

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Adam on 385 0089
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
NI HAO CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY	Fun friendly classes for young children to learn Mandarin Chinese Fridays 1:45pm to 2:30pm Email: liling@nihaocc.org.nz
BROOKLYN WALKERS	We meet outside the Brooklyn Library on Monday mornings. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054 for weekly walk details.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:45pm to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm. Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am and 10am NEW! Thursday Pilates and Dance class from 9am Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
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TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Susan on 801 6814 Email: susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm or Thursdays 5:00 to 5:45pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm or Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm (pad work with a partner) Strengthen & Tone: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm (gentle toning class) Call Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
CRAFT CONNECTIONS NEW!	Crafters Social Group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am - 1pm RSA room 20 August, 3 & 17 September. Enquiries to brockway@paradise.net.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9:30am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 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 29 August - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.

Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday

Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

Issue 268

August 2015

Before School Care A great start to your child's day

Brooklyn Community Association now runs Before School Care from 7:30 to 8:30am Monday to Friday. Experience the same great service you enjoy with our popular Afterschool Care and Holiday programmes led by Adam Hendry and his capable team. Rest assured that your child will be in a pleasant environment and safely dropped off to Brooklyn School after 8:30 each morning. For more details please contact Adam on 385 0089 or email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com



ABOVE: Adam Hendry, Julia Smith and the Before School Care children about to set off for another day at Brooklyn School.

The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly by the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn.

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Term 3 has started well for us with several new regular activities now under way at Vogelmorn Hall and Brooklyn Community Centre. The new Monday Kids Yoga and Friday Baby Sensory classes at Vogelmorn are running well with good numbers and we are looking forward to Aerobic Dance starting in September on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Details and contact numbers for all these activities can be found on the Vogelmorn Hall group listings page in this Tattler or contact me for more information.

The Vogelmorn Green next to the hall is currently being used on Wednesday afternoons by the Brooklyn Northern United Junior Football Club (BNUJFC) for 7 year old football practice. The Green can be hired in conjunction with the Vogelmorn Hall or separately.

At Brooklyn Community Centre Beth Beard is now running a Thursday morning Pilates and Dance class in addition to her weekly Monday and Friday sessions. On 6 August a Craft Connections group began meeting in the RSA room and will meet every fortnight on a Thursday from 10am to 1pm to share skills over morning tea. You are welcome to bring your work or just have a chat. Some wool and needles will be available for beginners. All enquiries to Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz

We have an active programme of planned maintenance and upgrades in place to make the Brooklyn Community Centre more

usable and pleasant for our many users. A total of 100 new chairs were recently delivered which as well as being comfortable to sit on are easy to lift and stack. We have managed to find a good home for our old stacking chairs which have been gratefully received by the Northland Community Centre.

Our committee is currently getting quotes to have the BCC exterior repainted in November, and as part of the exterior upgrade a design competition is currently running to select a winning entry to create murals for the outside plinths on the front of the Community Centre. There are some good prizes, so don't miss out. Full details available online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz by clicking on the *Design Competition* tab.

If you are keen on tennis be sure to attend the annual Vogelmorn Tennis Club Opening Day on Sunday 6 September (Father's Day). The Junior Session runs from 11am – 1pm followed by the Senior (16+) session from 1 – 5pm. New and current members most welcome. There will be a Thumps Sports racket technician and demos. Visit www.vogelmorntennisclub.com for more info.

We are looking forward to September when our next big Tattler in full colour will be produced and delivered to homes throughout Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston. This special issue is only produced twice a year, and is a great way to promote your community group or business to local residents. Keep a look out in the mailbox for your free copy from mid-September.

Have a great month

**Euan Harris - Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre &
Vogelmorn Hall. Phone: 384 6799**

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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 31 August 2015

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
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Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn!

I hope everyone is surviving through the brutal Brooklyn winter. Even in the coldest months the library is still offering events that are worthy of venturing out in to the cold. There are numerous regular public meetings hosted throughout the Wellington City Libraries; Brooklyn Library hosts the Local History Group as well as a Writer's Group.

