

# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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*This month's cover photo is of the Brooklyn Play Group in the Wellington Korean Church at 184 Ohiro Road.*

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## from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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### September Tattler

Next month the Brooklyn Tattler will be delivered to houses throughout Brooklyn, Kowhai Park, Panorama Heights, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston by the Brooklyn Scout Group, so check the home mailbox during the first weekend in September for your free copy. You will still be able to collect a Tattler from all the usual outlets, including the Brooklyn Library, and read the latest Tattler and back issues online at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz). We are always on the look-out for articles and photos to publish in the Tattler. If you know of something happening in the community that you think residents would be interested in or need to know about, or if you have taken any interesting photos of the greater Brooklyn area send them to us at the address on page 2.

### Heating

We recently had new gas heating installed in the lounge and RSA rooms here at the Community Centre, thanks to All Gas Services. Thanks also to Jarvis & Lowndes for installing a new socket for us so we could place the lounge heater in the best possible place. Both rooms now get toasty warm very quickly which is certainly what we need at this time of year! We are particularly pleased to be able to welcome children coming to Before School Care early in the morning to a cosy and warm environment before they head off to school for the day.



*Before School Care children enjoying the warm lounge with Childcare Manager Adam Hendry and Supervisor Olly Johnston*

### AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is set for 2pm on Sunday 16 September. We are still finalising details but we will have a guest speaker and tea and coffee – and cake! will be provided at the end of the formalities. Our AGM is a great chance for residents of the greater Brooklyn community to come along and find out more about what the Brooklyn Community Association does and who we are. It's also a great opportunity for you to suggest things you would like to see happening in your community so come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels are a valuable community service made possible thanks to a team of volunteers who deliver food Monday to Friday to seniors and the housebound throughout the wider Brooklyn area. Pickups are from here at the Community Centre in Harrison Street from approximately 11:30am – 12pm.

Sue, our local Meals on Wheels coordinator, is currently looking for people who can deliver

meals, especially on Mondays. If you can spare a couple of hours each week please contact Sue on 021 620 599 or phone us here at the Community Centre on 384 6799 or email us at [coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

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## from the COUNCILLOR

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One of the most challenging and rewarding aspects of my council portfolio work is the council-owned social housing operation, known as City Housing. I thought I'd take this opportunity to share some facts and dispel some myths.

Firstly, council actually has approximately 2,100 social housing units housing some 3,500 tenants. That makes WCC the largest landlord in Wellington and second largest in NZ. There is also a widespread belief that City Housing is ratepayer funded, it is not. Historic arrangements 'ring-fence' City Housing so no ratepayer money goes into the operation and no rent money comes out into general council funds.

Unlike other social housing providers, City Housing tenants are not eligible for Income Related Rent Subsidies from central government. This was a policy adopted by the previous government which philosophically did not want councils providing social housing. We are hoping the current government reverses this unjust situation asap!

Finally, another myth is that council is just waiting to sell off its social housing. We are not. In fact council is committed to growing City Housing and expanding services. I'm very proud of that fact, and the long-term commitment Wellington City Council has shown to social housing, despite the many challenges along the way. And yes, the future of the Harrison Street flats should be decided by the end of this year ...

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## EARLY 1900s DANCES

The custom in the 1920s was for ladies to have a programme card which was filled in with the signatures of dancing partners who 'booked' a particular dance. Dances back then were usually held in the various church halls in Brooklyn.

There was never any dearth of singers or instrumentalists. Musical instruments included accordion, concertina, flute, cornet, violin, xylophone, or even tapping partly filled bottles of water. All maidens were chaperoned by a parent, aunt, uncle, or some lady especially engaged for the task. The music was soft with piano, violin, or any of the above - no drums then - allowing dancers to converse. The illumination was kerosene lamps attached to hooks on the walls, although some halls did have electric light.

The men wore thin, dancing 'pumps', and were very well dressed, always wearing one glove to protect the back of their partner's evening frock from their perspiring work-stained hands. The wooden floor emitted clouds of dust, despite being swept frequently with oversized brooms. Well-polished wooden forms were placed around the walls for ladies and chaperones while the men stood in a cluster near the door or sat on backless stools. Supper was when the copper boiled, and the sandwiches and cakes, oozing fresh whipped cream, were arranged on the tables. The tea (no coffee then) was served in thick, white, china cups. Dances themselves were quite a variety - waltz, schottische, maxina, veleta, d'alberts, gay gordons, and lancers. It was really fun and everyone joined in, although the odd boy propped up the doorway, but

at least they were in the hall. All too soon it would be midnight and home time. Girls usually walked home with their families or sometimes boyfriends.

