

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 13 September - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 30 August - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

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Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

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Caring for Central Park

Friends of Central Park recently changed their name to Upstream – Friends of Central Park. Their aims are still the same – the planting, care and upkeep of Central Park. Working Bees are held on the last Sunday of the month from 10am to midday. Meet at the overhead bridge up the main path from the main gates on Brooklyn Road. Everybody welcome.

Here, a group of enthusiastic locals are doing their bit at July's working bee. Read more on page 13 of this month's Tattler.



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Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone,

By the time you read this Spring will be less than a month away. We are all looking forward to warmer weather and longer daylight hours, especially when Daylight Saving starts again.

We have a busy month coming up in September, including the production of our extended colour edition of the Brooklyn Tattler which is delivered to homes throughout Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston. This special issue is only produced twice yearly, and is a great way to promote your community group to local residents.

The lead up to Election Day is never far out of the news, and as in previous years, the Brooklyn Community Centre is the place where you can cast your vote on 20 September. The main hall will turn into a busy polling station which will be open to the public from 9am to 7pm. Prior to Election Day, advanced voting will be available in the RSA room at the Community Centre starting on 9 September to 13 September from 10am to 3pm, then on 15 & 16 September from 10am to 2pm. There will be a late night on 17 September from 2pm to 7pm, and final advance votes can be cast on 18 & 19 September from 10am to 4pm.

Our indoor community markets are held on the last Saturday of the month from 9:30am to 1pm inside the main hall. We aim to be one of the friendliest markets in town, with low stallholder fees at only \$10 for a standard sized trestle table.

The last couple of months have seen some new people join us which have added to the variety of items for sale. One of our new additions is Graeme Edwards who has a great stall for music lovers, selling a range of vinyl albums and CDs.

The Brooklyn Scouts barbecue on the deck is always busy often running out of sausages before 1pm. Our next market is on 30 August followed by our popular annual Kids Market on the last Saturday in September. More details on the Kids Market in next month's Tattler. You can view photos from our recent markets online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz by clicking on the Gallery tab. We also have a great selection of images uploaded from our July School Holiday Programme.

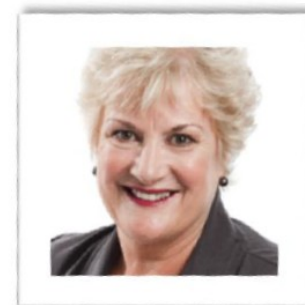
Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback so far on improving the Tattler. We appreciate your ideas like these suggestions from Tom who emailed us to say:

"Hi, I think it's great Brooklyn has a community newsletter. Publishing kids' poetry/art from local schools could interest them in local news. But would rather not see jokes, recipes, and items which aren't relevant to Brooklyn – they're easily available elsewhere, so better to stay specialized."

Thanks again Tom, and remember to email us your ideas to brooklynca@paradise.net.nz by 29 August.

Have a great month

Euan Harris
Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall



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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 29 August 2014

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.

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Brooklyn History

Late in 1969 Brooklyn went wet' (Liquor Licensing), however the locals plus the Council Town Planning branch couldn't see a pub there. The Brooklyn News team of 1970 declared there were simply no sites available in the hilly suburb. The core of Brooklyn, the shopping area of Cleveland Street had long been considered 'dead' and in need of rejuvenation. When the new shopping block had opened earlier in 1969, it really only highlighted the drabness of the rest of the shops.

The feeling of the locals was, that if you pulled down some of these you could make room for a tavern in the middle of Brooklyn to liven it up.

No, rules stated it would be within the minimum distance a hotel must be sited away from a church. Indeed, schools and churches blocked out any hope of building a pub within cooey of the 'core of Brooklyn'.

There was one possibility. If there was a subsequent vote for trust and a body showed interest in a tavern in Brooklyn, a community minded church could have waived its objection to a trust tavern. The rest of Brooklyn? What was there in the way of major sites with good parking near them (remember, 45 years ago drink driving wasn't anything like the problem it is nowadays). If houses were bought en mass to make way for a pub, the parking issues would still be a problem, as other businesses needed the spaces as well. Brooklyn's narrow, windy, hilly streets were just not suitable. And Kingston? Very doubtful because most of the sites went to houses. The developers probably regretted a missed golden opportunity to establish a private enterprise tavern themselves. However it

was unlikely the majority of Kingston residents were inclined to a pub that close to home. Most of them had young children growing up in the area sadly lacking in facilities and they were more interested in obtaining a community hall first.