The Local History Group meets monthly on a Saturday afternoon to discuss and research Brooklyn's history; the timetable for which can be found on the noticeboard at the entrance of the Brooklyn Library. The Writer's group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm to share short stories and informal book reviews of books they've read recently. Johnsonville Library also hosts a writer's session called Tea & Tales on the first Wednesday of every month at 2pm; where the public is able to come to share stories, poems, excerpts, and anecdotes.

If you are more interested in reading than writing there are multiple Book Clubs held at Wellington City Libraries. The Island Bay Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am at Island Bay Library. All are welcome and for more information pick up a copy of their Book Group notes from Island Bay Library to see what they're reading. The Kilbirnie Book Club is hosted at the Kilbirnie Library from 6pm - 7pm on the first Thursday evening of every month. The club discusses and debates the contrasts between the books they have read and new members are always welcome. Karori also hosts a Library Book Club whose members read different titles from a shared genre each month, they meet on the final Thursday of

every month from 7pm - 8pm. If you are interested in joining, ask for Maxine at the Karori Library.

Wellington City Libraries also hosts a Social English Group where anyone is welcome to come along to the free English conversation sessions. This group meets every Monday from 11am - 12pm to chat and improve English conversation skills. There is also a Social English Group that is held on Wednesday's at the Newtown Library that will reconvene when the Newtown Library re-opens in early September.

Finally, there are Law for Lunch Winter Series talks happening every Wednesday, from 12:30 - 1:30pm, at a number of our Libraries and Community Centers. This series is running from the 5th of August until the 2nd of September. Come along to hear professional legal advice and tips from experts who are highly regarded speakers in their field. Again, all are welcome and there is no need to RSVP.

If you would like more information on any of the groups and events please visit the Wellington City Libraries website and have a look on the Library Event Calendar, or you can always just ask a librarian. I hope I have intrigued some of you and would love to see you soon at the Brooklyn Library.

Hannah Gorman



Councillor Corner

Cycleways development

Cycleways remain a focus for Council. The Wellington Cycling Framework, which prioritises the construction of cycleways over the next 10 years, was released for consultation in May 2015.

I am on the working party which will oversee the creation of a master plan and recommend packages of cycleway projects for delivery in the next three years, and will be of benefit to all road users.

Projects in the pipeline include: Island Bay, Ngauranga to CBD, city centre package, and eastern package.

Various types of cycling infrastructure are being implemented across the city.

The Victoria Street upgrade has just been completed and features a bus bypass and a section of protected cycle lane. This part of the project is a Wellington first, positioning cycle traffic between the kerb and stationery carparks. We will be trialling this protected cycle lane between Vivian and Abel Smith Streets from August to December. It's a safer design for all, as it does not put cyclists directly adjacent to moving traffic.

Closer to home, we can look at improved cycling infrastructure from the city to Brooklyn. There's opportunity to improve the safety of the uphill section, Karo Drive and the Brooklyn shops.

At the end of July, we were excited to hear that Wellington City will receive \$9.5 million from Government's Urban Cycleway Programme (total \$100m fund). This is in addi-

tion to the \$23.1 million from NZTA for cycling infrastructure development, and reinforces the commitment of both central and local government to improve the experience of cyclists and all road users.

I'm interested in hearing from you if you have suggestions that you would like to have considered as part of the wider Wellington Cycling Framework discussion. I can also put you in touch with other like-minded people, so that you can work together to develop your ideas.

Nga mihi nui

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Wellington City Councillor
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Grant Robertson Wellington
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18 Harrison Street
In the RSA Room
Talk to Grant about constituency
matters in your area.

Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

Last month I raised the issue of how pure we wanted to be about restoration of our patch of bush, and mentioned re-vegetation and eco-sourcing concerns raised by keen botanist Chris Horne, who together with Barbara Mitcalfe, has been thinking about these issues for several years. I sent him some questions which he was kind enough to address.