Fancy dress balls were a recurring feature. The early ones at the turn of the century were often called a Masquerade Ball. One dance in the 1920s was a Vice Versa Dance. A large crowd turned up, the majority of dancers, male and female, scrupulously observing one of the dance conditions - that they appeared garbed in the dress of the opposite sex. Some wonderful creations worn brightened the dance floor, and were responsible for much merriment. The men believed they should have been able to use the ladies toilet while the women should fend for themselves outside, but for them the vice versa didn't extend to that point.

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## OUT & ABOUT IN BROOKLYN

This month Evan Harris talks with Mel Beirne, co-founder of the organic Brooklyn Community Orchard

Mel Beirne always wanted to be a teacher; she thought that as a teacher she could inspire children and make a difference in the world. Currently she works part time at Brooklyn School in Learning Support for special needs and one day a week at Houghton Valley School. Wellington born and bred, Mel's preschool years were in Newtown close to the zoo. Then her family shifted to Kingston in the 1970s when it was a new housing development. Primary schooling was at nearby Ridgway School and secondary education was split between St Catherine's and Wellington East Girls.

To become a primary school teacher Mel studied for 3 years at Teachers College and then gained her first teaching job at Mount Cook School where she taught for 4 – 5 years, followed by Te Aro and Brooklyn. In 2014 Mel was involved in the successful 'Garden to Table' programme to introduce primary and intermediate school students to all aspects of gardening.

After the birth of her first children she became a full time mum for 8 years. During this time Mel was heavily involved with the Brooklyn Playcentre on Harrison Street taking on a variety of different roles including supporting other Playcentres throughout Wellington. In recognition of her work Mel was made a life member of Brooklyn Playcentre. As a young mother she was also part of the Brooklyn Plunket Committee for 4 years.

But it is her work in setting up the organic Brooklyn Orchard that she is equally well known for. As a member of the Brooklyn



Food Group, Mel partnered with Kelda Hains to establish a community orchard back in 2008 when a search for suitable sites began. Eventually the piece of land that runs from the top of Harrison Street to McKinley Crescent was chosen and after discussions with Council and the formation of a lease agreement, the first planting of trees began in August 2009. Prior to this, much hard work was carried out fundraising to pay for trees, steps, posts and compost.

Being keen gardeners Mel and Kelda already had enough knowledge to establish the orchard. Skills have been developed and passed on to others over the years with the hosting of workshops. People also learn through regular working bees. Mel says that anyone is welcome to come along; you don't need to be an avid gardener. The orchard is not just about providing food but engaging the community through workshops, annual events and working bees.

Mel is a ukulele player and was instrumental in establishing 'The Flukes', a local based ukulele group who meet weekly in people's homes to play. I ask Mel what she likes about living in Brooklyn and she enthusiastically lists off many things including the central location with bush on the backyard, being just 10 minutes to the beach and city, but especially the people, she loves the people who make up the community, they are friendly. Brooklyn has a good feel to it.



The Vogelmorn Foundation has commenced distributing funds to local organisations, including a kindergarten and two schools.

The objectives of The Vogelmorn Foundation are:

- a) To promote and assist causes and organisations within the Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown, and Kingston areas of Wellington in such manner as the trustees think fit for the good of the local community.
- b) To assist and encourage individuals in the said locations in education, training and advancement in such manner as the trustees think fit for the good of such individuals.

The Foundation will accept applications from organisations and individuals.

Organisations must be delivering or providing services or activities that are open to all. They may be educational, environmental, sporting, recreational, arts, music or social services.

Individuals may apply to seek support to further their education (tertiary scholarship), reach a goal or aspiration, or assist with medial needs.

To gain a better understanding of The Vogelmorn Foundation, its objectives and criteria please go to: [www.tvf.org.nz](http://www.tvf.org.nz)

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## FOOTBALL FIRSTS

It has been a year of firsts for the Brooklyn Northern United Junior Football Club (BNUJFC); the club entered two Grade 14 teams in the Capital Football competition, and also began an alliance with Wellington United Juniors in the premier league division of the competition. Many of the Grade 14 kids have been playing for BNUJFC since year one as five-year olds. We are grateful for their loyalty and the football that they have played under the BNUJFC banner and hope we can continue to field Grade 13 and 14 teams in the future. This season we have had 59 new players register, including 26 for First Kicks, so it's great to see new faces enjoying the game and we hope they will continue with the club over the coming years. As well as Mixed grades we also run Girls Only grades right through to Grade 14.

