

NORMANDALE TIMES

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Did you know less than 65% of 18-24 yr olds are currently enrolled in the Hutt South electorate? Help change that-

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NORMANDALE - MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Friday 23rd October • 7:30-9:30pm
• St Aidan's on the Hill**

The Normandale Residents' Association will be hosting a Meet the Candidates event for Hutt South candidates in the upcoming general election. More details to follow in next month's Normandale Times issue.

Next NRA meeting - 17th September 2026 7:30pm
at St Aidan's on the Hill. All welcome.

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Quiz

Word of the Month:
Highfalutin- someone who uses overly complex words just to sound smart.

Last month's word:
Kludge
B. makeshift solution



THE HILL HIVE MARKET

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SATURDAY 26 SEPT.
10AM — 2PM
St Aidans Church, 62 Poto Road

Could more Normandalians be using our excellent public transport system?

OPINION- “In response to the article in the last month’s Normandale Times on proposed changes to bus routes, I felt compelled to write in. During the period when Metlink proposes to reduce its service to Normandale, we currently have a bus running each way (to Queensgate or the Petone station) every half an hour. Traditionally taking the bus was a pain – would it arrive late, would it be full already, would it stop, would it run at all...?”

These issues are largely problems of the past. The Metlink app allows everyone to see when the bus is going to arrive at their stop (2 minutes late/ 1 minute early), how full it is and (most beneficially) where it is on the route – because the buses are live-tracked. I’m sure the school kids have been on to this for years because they time their arrival at the bus stop to precisely coincide with the arrival of the bus!

If more of us used this excellent service (which takes twelve minutes to get to Queensgate or fourteen minutes to get to the Petone station) we would be less likely to find we are reduced to an hourly service AND we would be reducing Normandale’s carbon dioxide footprint.

I suspect the service is well-patronised at peak times but remember that for many of us that are “up the hill” during the day, the buses are free. At the very least, TRY taking the bus for a change.”

- Damon Collin



Track upgrades

Paul O’Hagan from Valley Landscape had completed some track upgrade work (see above) for Hutt City Council. The following tracks have now been upgraded for walking and mountain biking: Arahiwi Grove and Oceanview Terrace (Normandale Rd to Tirohanga), and Panorama Grove/Draper’s Reserve/Fairy Walking Track (Normandale Rd to Harbour View).





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UPCOMING ELECTION

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- DEMOCRACY
- CONSTITUENTS
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