One of the thrusts of his article was that natural re-vegetation by wind and birds was preferable to planting species willy-nilly where we fancied was suitable and as they were available. This would be a slower process, and one perhaps not so satisfying to volunteer workers, but would not override the naturally occurring pattern of plant distribution and genetic composition, with its associated fungi and micro-organisms.

With two caveats: that eco-sourced plants could be used to protect the edges of forest remnants, or to re-vegetate areas previously covered by blackberry or gorse etc. One of my questions was his objection to 'eco-sourced plants'; not coming from the same district - by definition, I thought anything eco-sourced **was** from the same area. His reply was that nurseries sometimes sold plants labelled eco-sourced, meaning they knew where they came from - which was not necessarily where they were going to be planted. Our plants should come from the Wellington (39.01) or Cook Strait (39.02) Ecological Districts as defined by DOC - that is, from Pauatahanui to the coast, taking in the Hutt catchment.

My other query was, that would not relying on what wind and birds spread about result in many plants of karo, karaka, puriri,

etc., that we do not consider indigenous to Wellington, raising their little heads, and did he think this was natural selection at work? The answer was a resounding NO! and that we must keep our eyes open for these invaders and remove them before they overtook the natural population.

So, there is the strictly purist point of view. Sadly, his list of plants not from the area includes akeake, of which we have planted many, and whau, of which we have been given seedlings. So - how uncompromising should we be? Next month, I hope to be able to quote a slightly different point of view - but in the meantime, perhaps we could at least remove seedling cherries and karo.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

A bouquet to Betty Davies



The Brooklyn Community Centre now has some bright new and repaired cushions.
Thank you Betty

Brooklyn Community Association AGM

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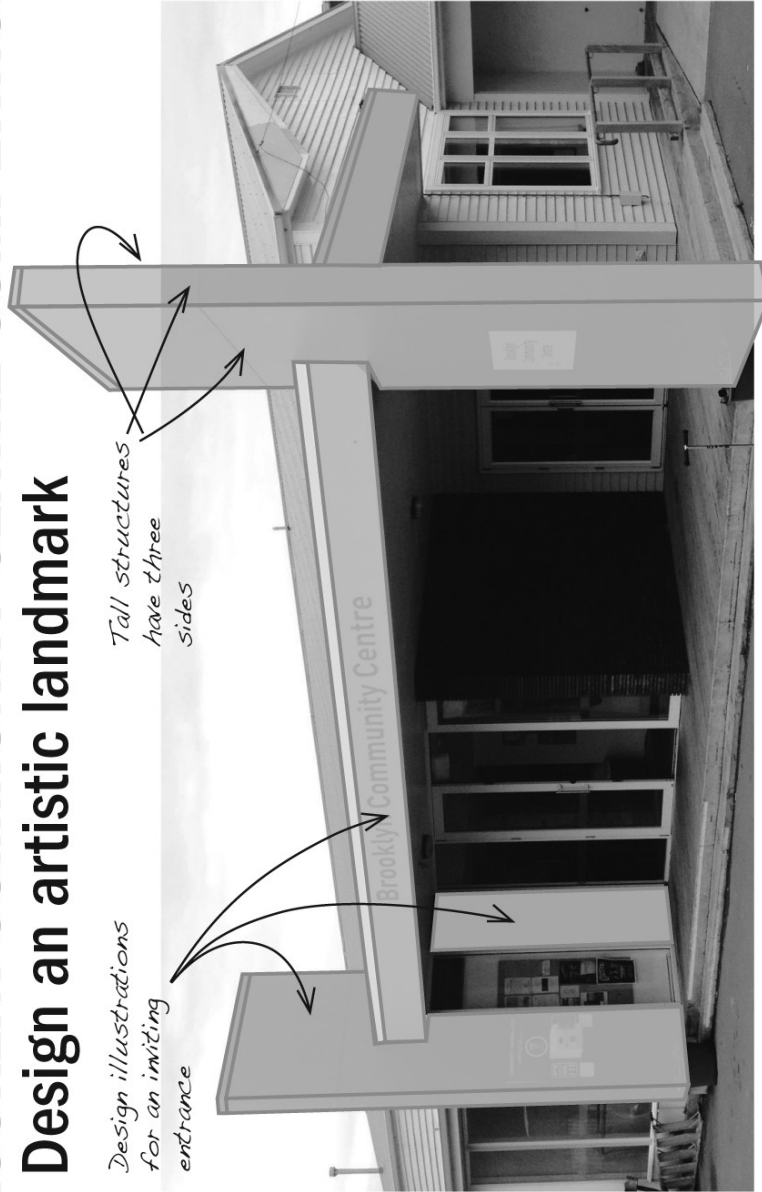
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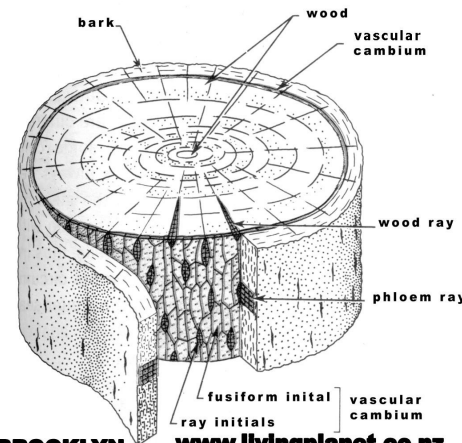
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UPSTREAM Friends of Central Park