What was left?

Kingston and Vogeltown drinkers weren't to be left out, as there was a proposal, either trust or private, to establish a tavern near Wakefield Park. Farnham and Britomart Streets could have become a weary way home. However the long and involved procedures with the Licensing Control Commission were to put a damper on this.

A short time after all this was aired to the Brooklyn people, one or two locals became suspicious of the whole licensing thing, and delved in to Council statutes deeper, and it was revealed, the whole of Brooklyn, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston, are in the "Wellington West District", not Wellington South, as even the Council and Licensing Commission believed. The Wellington West was a "no-licence" district. Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs remained dry until well after 1974. At the general election in 1970, Wellington West recorded a 59.5% wet vote, just short of the 60% required to make it a wet area.

The boundary line between Wellington West and Wellington South runs from Bell Road down to Finnemore Terrace, over to just below the start of Priscilla Crescent, down through the municipal golf links then over the hill to Happy Valley Road.

More next time

Chris

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

Friends of Central Park have adopted a new 'umbrella' name, 'Upstream', to better define our aims and activities. We chose 'Upstream' because much of our focus has to do with improving the Moturoa Stream environs but also because we're keen to encourage people to explore and enjoy Central Park in new ways.

Using a grant from Transpower, volunteers from Upstream – Friends of Central Park and Phil Bartley, builder, have transformed the boggy pond area by Moturoa Stream in Central Park. A new boardwalk and deck area give better access to the stream while raised ground levels and new drainage measures will, it is hoped, alleviate the drainage problem.

Two working bees on Sundays 10 and 31 August will be used to spread, topsoil, sand and compost ready for sowing the new lawn and planting a new feature area adjacent. Everyone is welcome to come to the working bees and be part of this transformation!

Following this project Upstream – Friends of Central Park is keen to focus on clearing the remaining tradescantia (wandering willy) from the stream banks and fallen timber in the stream itself to encourage native tree and fern seedlings to thrive. We have been encouraged by the number of seedlings winning the battle against tradescantia and will supplement these with further plantings.

Fern numbers at the park entrance opposite Washington Ave received a boost from an unusual source; one of our volunteers, Shona McCahan, spotted a number of hounds tongue ferns where the council was replacing a retaining wall on Karori Road. The council gave permission to take as many of the ferns as we wanted before they were destroyed. This has been very helpful in filling in the gaps amongst the shining spleenwort ferns we had planted in 2013.

Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at the overhead bridge up the main path from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

For more information, contact Barbara at behardy@clear.net.nz or 384 5249 or Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com



Break time at the working bee!

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Well - after two columns bemoaning winter, it finally has caught up with us. Last month I wrote that there were compensations for the cold, snow sports being one of them. I, to my regret, have never learnt to ski, but this week we had an opportunity to spend a couple of days in a ski lodge at Ruapehu, where I rediscovered how wonderful the mountain and its vegetation is. All those amazing little alpine plants, in varying shades of grey-green, green, and russet, clinging to the dark rocks, contrasting with the snow. And lower down the mountain, padded beech forest trails with magnificent lush mountain cabbage trees, a sight to behold. At present I have a sister overseas, posting photographs of her journey in Europe and Scotland on Facebook; and I think, none of it matches up, scenically, to where I have just been. The Scottish moor pictures in particular are instructive - I quote a web page on moors: "Left to its own devices, a moor would revert to forest". They are kept as moors only by the intervention of man, mainly for hunting. Which makes you appreciate just how lucky we are to live here, with unmodified forest that is as old as New Zealand is, and how much we should make an effort to preserve what we have. (Did you know

that heather was introduced to Tongariro to provide a habitat for grouse, so that, like the upper class English, we could go grouse hunting? Luckily the grouse did not eventuate, but the heather remains a problem.)

Last month I also wrote about goblins, leaving rubbish about etc. This month I have to report on the work of a very different sort of goblins, more like good fairies. Our monthly working bees, on the second Saturday of each month, are very busy and productive. But in between whiles, various people, including even family visitors to Wellington, have been working enthusiastically at the Bagel factory site. The result is almost park like! Well - you can definitely see the possibilities. So if you are down that way on your way to the tip, or the south coast, stop off, walk up the track a little, and admire the planting and rock walls.

