisters, or for the Japanese, Subaru. As Matariki follows the Māori lunar calendar the dates for it change every year- this year it's from 19-22 June, and the public holiday for it is Friday 20th June 2025. This leads into the winter solstice (shortest day of the year) on Saturday 21st June.

Marking the start of a new year for Māori, many across Aotearoa take part in events that honour the principles of Matariki. These are:

**Matariki Hunga Nui- Remembrance:** Honouring those we have lost during the past year.

**Matariki Ahunga Nui- Celebrating the Present:** Coming together to give thanks for what we have. Often this is through a meal, sharing what's been harvested with friends and family.

**Matariki Manako Nui- Looking to the Future:** Looking ahead to the promise of a new year.

**"An editors note"**- The past year has been, to say the least, a rough one. Between Budget announcements, cost of living pressures, and global events, one may struggle to keep trucking along- but we have! There's actually a word for it- hypernormalisation (check out the Guardian article on it if you're interested). With this rough year in mind and reflecting on things for Matariki, smarter people than I keep banging on about how now more than ever we need to take part in community. We've got a opportunity for that with this upcoming AGM, and there's extra incentive to come along as the next day you get a lie in with Matariki (if that moves the needle for you). Perhaps we can help with the grocery bill if everyone is up for a community garden (see next page), or maybe you'll find a new commuting buddy. I could help you out with a nice romantic gesture for that special someone with a themed word-find- come find me at the AGM, I'm always taking new suggestions (and yes, I do make the word-finds myself!)

Most importantly, in honour of Matariki this year, please be kind to yourself, keep warm, and tuck into a nice hot roast potato for me. *-Your Normandale Times editor, Victoria*



### Word of the Month:

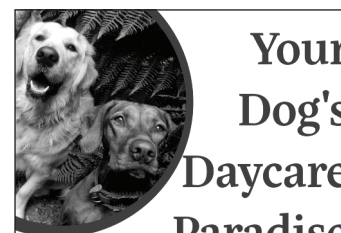
#### **Ebullient**

- A. mocking tone of voice
- B. full of energy
- C. smell of the earth
- D. type of electric arc

### Last month's word:

#### **Ambisinister**

- B. clumsy



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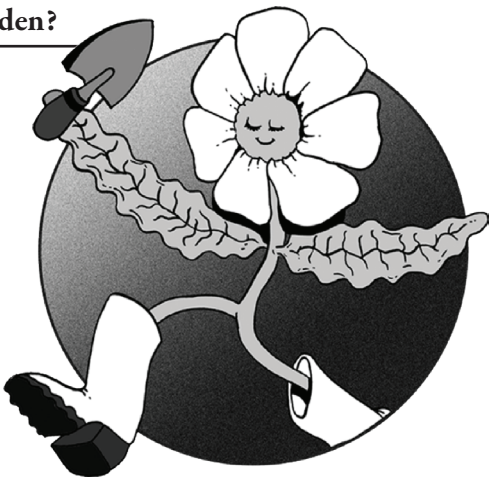
Should Normandale have a Community garden?

Community gardening involves a group of people sharing a piece of land to collectively plant, grow, and tend to food, flowers, or herbs. It fosters a sense of community, provides a space for people to connect and learn about gardening, and can offer fresh produce and healthy eating opportunities.

A community garden can be divided into individual plots that members use to grow their own vegetables, fruits, flowers, or herbs, or work and produce can be shared.



Every community garden is different. In New Zealand, community gardens range from small urban plots to larger suburban or rural spaces. Would you like to be part of a community garden group in Normandale? If so, head off to <https://tinyurl.com/nragarden> or use the QR code provided and let us know your thoughts.



Planning the revitalisation of Hutt City Centre

As your president, I was invited to attend a planning session run by the snappily titled ‘Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Track’ team at HCC. They are trialling a process to try and improve the level of citizen participation in the planning process.