A fellow tramper first saw this poem many years ago in the YHA at Dolgoch. Although it evokes Wales, the sentiments are universal and it is dedicated here to the children of Brooklyn School who helped plant over 200 hundred trees on the Bell Road Reserve in June, to the volunteers who planted trees at the Upstream – Friends of Central Park Working Bee in July and to the native birds we hope will make our trees their home.

We planted the trees today
in the sight of the crags
and in the shadow of the kite's wings.
It was an act of grace.
Not so graceful as the arc of the red bird's
flight,
but an act of grace and defiance
none the less.
Some small atom of dust to fling
in the eyes of the world's destroyers
with their bombs
and their pledge to kill.
It will solve no problems
for a starving world
serve no material benefits
but to those who come after it will show
that we had a belief that sustained us.
And so, today, we planted the trees
underneath the wheeling wings
with the breeze in our faces,
and in our minds
the thought of the shading leaves
and the generations to come.

Working Bees

Our next working bee is Sunday 30 August. We will be planting kahikatea in a nice damp gully and also weeding past plantings.

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month except December and January; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road. Everyone welcome!

For more information, contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz or 027 446 5837 or Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

History

It was 1908 when the Methodist cause arrived in Brooklyn. It arrived from Karori and the Rev James Clark walked from Karori to Brooklyn to take services. At that time the Methodist Church was part of the Wesley Church in Taranaki Street and some earlier members had been connected to the Central Mission.

The first Methodist Church services were held in June 1908 in Artie Fulford's Hall (this was where the Cleveland Street Flats are now, and up the steps – part of the hall in the shape of an outbuilding is still standing). The Sunday School commenced in August, started by Miss Eliza Doney and Mr Robert Lennie, with 8 children. It grew so fast, an organ was installed and played by Mr F Aston. He used to carry it each Sunday from his home in Todman Street (Portable organs are older than we think!). Canvas was placed over the dance floor, folding chairs brought out, and a portable pulpit put in place.

The church proper was later built almost opposite Fulford's Hall, adjacent to the present Fire Station, but set back from the road.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

Speaker line up for August and September

14th Aug Iuliano Tinielu
Fibromyalgia Arthritis

21st Aug Ben Keegan
(project manager)
My involvement on the
Te Papa Gallipoli scale
of our war exhibition.