Janet Campbell
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



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Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

We have an amazing line up of speakers for August and September. Drop in on Friday from 2 - 3pm. You may like to be a speaker yourself.

15 Aug: Rosemary Nourse from (Wellelder) "Keeping Spirits Up"

22 Aug: George Braithwaite "Molesworth Station"

29 Aug: Catching the tide (DVD) "Sam Hunts Cook Strait"

5th Sept Val Wilcox "Memories of Home"

12th Sept Nick Mouat "The Kaka Project"

A great line up of speakers, we really appreciate your time and entertaining stories.

I would like to say a big thank you to Maura and her team of drivers from Driving Miss Daisy, who take such good care of our members every Friday, bringing them to and from the Resource Centre safely.

We are still on the hunt for wool, if you have any that you no longer require, please bring it in to the Centre.

Our bulbs we planted in May have started to bloom, come and have a look at them, maybe spring is on the way.

Kirsty our podiatrist will be at the Centre on the 22nd of August. Please book in early as she is quite busy. Non members pay \$35.00 and members of the Resource Centre pay \$30.00.

I hope to see you at the Centre soon.

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 585 119 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am New class - 'Less is More' 11:45am to 12:30pm Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7.15pm to 8.30pm Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
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The Vogelhorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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Brooklyn Early Childcare Centre Celebrates Matariki!

Every year, the children at Brooklyn Early Childcare Centre at 96a Washington Avenue, Brooklyn take a trip to Te Papa to celebrate and learn about Matariki.

It's an exciting day for the children! We get our very own bus with our very own driver, and the children get to venture into the big wide world with their classmates and teachers!

This year, we arrived at Te Papa a bit early so we found a good spot to sit and wait. While waiting Stacey pulled out the ukulele and we sang our 'Hello how are you' song. The other people waiting watched us and listened to our lovely singing in all the different languages we know and love.

When we finished two lovely ladies named Kim and Janice welcomed us to Story Place. We took off our shoes and gathered on the pillows around the fire.

Each pillow had a native NZ bird which we looked after while Kim talked about our reason for being here...Matariki. She had heard us singing and was so impressed she asked us to help her sing the Tirama song.

Just as we started singing a funny noise started, it was the fire alarm saying we needed to evacuate the building. We stopped what we were doing, got into our groups and walked back downstairs and to wait outside Te Papa. We were all treated to a yummy biscuit for being so good during the evacuation.

When we arrived back into Story Place we all gathered on the mat. Kim then opened

the curtains for all of us to explore and learn about Matariki. First of all we each found a lovely home for the birds on our pillows and then some of us helped make a hangi. Some of us explored the planetarium as well as the art activities provided.

Eventually we had to say our goodbyes and headed back to the bus where Ray our driver was waiting.

It was a wonderful learning experience for all the children, both venturing out to Te Papa and responding to the unexpected interruption! But most importantly the children learned about Matariki, and none of it would have been possible without our wonderful parent helpers.

If you are interested in enrolling your child at Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre, please call us on (04) 389 5683, email us on brooklynecc@xtra.co.nz, visit our web site brooklynecc.org.nz or like our page at www.facebook.com/brooklynecc

Comments on the Tattler

There's still time to get your comments in to us about what you'd like to see in the new and improved Tattler

Please email us your ideas for consideration to: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz by **Friday 29 August 2014.**

Also, if you'd like to receive the Tattler by email each month, join our distribution list by emailing us at the above email address.

Brooklyn Residents Association Inc (BRAI)

No mistaking that it is winter with snow on the tops of the Taranaki's to the north and seaward Kaikoura mountain ranges to the south. And those cold winds. So wrap up warm and keep the cold at bay! Despite the weather, matters still move forward.

Firstly, we extend our appreciation for the thirty or so hardy souls who came, contributed and voted at our AGM last month. The current Executive was re-elected and we had an informative and wide ranging talk / discussion from Martin Payne of FOOS (from Friends of Owero Stream) about actions, impacts on our local environment, streams, tributaries and local wild environment – to the south west of Brooklyn and along Owero Stream. It was a very informative evening.