By forming an alliance with Wellington United Juniors we were able to have players play in teams best suited for the individual players and for the clubs as a whole, something that was not always

possible previously. Through hard work from both clubs we have been successful and we have been seeing some great results. It is important that while we have an alliance both clubs also retain their own identity. This is evident by the amount of BNUJFC club level teams playing each weekend. A review will be held at the end of the season for this new initiative and we welcome your feedback.

BNUJFC only functions with the support of the local community and without it would not exist. We have an incredibly hard working voluntary committee who put in a lot of effort for the club to continue to run effectively during the season. We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who give up their valuable time to coach and manage our football teams, and to all the families who come along to support their players on the day.

For more info about the club check out our website: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynunijfc>



*BNUJFC Grade 9 Club Team play alliance club Wellington United Juniors*

## TENNIS ANYONE?

Yes, believe it or not, spring is on its way! And the friendly Vogelmorn Tennis Club's 2018-19 season opening day is coming up on Sunday 2 September, with junior registration from 11 am to 1 pm, and senior tennis from 1 pm.

So note the date in your diaries and come along. Tennis is a great way to get fit, have fun and meet some new people. If you don't have a racquet, we can provide one (and top tips) free of charge.

One of the highlights from last season has been the thriving mid-week club days on Friday mornings from 9.30am, with a growing number of men and women taking part. Unconfirmed sources say the morning tea cakes have been instrumental in enticing attendance! Others say it is the optional fortnightly tennis aerobics for all abilities with club coach, Mark Parsonage. Or perhaps it is just the fun of hitting that little green ball with new friends! Whether you are a seasoned player or someone who has always wanted to learn to play, call Jan on 027-220 7819 and she'll explain how the mid-week sessions work. Mid-week

opening day will be on Friday 7 September from 9.30am, so pop along then or any Friday morning thereafter!

In another highlight from last season, one of our younger players, Oscar Hannan Horsley, got to share the Tennis Central award for 'Premier Rookie of the Year'. Oscar (16), a member of the club's top men's team, says the award came out of the blue and that he is stoked to have won it. Oscar has been working hard at his tennis over the last year, and has had some impressive wins. He says he is hoping to go to college in the United States on a tennis scholarship. This is something increasing numbers of talented young New Zealand tennis players are doing, with several former Vogelmorn players having secured tennis scholarships in recent years including Christy Robinson (18) who is soon to depart to the United States.

Lastly, keep an eye out for the free 'Love Tennis' event happening at Vogelmorn Tennis Club and across Wellington on the weekend of 8-9 September. This is another chance to give tennis a go and check out your local tennis club. For more information, go to [www.vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://www.vogelmorntennisclub.com)



*Midweek Seniors Session*

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**Monthly update on issues  
and projects impacting our  
community**

## NEXT MEETING

**7.30pm Tuesday 18 Sept, St Matthews Church, Washington Ave**  
**Come along, we'd love to have your input. Topics for discussion include:**

- 1) Todman/Cleveland/Ohiro intersection
- 2) Bus hub and buses

<b>Bus hub Cleveland / Harrison intersection</b>	Frustration that residents feel unheard by GWRC. Watching brief as the new changes bed in with encouragement to all parties to keep dialogue open to make it work for all.
<b>Ohiro / Cleveland / Todman intersection</b>	GBRAI meeting WCC and engineers early August to discuss modelling findings for barn-dance crossing where all traffic stops for pedestrians to cross in any direction including diagonal.
<b>Harrison St WCC Flats</b>	To be demolished as EQ prone, interim use of site for parking being investigated.
<b>Bell Rd reservoir replacement</b>	Meeting between Wellington Water and GBRAI to be held early August. EMAIL US your thoughts for remediation of current reservoir site.
<b>Truck movements through Brooklyn</b>	Request for meeting with WCC seeking update on proposed solutions to multiple safety and environmental concerns.
<b>Mobility Parks</b>	Awaiting relocation from Jefferson to Cleveland Street. WCC to notify.
<b>Vogelmorn Precinct</b>	WCC Long Term Plan confirmed for landscaping and entranceway improvements.
<b>Ohiro / Brooklyn Rd intersection</b>	Safety improvements – planning stage, suggestions sought as Council struggling to resolve this issue.
<b>NEXT MEETING: 7:30pm Tuesday 18 Sept, St Matthew's Church, Washington Ave.</b> <b>Come along to be heard or email us with your queries, concerns and ideas:</b> <b>brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com</b>	

## from the LIBRARY



Kia Ora and welcome to this edition of Library news.