28th Aug Penny Warren
The Sounds Well Singers
An introduction to
neurological choir

4th Sep Jenny Zhang
My working and travels
around the world

11th Sep Peggy Bahumas
Diabetes Wellington
and you

Rockabilly Babe started on 20 July with local mum Jim Stanton. Bring your children along for a morning of music and fun. Enquires to Jim 021 174 7703. The room we have for rental has just been freshly painted and carpeted, so if you are looking for space to hire, please contact me at the Resource Centre. We have had some great speakers this year. If you would like to be a speaker call Jenny on 384 4299.

Sally Carman is selling quality Evansdale cheese in Brooklyn for \$5 per 100grms in a variety of brie's and cheddars. Phone Sally on 971 1107. Come along to the Centre during the week to keep warm. We offer Mahjong on Mondays from 1-3pm. Our community lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays are a great way to meet new people and get out of the house for the day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Centre soon.

**Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator**

WHAT'S ON AT VOGELMORN HALL

Corner of Mornington Road & Vennell Street

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 Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am
The first class is free for beginners
Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com

TAMARIKI YOGA FOR KIDS - **NEW!** Classes for 8 - 12 yrs. Monday 3:45 - 4:45pm
Contact Janelle 977 4991 or 021 0229 2806 or tamarikiyoga@yahoo.co.nz

KARDIO POWER Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm
STRETCH & TONE CLASS Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm
Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049

AEROBIC DANCE - **NEW!** Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:15am to 10:15am
Free introductory class starts September. Contact Gill Clark on 021 100 4851

POSITIVELY ZUMBA Tuesday evenings 7:15pm to 8:30pm
Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

FIONA HAINES DANCE Wednesday afternoons & evenings 4:45 to 7:30pm
Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com

KIDS ART Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm
During school terms

BABY SENSORY CLASSES - **NEW!** Fridays from 9am to 1:30pm
Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com

WELLINGTON NAGINATA Women's Martial Arts Group - Fridays 5:30 to 7:30pm
Contact Alice at henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk

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Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm
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Contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

It commenced its first service in October 1909, and the vicar was Rev Thomas Fee. In 1913 Rev J H White (father of Temple White) was vicar, and he was the first resident Methodist Minister in Brooklyn, living in Jefferson Street.

A hall was later built, almost in one day, by a group of parishioners in October 1917 and a brick addition appeared in 1925. One of the church's stained glass windows was blown out during the "Wahine Storm" of 1968.

The Methodist Church owned other property in Cleveland Street, with the Brooklyn Methodist Trust buying the properties at 7-11 Cleveland Street in 1960, after selling their parsonage at 39 Washington Avenue. Another parsonage was built at 7 Cleveland Street, while No 11 was rented out. They also owned a cottage and a grocery at No 47 Cleveland Street.

When St Matthew's Church in Washington Avenue was rebuilt in 1970, it became a Combined Parishes Church, with the Methodists and Presbyterians forming a Union with the Anglicans. The Methodist congregation had dwindled in the latter years, then the church was found to be riddled with borer, the same way the old St Matthew's Church went, so the right decision was made. The church property was later bought by the Fire Service, who need to expand their premises for accommodation.

Chris Rabey

The black & white picture in the middle of this months Tattler is an aerial photograph of Brooklyn taken in 1947.

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Speaking in public is hard for any one! Many people who have to do so feel the nerves build, the stomach butterflies fluttering before that all important moment of conveying an idea to a group.

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School News

Term Three is now well underway and all our schools are busy as usual with lots of learning, lots of sports, and lots of fun! Students at Brooklyn and Ridgway Schools are also busy creating their annual calendar art which gets made into calendars, notebooks, cards and even mouse pads. There is always lots of stunning art to see and they make great gifts for Christmas.

