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42nd Normandale Santa Parade

For more than 40 years Santa has paid a visit to Normandale on Christmas morning.

He'll be here again this year for visit number 42, spreading his special brand of joy to residents of all ages as he travels our suburb in his sleigh. The parade is a highlight on the local calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the auspices of the residents' association.

Santa's parade begins at 10am on the corner of Poto Road and Stratton Street. The route is Stratton Street, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Road, Poto Road, Pokohiwi Road, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Road, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Road, Poto Road to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Road and up Normandale Road where he will visit Pae Ariki Place and finish at Pekanga Road soon after 11am.

A car with a siren will herald Santa's approach.

Santa will deliver presents while his helpers throw sweets donated by the Normandale Residents' Association to those waiting near their mailboxes to greet him.

Do you want your presents hand delivered by Santa this year?

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary at 586 4180. Please have presents to her by a week before Christmas Day (which this year falls on a Thursday).

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Next NRA meeting:
19th February 2026
7:30pm at St Aidan's on
the Hill. All association
members welcome.

*Happy Holidays
Normandale!*



Normandale Residents' Association 2025 wrap up

As the year draws to a close, I thought I would join the tradition of reflecting on what our Association has achieved over the last year. Most things we are involved in, as is usual in community work, are either long term advocacy or tasks that never actually end. Most obvious of these is the garden at the junction with Miromiro Road where our plants are doing well, but the weeds grow even faster! This year though there were two projects we supported and have been completed, we purchased and installed a solar powered light for St Aidan's; and made a donation to support Normandale School's flying fox. (*Early work on the flying fox pictured below*).

We also continued the tradition of funding sweets for the Santa parade. Although we didn't have an inorganic rubbish collection this year, we promoted the recycling weekend.

In our advocacy role we had some success in reminding Wellington Water of the need to complete the dredging of the Jubilee Park pond, and HCC of potholes in roads and paths.

The highlight of the year however was probably the 'Meet the candidates' meeting with Mayoral, HCC Council and GW Council hopefuls all turning up to address a packed hall. We received several compliments from candidates on the way it was run, who also noted that it was the best attended of such meetings across the City.

Meri Kirihimete
- *Pete Matcham,*
Normandale Residents'
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John Dobson commemorative seat



Recently a commemorative seat (*pictured above*) has been installed on Miromiro Road, close to the entrance to St. Johns Way and the top of the ‘100 Steps’. The seat commemorates the life of John Warwick James Dobson, who passed away on 30th June 2025, aged 87.

Dobbie, as he was known to his friends, neighbours and acquaintances, lived most of his life in Normandale and was instrumental in developing St. Johns Way for residential housing. This included moving the position of the original house in the area. His passion for the development of St Johns Way spanned decades and continued well into old age.

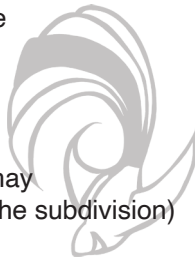
As a young man Dobbie was a plumbing apprentice, and these skills were gratefully appreciated by locals. His other passions included his family, travelling, entrepreneurship, and the Petone Rugby Club.

SEEKING YOUR HELP:

Volunteer deliverers of the Normandale Times along the following roads:

- Cottle Park Drive OR Stratton Street
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Word of the Month:

Felicitous

- A. a Roman senator
- B. deceptively mild
- C. well chosen
- D. to speak incorrectly

Last month's word:

Lugubrious

- B. looking/sounding sad

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TV in 2025

Find the names of some TV shows that debuted this year, or dominated the water cooler conversation.

- THE WHITE LOTUS
- THE LAST OF US
- HACKS • THE REHEARSAL
- CHIEF OF WAR • ANDOR
- THE PITT • SEVERANCE
- LANDMAN • THE PENGUIN
- ADOLESCENCE
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- PARADISE • WEDNESDAY
- ALIEN:EARTH • MOBLAND
- CHOIR GAMES
- NORTH OF NORTH
- HAPPINESS
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