I know for many it has been difficult to access the library due to the construction of the new bus hub outside but we are still open. If you can find a way in we would love to see you. However if it would be easier for you to pick up your reserves at a different library just let us know and we will send your books on. We are hoping that normality will return very soon and you will only have to negotiate the occasional bus, not a sea of orange cones, in order to enter the library.

Holidays are over and class visits start up again soon. Children cannot borrow a book without their library cards and I believe many of the



*Bus hub construction outside the Library*

teachers keep the books in the classroom to share. This mitigates the possibility of loss or overdue fines. So don't forget to find out which day is library day and make sure your child takes their card to school. Children, remember that you can do a book review of any book you read and enter it online on the kids' blog.

## Digging to the past.

Wanting to do some research into your ancestry and genealogy, or maybe have a look at some of Wellington City's past? We have a free public computer that gives you access to Ancestry.com, local history, and other resources. Information can be found on our home page > Books, movies & music > Popular topics and scrolling down to find genealogy, local history links, and many other interesting pages. Papers Past is a fun way to see how society functioned in days gone by and may provide some interesting snippets into your family's background.

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Heather and the team at Brooklyn Library



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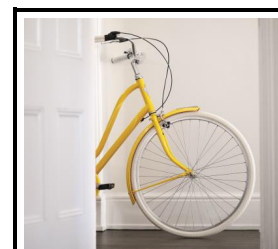
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<b>BROWNIES</b>	Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
<b>CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES</b>	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or <a href="mailto:childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz">childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz</a>
<b>CRAFT CONNECTIONS</b>	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am - 1pm. Contact Louise email: <a href="mailto:louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com">louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com</a>
<b>INDIAN COOKING</b>	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at <a href="mailto:anugupta@xtra.co.nz">anugupta@xtra.co.nz</a>
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<b>FELDENKRAIS</b>	Mondays 10 - 11am & 7 - 8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or <a href="mailto:temcwhinnie@gmail.com">temcwhinnie@gmail.com</a>
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<b>KOHA YOGA</b>	Tuesdays 9:15 - 10:30am with Ming Janssen. Ming's teaching is inspired by various yoga styles, mostly Kundalini and Vinyasa flow. Her classes are a combination of stretch and flowing movements with breath and strength development. For details contact: <a href="mailto:ming.janssen@gmail.com">ming.janssen@gmail.com</a>
<b>SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB</b>	Thursdays 4:45-7pm & Sundays 9:15-11:30am. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: <a href="mailto:brett@spirit.net.nz">brett@spirit.net.nz</a>
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<b>WELLINGTON NAGINATA</b>	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at <a href="mailto:alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz">alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz</a>
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We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Saturday 4 August; afternoon tea will follow our meeting. Thank you to all of our wonderful speakers; please let me know if you have a spare hour on a Wednesday afternoon to share a story. Come along to our Wednesday Circle. St Matthew's is such a warm place to be on these wintery days.

#### WEDNESDAY CIRCLE PROGRAMME

10:30 am	Morning Tea
Noon	Lunch
1 pm	Arthritic Exercise
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Speaker
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea

#### SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

**1 August – SALLY CARMAN**

Being in Amsterdam

**8 August – WEDNESDAY CIRCLE TALK**

Following our AGM

**15 August – ROAD TRIP & LUNCH**

Talk to Jenny for details

**22 August – SILLY THINGS WE HAVE DONE**

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The Green Café, situated upstairs at the Vogelhorn Bowling Club, was opened in June by two mums from Wellington after a break from hospitality to raise their children. Sacha has a background as a chef and Brie has a background in hospitality and exceptional coffee making. They were excited to open

a café that is family friendly and comfortable, with a community feel.

The Green Café is a place where parents can relax and the kids can play, either in the indoor area or outside on the amazing green which is equipped with a trampoline, balls, and bikes for all to use.