On a sad note, the teachers, support staff, and children at Ridgway School had an extremely sad start to the term with the passing of much loved teacher, Ingrid Hyde. She will be sorely missed and remembered fondly.

Over at St Bernards students are busy rehearsing their end of term production, "Pirates versus Mermaids" and going to the ASB sports centre in Kilbirnie on Friday afternoons. They have also recently had a visit from Harold and the Life Education team after a short delay. A quiz night fundraiser is planned for later on in the term and this is currently in the early stages of planning so more details next month.

Brooklyn School have had a slight emphasis on movies so far this term with a fundraiser screening of "That Sugar Movie" which gave parents and older children alike a lot to think about regarding sugar consumption. The younger children in the Tui syndicate recently had a trip to see some animated films in the NZIFF Shorts for Schools film screenings.

Planning is now underway for the Brooklyn School Fair to be held on 22nd November.

Ridgway School has been donated over 200 native plants from the WCC and Wellington Zoo for regeneration of their bank. As I write this a working bee is planned to dig holes in preparation for the planting. Hopefully the weather plays nice!

Term Three finishes on Friday 25th September for all our schools.
More news next month.

Julie Seevens

Tattler layout person wanted

Nicci Tong who has done a great job laying out the Tattler, will be giving up this role due to her business growing. We are now after a new layout person for this monthly voluntary role. Please contact us on 384 6799 or email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

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Brooklyn Toastmasters Club Turbine Talkers

Club Open Night

25 August 2015

Arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm
start

*St Matthews Church,
96 Washington Ave,
Brooklyn*

*Call John 0297713171 or
Viv 0210573005*

GROUP ROUNDUP^{continued}

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 on the first and third Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

Brooklyn Mainly Music

In a warm welcoming environment, volunteers at local churches run 30 minute music and rhythm sessions that develop gross and fine motor skills, and allow caregivers and youngsters to have a great time interacting together. After the session, morning tea is provided which allows for friendly adult conversation and child play time in a supportive environment.

Mainly Music runs in two Brooklyn locations during school term time. Join us in the session that suits you best or attend both.

Wednesdays - starting 10:00am at Reformed Church, 34 Harrison St. Contact Rachel 022 407 9652
www.wellingtonreformed.co.nz

Fridays - starting 9:30am at St Matthew's Church lounge, 96 Washington Avenue. Contact Lynne 389 3424
www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz

Brooklyn Smallbore Rifle Club

If you are aged 14+ come and have a go! We have a special \$15 Introductory Package which includes personal guidance on firearm safety and range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition for two rounds of shooting (13 shots per round).

Training and casual shooting is on Sundays 4.30pm to 6.00pm from mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown, so give us a call or drop us an email and we'll sort things out for you (Dianne Grain, 0274 449 641, d.grain@extra.co.nz), or visit our website www.bsrc.org.nz.

Bell Road Gymnasium is available for regular or casual hire weekdays, evenings and weekends. Having a sprung floor it makes an ideal sports training facility. To check availability or for further information, contact Evan on 021 855 939.

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club for primary school kids (yr1-3)

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club is open to all primary school kids aged 5-8 (yr1-3) who want to play hockey. Just come along. Practice time is between 4-5pm on Fridays. During winter (term 2 and 3) we will mainly practice indoors at Bell Rd Gym in Brooklyn. These are the confirmed days at Bell Rd gym in 2015: 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 24, 31 July, 7, 14, 21, 28 August. Visit <http://www.playhockeynz.com/brooklyn-hockey.html> for more info.

Brooklyn Residents Association

Thank you to those who attended the Brooklyn Residents Association meeting on July 29 including Cr Nicola Young.

We heard from a resident who had concerns about the removal of bus stops at the corner of Brooklyn Road and Owhiro Road. Several residents have expressed that they would like WCC/GWRC to remediate the situation.

Please email us at:

brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com

If you have views either way on these two stops or others on Brooklyn Road.