My initial impressions were good, the participants did seem to come from a wider demographic than the white property owning middle class that usually turn up at these sessions. The approach used also emphasised participation and collaboration. I look forward to the next stage. -Pete Matcham, Normandale Residents’ Association president

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Marvels of Matariki

Find the names of some of things associated with New Zealand's indigenous new year.

- MATARIKI
- PLEIADES
- LUNAR
- TĀWHIRIMĀTEA
- URURANGI
- PŌHUTUKAWA
- WAITĀ
- WAITĪ
- HIWA
- WAIPUNĀ Ā RANGI
- TUPU Ā NUKU
- TUPU Ā RANGI
- ASTRONOMY
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# **Normandale Residents Association**

## **Presidents report 2024/5**

Your committee has had a productive year with two projects dominating.

Following from the concerns raised over Jubilee Park pond at last years AGM, we have spent some time trying to get to the bottom of who does what. Ivan has been assiduous in keeping an eye on what has, or has not, happened whilst I have been untangling the labyrinthine web of responsibility between HCC (asset owner), GW (regulatory body) and Wellington Water (consent applicant). I'm happy to report that whilst not completely restored, lorry loads of silt have now been removed and about half the pond is back to its original state.

The other major project has been the garden at the corner of Normandale and Miromiro Roads. Sandie has led a small but dedicated group, weeding, planting and general tidying up. There is now a good display of leptospermum, hebe and coprosma shrubs well mulched and bedded down for the winter months. The appreciative comments of passers by when we have been working are particularly pleasing.

Through the Normandale Times we have helped publicise local community initiatives such as a multi-generational project to help dogs and dog owners, and student cultural exchanges.

We continue to support the Normandale Santa Parade with donations of sweets. This years inorganic rubbish collection was blessed with good weather, although the amount of rubbish collected was a far cry from the days when we would fill four or five lorry loads; perhaps a sign of a welcome trend away from a throw away society.

Your committee made a submission on the HCC representation review, and I spoke in support to the Commission.

I also represented the NRA at meetings with HCC on improving community engagement, developing the city centre, and the long term vision for Lower Hutt / Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai.

My thanks to your committee for their support over the last year, and to you all for allowing me to serve as your president.

On behalf of the committee I would also like to thank Chrissy of CK & Co for their continuing support in printing the Normandale Times.

Pete Matcham

## Normandale Residents Association Year Ending 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Performance	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions and donations	1226.00	1,262.74
Inorganic Rubbish Collection fees	230.00	-
Advertising	960.00	1,130.00
Interest	611.48	274.34
Total Income	<b>3,027.48</b>	<b>2,667.08</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Inorganic Rubbish Collection	810.22	-
Christmas Parade sweets	247.08	195.30
Donation	110.00	100.00
Gifts for volunteers	161.00	87.89
Depreciation	840.00	840.00
Website	63.23	-
Community events/AGM/Stationary	73.29	244.25
Emergency water (Nikau Foundation Grant)	-	8.99
Total Expenses	<b>2,304.82</b>	<b>1,476.43</b>
Net Profit	<b>722.66</b>	<b>1,190.65</b>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025	2025	2024
Cheque Account, Westpac	-	279.79
Term Deposit, Kiwibank	10611.48	10,000.00
Transaction Account, Kiwibank	6305.97	5,075.00
Exercise equipment	840.74	1,680.74
Total Assets	17,758.19	17,035.53
Creditors	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>17758.19</b>	<b>17,035.53</b>
Opening Accumulated Funds	17035.53	15,844.88
Plus Net Profit/Less Loss	722.66	1,190.65
Closing Accumulated Funds	<b>17,758.19</b>	<b>17,035.53</b>

Sandra Matcham  
for Normandale Residents Association

Date: 28-May-25

I have reviewed the accounts and can't see any problems. You record all income and expenditure in the Minutes of your regular meetings, and that matches with what is in the accounts. The accounts also match with what is in your bank statements.

Merryn Hedley

Date: 28-May-25