We think this quote from one of our customers sums us up nicely: "Being at The Green, it doesn't feel like a normal café; it's kind of like hanging out with friends old and new. Everyone seems connected in some way."

The Green has become famous for their cheese scones as well as other baked goods and weekly specials.

The Green is open Thursday to Saturday 8am – 4pm throughout winter, with the intention of adding an extra day in spring.



*Relaxing times at The Green Café*





## Meet our FRIEND

### Do you need a Friend in your life?

This outgoing tabby boy is highly intelligent and needs lots of attention. He's a real people cat, and will even let kids carry him around. Friend's original owners planned to put him to sleep because they had to move, but some neighbourhood children were horrified and adopted him instead. His new family took him with them to Wellington but by that stage he wasn't getting along with the dog, and moving next door to Zealandia was not

a good idea for an accomplished hunter! So he was sadly brought to the CPW shelter where he eventually found a home with some live-in carers. He had lots of company, which he liked, but unluckily they suddenly had to leave town.

So Friend is back with us, and it's fair to say he's not so happy about it. He loves being with people, but he just doesn't like sharing us with other cats. Five homes in a couple of years is stressful for anyone, and we really want to find a loving, stable family home for him. At 11 years, he still has many years of love to give.

Come in and meet your new Friend! CPW is open to visitors at 29 Vancouver Street in Kingston from 12pm to 4pm every Saturday and Sunday.

Ph: 04 389 9668.

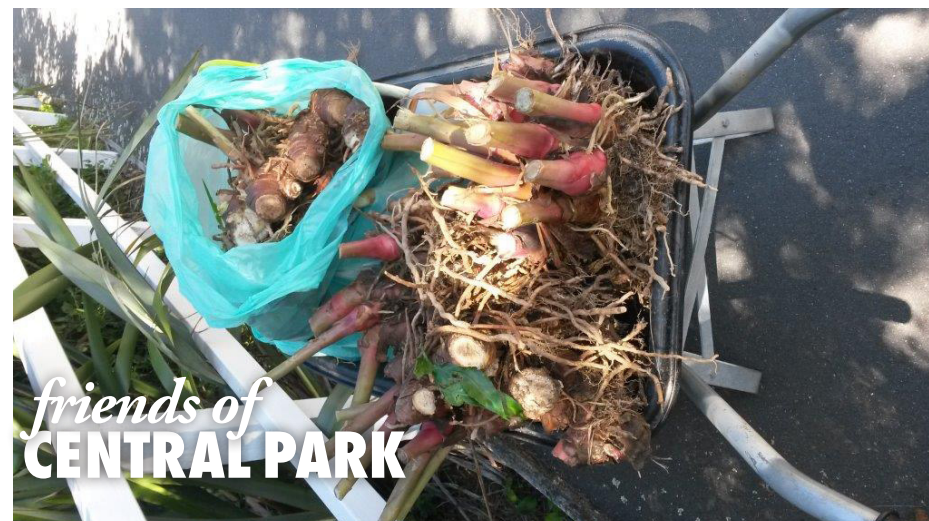
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## friends of CENTRAL PARK

### Next Working Bee is Sunday 26 August

Last week was Biosecurity Week. The focus, promoted by the New Zealand Biosecurity Institute, was on innovation in controlling invasive weeds and predators. There's lots happening out there in research, invention and development, with groups such as Zero Invasive Predators (<http://zip.org.nz/>) continuously inventing and refining new forms of predator control that make the Predator-Free NZ target of 2050 seem within reach – if there's enough public and political support. There's even new tricks for old dogs! Always good at sniffing out furry pests, dogs are now being trained to sniff out particular weeds (though they are quite obvious in my garden!)

Central Park is a reluctant host to some pesky weeds, such as wild ginger, montbretia, Mexican daisy and blackberry. One Upstream member has undertaken to cut out any blackberry found in the park and poison the stems to prevent re-growth. We have also had some success with composting tradescantia by compressing large heaps of it under black polythene (you may have seen our prehistoric looking burial mounds) and letting it rot for a

year or more. Other than this we are relying on the time honoured method of hand weeding.

In particular we've noticed Old Man's Beard and climbing asparagus seedlings appearing in the park. Both are very invasive and hard to control once established. Old Man's Beard seed is wind-borne, whereas climbing asparagus is spread by birds that eat the berries – and whilst we are keen to encourage the birds and provide food for them, this is not what we had in mind! You can help reduce the risk of spread into the park by removing any pest plants from your own garden or road berms – especially those that spread by wind or birds. Meanwhile, of course, our intrepid pest busters (see July Tattler) continue their regular trapping rounds.

