



ENCOUNTERING TRAFFIC TROUBLE AROUND MELLING? PLAN AHEAD AND CHECK DETOURS

- There are road closures and detours aplenty at present as Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi prepares the surrounding area for the SH2 interchange upgrade and new Melling Bridge.
- Details of roads being closed from 1st March 2026 can be found here: teawakairangi.co.nz/our-projects/our-projects/localroadclosures-2026/
- Information on road changes is also available on the Te Awa Kairangi Facebook page: [Te Awa Kairangi | Delivering RiverLink](https://www.facebook.com/TeAwaKairangi-DeliveringRiverLink). Te Awa Kairangi note that the best way to stay up to date is by following the page, as that's where they post the most regular updates.
- You can also go to the Te Awa Kairangi website and get the latest traffic bulletin here: teawakairangi.co.nz/news-2



Pictured: Te Awa Kairangi project visualisation. Source: isthmus.co.nz/project/te-awa-kairangi/

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

Normandale Inorganic Collection 2026

Inorganic Collection Day and Recycling Weekend are proposed to be held in **May 2026** by the Normandale Residents' Association. Details to follow in the next issue of Normandale Times.

Storm damage resilience

Here are a few simple activities that Normandale residents can do to help increase their properties' storm damage resilience.

- 1) Clear debris away from the top of storm water grates and the gutters on the side of the road near your property. This will help prevent storm water damming up on the road and possibly flooding into your property.
- 2) Keep your house roof gutters clear of leaves and rubbish, especially where the down pipes connect to the guttering. This will prevent the roof's run-off water from overflowing the guttering and flooding your property.
- 3) If you have tall trees on your property close to overhead power lines, and branches are getting close to the conductors, get in contact with Wellington Electricity. They can advise you on an authorised arborist who will be able to safely trim them. Tall trees and branches close to overhead power lines can easily be blown onto the conductors causing them to clash together and subsequently cause power outages.

Quiz

Word of the Month:
Hornswoggle
 A. a type of sharp turn
 B. to trick or deceive
 C. old-fashioned ponytail
 D. a person with an irritating rebuttal

Last month's word:
Commensurate
 A. Proportional

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Response times to fires on the Western Hills

On 14th of last month there was a house fire on Stratton Street. Fortunately no-one was injured, but this has brought home the impact on us all of the loss of the Fire station on Marsden Street. The crews that should be based there have been re-located to Avalon station, which means that our closest station is now Seaview.

The NRA Committee consider the five years it has taken FENZ to do nothing to find a suitable replacement site poses an unacceptable risk to Normandale residents, and in particular those living in the semi rural parts of our suburb.

I have consequently written to the appropriate Minister, the Hon Brooke van Velden, expressing our concerns and asking her to inform us of the projected timeframe for a replacement station. I have also written to our local MP, the Hon Chris Bishop, asking him to pursue the matter with the Minister on our behalf. I will let you all know the responses when these are received.

- Pete Matcham, Normandale Residents' Association president

Is there a dog shaped hole in your life?

Love to have a dog but can't because of costs, worry about vet bills, or lack of mobility for long walks? Would you like to have the snuggles and licks without the full time responsibility? I'm looking for an older person to share a dog with. I'm a healthcare professional and would also love to have a dog but can't as my work commitments mean it would be alone during weekdays. If you are interested in becoming a dog grandparent (you get all the fun and give them back at the end of the day just like grandkids 😊)

I would love to hear from you! Julia (mobile 022 0 455 622)

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D-O-G-T-O-GO!

- Find the names of some dog breeds.
- BORDER COLLIE
 - CHOW CHOW • PUG
 - GERMAN SHEPHERD
 - BULLDOG • CORGI
 - CHIHUAHUA • BORZOI
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