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Local body election results

The final results for the Hutt City Council elections (as relevant to Normandale) are as follows. Also included are the elected representatives for the Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt General Constituency on Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the results of the two referendums.

Overall the voter turnout for Hutt City was 41.56% (33,038 votes, including special votes).

Amalgamation Poll

YES 17,429
NO 14,283

The majority of Hutt City electors voted in favour of the Amalgamation Poll – Hutt City Council. Poll results are non-binding and Hutt City Council will use the poll outcome as part of its future policy direction on amalgamation.

To note- Porirua residents also voted in favor of a proposed amalgamation between Hutt City Council, Porirua Council, and Wellington Council.



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Mayorality- Hutt City Council

<u>LABAN, Ken</u>	11,282
DYER, Brady (Independent)	9,068
MORGAN, Karen (Independent)	7,454
RAVI, Prabha (Independent)	4,807

Hutt City Council- At large

<u>DYER, Brady</u>	(Independent) 19,233
<u>RAVI, Prabha</u>	(Independent) 16,753
<u>STALLINGER, Tony</u>	(Independent) 15,653
<u>YUNG, Karen (Kaz)</u>	(Independent) 13,449
<u>TONGA-GRANT, Mele</u>	10,602

Western Ward- Hutt City Council

<u>PARKIN, Chris</u>	2,261
SCHNEIDER, Robbie (Independent)	1,935

Lower Hutt General Constituency- Greater Wellington Regional Council

Quentin Duthie (Green Party)
Gabriel Tupou (Independent)
Nigel Elder (ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates)

Māori Ward Poll

<u>I VOTE TO KEEP THE MĀORI WARD</u>	19,976
<u>I VOTE TO REMOVE THE MĀORI WARD</u>	11,688

The option to KEEP THE MĀORI WARD has received the most votes. Poll results are binding and will apply for Hutt City Council elections in 2028 and 2031.

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

St Aidan's garage sale



(Pictured above- residents browsing through items and catching up at the sale.)

The annual St Aidan's garage sale was well attended this year despite the weather, and showcased some strong community engagement. This year an additional room was opened up to sell children's toys. Usual items were on offer, including books, white elephant items, clothing, sweets and baking, as well as the ever popular plants from Fran's Plants. There were some hearty precooked Pacific Island meals also on offer.

Thanks to everyone who braved the rain and participated in the annual event.

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Electricity outages

Following on from three power outages in three days this month - about six hours over two outages on Tuesday 21st and another six hours on Thursday 23rd, we checked with the lines company, Wellington Electricity, to see if there was anything that we should be following up on your behalf. Not surprisingly the answer was that there was no structural problem, just the usual problems in high wind events: lines clashing and damage from falling trees and branches.

Because Normandale is an older suburb, all our lines are overhead so we are more vulnerable to these, and because we are on the edge of the city, there are more long ‘tails’ on our lines, and these tails tend to be the last to have power restored. For example, we are literally at the end of one line, and our power came back about two hours after the rest of Normandale. I’m sure there are other points in our local network that are in the same position.

What can be done about it? Well, the obvious answer would be to put the lines underground, but there is one little problem there, it would cost us all an awful lot in targeted line charges over many years, and I can’t see many people queuing up to pay. It would actually be cheaper for us to install back up batteries!

When a similar situation arose a couple of years ago we arranged for Wellington Electricity to give us a presentation on the problems and what could be done, and I would be happy to send a copy of this to anyone interested.

- Pete Matcham, Normandale Residents’ Association President

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Quiz

Word of the Month:

Lugubrious

A. Appearing superior
B. looking/sounding sad
C. Slow paced
D. Fancy way of speaking

Last month's word:

Fugacious

C. Disappearing quickly

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Wonders of Wordle

Some previous words used from the popular 5 letter word game, Wordle. You may have guessed them, but can you find them?

• TOXIC	• OFFAL
• GLASS	• AWFUL
• HELIX	• CONDO
• BRIBE	• APHID
• ABATE	• GORGE
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• MAIZE	• CRUST
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