Secondly, we have been engaged with WCC and local residents and business owners around Jefferson Street/Cleveland Street over options about road safety, relating to the current bus stop outside Jo's Café on Cleveland Street. (there has been concern over bus "roll back"). Several options have been discussed and proposals made to WCC and refined with resident's consultation. This is a work in progress, but hopefully moving in a positive direction and near the end with moving the bus stop and some changes to parking.

The BRAI is involved with a number of other community groups, schools and businesses from Brooklyn, Mornington and the Kingston ridgeline in conjunction and partnership with the WCC. The group is known as the Kaka Project, and is looking at greater community planning, consultation and engagement. This has come about through various past discussions about community / village planning initiatives the WCC, BRAI and others have been pushing for some time. Please note this is not intended to be a closed group of experts but will be open to – and encourages – the public to participate. It is still at the early stages but will look to a much more public profile soon.

We also note the: completion of the earthquake strengthening of the Brooklyn library; the high speed telco / internet cabling has been mostly completed through the Brooklyn village and is now spreading through the residential streets; Meridian has publicly stated they intend to remove the current Brooklyn wind turbine (45m high) and replace it with another (77m high) that will produce 3900MW of power/annum. So, lots going on around Brooklyn and its surrounding areas; the WCC demolishing three properties damaged in the severe storm (June 2013) that caused a landslide in Priscilla Crescent, Kingston – and look to carry out further land retaining and stabilizing work to be completed there.

We are holding our next meeting on September the 18th at the Resource Centre, Jefferson Street, from 7pm and we invite you to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our new mailing list brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com, Facebook page www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington, and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington.

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Councillor Nicola Young

Getting things done and exercising common sense are both top priorities for me, in my role as city councillor.

I've been working with Paul Eagle (Southern ward) on a last-ditch campaign to save the Erskine College chapel in Island Bay, and we're making real progress on a solution that won't burden ratepayers. The chapel is red-stickered and should have been demolished already, as it's believed to be less than eight percent of the current building code. I was educated at Erskine, so know the buildings well. I reckon it's New Zealand's finest chapel: built around 1929, and designed by John Sydney Swan in the French Gothic style, with soaring ceilings and lots of white Carrara marble. The chapel has glorious acoustics, so would be a terrific venue for concerts; something that Wellington desperately needs, especially now the Town Hall and St Mary of the Angels are both closed due to seismic risk.

I'm opposed to a couple of recent ideas, seemingly designed to fix problems that don't exist. As a member of the 'Safer Speed Limits' sub-committee, I voted against reducing the CBD speeds to 30kph (the mean speed is only 31kph). Dangerous pedestrians, and jaywalkers, are the problem. There are far better ways to spend \$250,000 – such as planting trees along Taranaki Street, one of the city's widest and bleakest streets.

I've also spoken out against plans to start charging people for holding events in parks. Imagine if Brooklyn School had to pay to hold its annual picnic in Central Park...

Nicola Young
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Councillor Iona Pannett

It is great to see the Brooklyn Library reopened after earthquake strengthening and I hope you are all enjoying using it knowing it is just that bit safer.

Thanks to all of you who turned up to my caffeine clinic at the Penthouse Cinema recently, I enjoyed meeting with you and hope to make progress on some of the ideas that you have raised.

We continue to have discussions about the landfill and whether it should be extended or not. This is a very difficult decision. Expanding it will have significant environmental effects and risks sending the message that we can continue to create as much waste as we have previously done. Reducing our waste is a priority for me as a city and we are looking at a number of initiatives to reduce the amount of waste we produce. More information will follow.

As I write this, a Council sub-committee has just voted to introduce a 30 km speed limit through the CBD. It will now go for approval to two other committees. I have long advocated for lower speed limits so was pleased to support this move. We will see how this initiative progresses and I hope also to see further discussion about lowering speeds in communities that want them.

Iona Pannett
Phone: 384 3382 or 021 227 8509

School News

Term 3 is underway which means we are halfway through the school year already. The time seems to have flown by more than usual so far this year.

Brooklyn School welcomed teacher Jaimee Perrett to the Tui syndicate. She is teaching the Year One children in Room Two.

