



## SANTA'S VISIT TO NORMANDALE



Normandale's Santa Parade celebrates the 31st time Santa has made a special daylight visit to the suburb on Christmas morning.

Santa delivers gifts by arrangement and there are sweets for everyone waiting at their gates to watch him ride by in his sleigh.

If any youngsters 5 years and older would like to ride on Santa's sleigh, phone Rosemary on 586 4180.

Details of the start time and route will be published next month.

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## Eight weeks to Christmas...

Santa's coming to Normandale in less than eight weeks' time and there are seats on his sleigh for the youngsters. Better be in quick though I don't think they will stay empty for long!

Also this month we acknowledge Sir Tay Wilson, a well respected resident of Normandale, who sadly passed away on Labour Weekend. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Tracy Bryant  
Editor

## Stories of Normandale...

If you have interesting stories of Normandale from the past you would like to share, please let us know at the email address below. We would love to share them.

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The next meeting of the NRA will be held at St Aidan's Church on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 7.30-9 pm. All association members welcome.

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## Sir Tay William



Sir Tay William  
IOC Member of New Zealand  
1988 - 2008

Messages from Princess Anne and the International Olympic Committee were among tributes at the funeral of one of Normandale's most respected residents, Sir Tay Wilson. Sir Tay Wilson died peacefully in Lower Hutt on October 26, aged 89.

Officiating at his memorial service on 30 October was Major David Bennett from the Salvation Army's Petone Corps, which Sir Tay attended in his later years. He said Sir Tay was held in great respect and esteem in many fields.

Daughter Helen Beamish said the loss of an eye at age 8 prevented her father playing rugby, so he turned to rowing and hockey in which he gained provincial status. He studied accountancy and worked in that field until 2008. His generosity to the community included providing accountancy services to many organisations. Her father believed in volunteering and later in life was bewildered by the honours he received. He was a man of character, honesty and integrity. The family mantra was "if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem".

Friend David Major, also representing Wellington South Rotary, the Prison Chaplaincy Service and Hospital Chaplaincy Service, said Sir Tay was a "true, blue Rotarian". He had served a term as Wellington South Rotary club president and received a Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary's highest honour.

Sir Tay became a board member of both the prison and hospital chaplaincy services where he gave his expertise, especially in financial management. Sir Tay served 18 years on the board of the IOC. Members were seated at meetings according to the year they joined the committee. Sir Tay and Princess Anne joined the same year and were seated next to each other for 18 years. Mr Major read an email from the Princess's staff that said she was saddened to learn of Sir Tay's death and described

him as a friend who was always true to Olympic ideals.

Fellow Freemason Robert Upton said Sir Tay had joined Freemasonry in 1954 and was "respected greatly". Sir Tay was not a public figure but received public recognition in an OBE in 1989 and as a distinguished companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2007. Two years later he became a knight commander when the government reintroduced knighthoods. Generally one New Zealander in a generation was honoured with IOC membership, he said. New Zealand had supported the United States-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics because the USSR had invaded Afghanistan. Sir Tay defied the New Zealand government and accompanied the four athletes (who competed as independents) and walked behind the flagbearer in the parade.

In 1984 he was assistant chef de mission to the Olympics in Los Angeles and able to support those unable to compete in 1980. He juggled running a business with serving many sporting bodies.

Mr Stanley read a message from IOC president Thomas Bach who described Sir Tay as a man who believed in the integrity of sport and spent his entire life protecting it.

Gerry Dwyer, chairman of New Zealand Rowing, described Sir Tay as an "icon in our sport for decades". The sport, which made him a life member, was greatly indebted to him.

Sir Tay is survived by his wife Joan (Lady Wilson), and their blended family of sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Mike Stanley, president of the New Zealand Olympic Committee, described Sir Tay as a "wonderful servant of our organisation" and a "towering figure" in all that he did. He gave a lifetime of service as an athlete, administrator and leader and the top badge of honour was becoming an IOC member.

Rosemary McLennan



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