We continue to address the alteration of the bus stop in Brooklyn Village that would allow for buses to stop safely behind the pedestrian crossing. Objections to that have been raised and WCC are dealing with the complainants.

We continue to collect information on the changes to aircraft flight patterns. The newer flight paths have adversely affected a substantial number of Brooklyn locals. We note this may be a national problem with the changes that the new GPS navigational system planes can use as planes can now fly lower. Other areas of Wellington are noting these noise issues. Comments should be forwarded to either Katie Underwood (kt@danzat.co.nz) or Carl Savage (carl.savage@paradise.net.nz).

We welcome your feedback and engagement on these issues or others
www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington
[Twitter@Brooklyn_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ)

Simon McLellan - Exec and Immediate Past President: Home 972 5102

Carl Savage - Secretary: Home: 934 9348 or 027 280 8934

Sam Donald - Treasurer - 021 0231 3939

Kaka Group Community Call

Following the meeting of the Residents Association (BRAI), the Kaka Group convened to hear an update from Jaime Dyhrberg of WCC.

Jaime reported that two steering groups were forming as a result of the seed funding from the WCC Long Term Planning process.

The Brooklyn Hub Steering Group includes representatives from Brooklyn School, Brooklyn Community Association, WCC and the Ministry of Education. They were on the verge of signing the terms of agreement and were due to meet in late July.

The other Steering Group, for the Vogelmorn Precinct, was likely a couple of weeks away from forming, and was expected to include representatives from Ridgway School, Vogelmorn Community Group, the Vogelmorn Tennis Club, WCC and possibly others.

The Kaka Group attendees saw these moves as a positive sign and supported the emerging processes so long as they maintained strong community engagement, in Kaka spirit. It is seen that the Kaka Group will operate as an open forum that would convene on a regular basis the same night as BRAI and that this would be an ideal forum for Steering Group representatives to update the community.

Other areas for the Kaka Group to focus on will be discussed at the September meeting, so if you have ideas or energy please come along, we'd love to see you.

web: www.kakaproject.org
email: info@kakaproject.org
www.facebook.com/kakaproject



GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting:
7pm on Sunday 13 September at
Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium.
For details phone Tania: 384 8968 or
0274 838 565

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet on Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

24 August - Seatoun, Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay to Lyall Bay. 9:57am No. 11 bus from Wallace St. Mount Cook.

31 August - Ashton Fitchett Drive, Polehill Walkway, Aro St, Inverloch, Buller St, Ghuznee St. Walkers start at 9:10am or you can take the 9:25am No.8 bus up to Ashton Fitchett.

7 Sept - Eastbourne to walkway then Days Bay. 9:38am No. 7 bus to catch 10:07am No. 83 bus at railway station.

14 Sept - Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Stellin Memorial Nth walkway, Grant Rd to City. Take 9:18am No 7 bus to catch 9:53am No 23 bus on Lambton Quay.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9:30am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

We are a small friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have three tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip on 934 7445 Email codwg@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Scouts

Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure plus. We 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, Tues 7.00-9.00pm.
Venturers 14-18 years, Thurs 7.-9.00pm
For more information contact Gillian Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz phone: 972 9904

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, Washington Avenue. For

details phone Deb on 027 444 9622 or email dlambie@live.com.
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

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: Martin 389 8995 or Janet 385 2077

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 12 September in the Brooklyn Library on the corner of Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 or 388 8088 AH

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions term time with some weekend camps and fun activities. Both programmes are structured to develop life skills and self discipline in a fun, friendly environment.

Penguin Programme (6-8 yr. olds) Meet at St Matthew's Church Lounge, Washington Ave, Mondays 3:30 - 4:45pm.

Youth Division (8-18 year olds) Meet at Brooklyn Community Centre Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm.

You are welcome to come and have a look at what we do anytime. It's helpful if you make contact with one of the leaders first, to ensure they are not away on a trip during the session that you want to come and have a look at. Leader contact is Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204. www.stjohn.org.nz

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