The Kiwi syndicate children have begun swimming lessons on Thursday mornings at the Aquatic Centre and the whole school is currently being urged to walk or ride scooters to school with the annual "Walk to School" initiative.

Over at St Bernard's they are using Te Kupu o te Wiki to help increase Maori vocabulary. It introduces 50 new Maori words to the nation over 50 weeks. The school has also been awarded a Heart Start certificate from the Heart Foundation following their participation in the Heart Start programme which is a curriculum linked programme partially funded by the Ministry of Health. It included a visit from a nutritionist and a supermarket tour where the

children learnt label reading.

The aim is to empower children to be able to make lifelong healthy choices. The school had a visit from "Harold" during the first week of the term as part of their Life Education learning. On Fridays the whole school will be going to ASB Sports Centre and learning skills in football and handball.

Ridgway School started the term with Room 10's production of 2025. The production, based on a future energy crisis, was written entirely by the students. Students also organized their own costumes, scenery, props and music. Capital Gymnastics is running the moveMprove programme with all the children in Rooms 1 to 6 this term. It is a fundamental movement skills programme developed by GymSports NZ and is delivered by qualified coaches. So, lots happening at our schools as usual. I will have another update next month.

Term 3 runs from 21 July to 26 September for all our schools.

Julie Seevens

BROOKLYN LIBRARY QUIZ!

1. In the 2013 Academy Award Winning film, *Gravity*, what are the names of the two actors that play the leading roles?
2. *The Goodies* is a hilarious British comedy that was first produced in which year?
3. Foreign Crime shows such as *The Killing* have become popular viewing for New Zealanders. Which country produced the new show *Crimes of Passion*?
4. Who plays the character Mr. Darcy in the 1995 television adaptation of Jane Austen's, *Pride and Prejudice*?
5. In the innovative film *Buried*, Ryan Reynolds is the only actor shown on camera. True or False?
6. *Downton Abbey* is long running popular TV series that is set over which decades?
7. Name two of three presenters of the hit show *Top Gear*.
8. Channing Tatum stars in the 2012 comedy *Magic Mike*. What is his profession in the film?
9. The hostage rescue plot of Ben Affleck's film *Argo* was based on a true story. True or False?
10. In the fantastic comedy series *Modern Family*, who plays the character Gloria Delgado-Pritchett?

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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

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Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet at 9:30am on Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

18 August - Boxhill, Khandallah Village, Kaiwharawhara, City (9:18am no.7 bus, 10:02am train)

25 August - Eastbourne to Days Bay (9:38am no.7 bus, 10:07am no. 83 bus at railway station.

1st Sept - Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Stellan Memorial, Northern Walkway, Grant Rd, City (9:18am no.7 bus, 9:40am no.23 bus at Willis & Grand Arcade.

Detailed Walking Group programmes, available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

Small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have 3 tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm
Scouts: 11-14 years, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan gavin@mcglashan.co.nz
phone: 939 3222

Brooklyn Garden Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. Come and hear interesting and informative guest speakers, share gardening tips and plant cuttings, and enjoy the company of our small friendly group. New members and new ideas are always welcome. For further details contact Barbara on 389 4307.

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For

further details. Ph. Caroline 971 8494

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6.00-7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7 to 9.5 years of age to join Brownies for fun, friendship and other activities. Ph. Margaret 389 3028 for details.

Brooklyn Pippins meet Monday evening during term time 6-7pm at the Reformed Church, end of Harrison St. Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30-8pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

Our working bee is the last Sunday of the month from 10am to noon. Meet at the picnic table next to the big bridge, 2 mins from the main gate. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea provided and contribute to the care of Central Park! No formal meeting in January. Contact Debbie for informal meeting times.

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 13 September at Brooklyn Library cnr Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details: 387 1487 daytime or 972 1495 evenings.

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

Brooklyn Food Group

The Brooklyn Food Group have a passion for local food and community. We run workshops, shared gardens and a community orchard.

Contact us to get involved or drop in to our regular working bee at the Brooklyn Orchard every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/

Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn!

It is the final month of winter (thank goodness); the weather has been miserable but it has provided the perfect excuse to stay inside and read and watch our favourite books, shows and movies.

The Brooklyn Library is here to enable these guilty pleasures. Obviously we have a great collection of reading material, but we also have a selection of audio visual material that needs to be taken advantage of.

To celebrate the fact that Winter is going I have prepared a **short quiz** regarding the TV shows and movies that we have at Brooklyn.

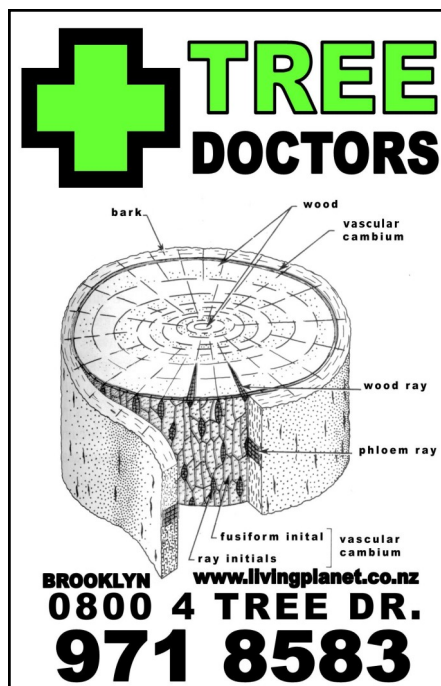
The first person to visit the Brooklyn Library and provide the answers for all ten questions shall be awarded an **Adults DVD Concession Card** worth \$40.

Test your trivia knowledge and rush in to the library to collect your coveted prize.

If you think you know the answers bring them into the Brooklyn Library.

Remember all of the movies and TV series included in the quiz are from the Brooklyn collection, so if you're missing a few answers you can always do some sneaky research at the library if you want to win the prize!

See you there,
Hannah Gorman



Feedback on the Tattler

There's still time to get your thoughts in to us about what you'd like to see in the new and improved Tattler

Please email us your ideas for consideration to:
brooklynca@paradise.net.nz by **Friday 29 August 2014.**

Kingston Comment

Philippa Boardman, a Kingston resident who picks up a copy of the Tattler each month from the Kingston Foodmarket on Quebec Street, emailed us to say:

"The Wellington City Council has recently made a number of improvements in Kingston that I feel are worthwhile mentioning in the Tattler.

They include a new spacious glass bus shelter, and the children's playarea is nearly finished after having a complete overhaul. It now consists of brand new and more interesting play equipment, within a well fenced and very sunny corner area of Quebec Street, near the two main shops.

The Council regularly maintains the pockets of nice gardens and tree areas in Kingston, which can become very windswept".

Remember, if you'd like to receive the Tattler by email each month, join our distribution list by emailing us at :
brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Community Market

Below: A photo from the Community Market held on the last Saturday of the month in the Brooklyn Community Centre hall from 9:30am to 1pm.

To book a stall phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 or email:
brooklynca@paradise.net.nz



Next market on Saturday 30 August.



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www.st-marks.school.nz



Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre is open for new enrolments

We provide high quality care for children aged 12 months (walking) until school age. We have a team of experienced, qualified teachers and maintain low child to teacher ratios.

Your child will **grow through play, learning with love** from teachers who care.

We're open 8.30am – 2.30pm, Mon-Fri at 96a Washington Ave. We'd love to meet you!

T (04) 389 5683 @ brooklynecc@xtra.co.nz www.brooklynecc.org.nz or facebook.com/brooklynecc

Brooklyn Kindy Fundraiser

Brooklyn Kindergarten is producing a Historical Calendar using local historical photographs depicting our community in its heyday.

We are asking local businesses to place advertisements in this calendar showing the support of our local Kindergarten.

We thank the 28 businesses who have already placed ads with us and invite another 40 or so to come on board. At the end of the day it is a generous donation and those kind people receive a great ad put into 600 calendars.

The proceeds this year will go towards a new sandpit permanent roof allowing children access in all weather.

As the local community based nonprofit Kindergarten that provides quality Early Childhood Education for 80 children we are always looking to engage with our local community.

To place an advertisement please contact us on 385 7313 or brooklyn@wn-kindergarten.org.nz.

Jackie Ford (Head Teacher)



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School Holiday Programme

Photos from the busy July School Holiday Programme at the Brooklyn Community Centre, enjoyed by up to 60 kids per day.

See more photos online at
www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz



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