Upstream meets from 10.00am – 12.00pm on the last Sunday of every month; join us in Central Park at The Jetty – enter the park through the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

For more information, contact Lynne on 027 6311160 or at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz)



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40 Taft St, Brooklyn



Wellington's longest serving play group meets twice weekly here in Brooklyn at the Korean Church building at 184 Ohiro Road, opposite Vivo Hair by the traffic lights.

The Brooklyn Play Group is a friendly group of pre-schooler parents that would love more people to join them. On the day I visited it was freezing cold outside but warm and welcoming inside with the heat pumps turned on. Pre-schoolers are well catered for with two big indoor play areas and loads of fun toys. There is a baby change table facility, tea and coffee for the adults,

and when the summer weather arrives a great outside play area is available.

For more details contact Sasha Rose on 021 0294 9425, email: [sasharosenz@gmail.com](mailto:sasharosenz@gmail.com) or just turn up on the day. It's a great local play group well worth supporting.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Brooklyn-Playgroup-291725314189284/>

Brooklyn Playgroup meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30am – 11:30am during school terms.

Euan Harris, Coordinator,  
Brooklyn Community Centre



*Wellington's new double decker buses have made their way to Brooklyn*





Brooklyn Primary School's building project has reached another milestone. Tenders for the project closed on the 20th of June and are now being evaluated by the Ministry of Education and project team. The School Board has yet to see details of the tender but it is an exciting step forward. The final details will be shared with the community.

Brooklyn School is also working on the detailed professional development

programme for staff to assist with the transition to the new Innovative Learning Environments. The Board has seen that one of the keys to successfully implementing Innovative Learning Environments is making sure the staff, children, and families have the information and resources they need to adapt to the changed approach to learning.

Construction is expected to start later this year.

## STARTING SCHOOL STRESS BUSTERS

When children start school they bring all the things they learnt at home with them. Keep up the things you did with your child before they started school, like bedtime reading.

The best thing you can do to support your child's learning is to take it a step at a time, and remember that how your child reacts to starting school will depend on their personality, their background and how prepared they are for this next big step in their lives.

Here are some things you can do to help your child adjust to school:

- make sure your child knows who will take them and pick them up on the first day
- lay out your child's clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before
- help your child pack their school bag

- place spare clothes in a plastic bag and let your child know
- put sunscreen on your child in the morning if needed
- show your child where you will meet them
- ensure they have a healthy breakfast – this is important for energy to get through the day
- make time to chat to your child about what they did that day
- develop a bedtime routine – children aged five need around 10 to 11 hours' sleep a night
- Try not to put too many expectations on yourself or your child; if they are happy and enjoying school, that's a real achievement.
- Get your child to school on time.

You know your child best. If you have any questions about how they are settling in at school, contact your child's teacher so you can talk things through together.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal,  
St Bernard's Primary School, Brooklyn



"We could have a competition!" A cry from my grandchildren, inspired by anything from how fast you can run around the section being timed with your new stopwatch, to how many cards you can stack without your house falling over. Well, FOOS working bees now have a cake baking competition - who will win, under 18s or over 50s?

A week or two ago I attended a talk by Denise Church from the Zealandia trust board, which rather than talking about restoration within the Sanctuary, focussed on the effect restoration was having on the wider community. We all know about those noisy Tui, and pesky Kaka, but we all agree (I think!) on the importance of the restoration of flora and fauna for the health of our native species, streams, and ultimately, oceans. Research lately though has been on the social effects; talks at greater Wellington's Restoration Day all emphasised the need to involve people, and the benefits to individuals and communities that stem from this. It seems that Wellington and Zealandia's fame has come to worldwide notice, being termed "an ecological triumph" in the National Geographic (Jan 2018). There are other

eco sanctuaries, many of whom have borrowed the Zealandia developed vermin proof fence, but none that are literally in the middle of a city, which is what makes Zealandia unique.

The effect of this proximity seems to have been to help the whole population of Wellington have a better appreciation of the environment and eco systems, (look at the success of the many predator free groups) but also to have an acceptance that nature has a place in the city and in our lives, however much of a nuisance those Kaka are. And aren't we proud to point them out to visitors to our city?

Janet Campbell  
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



**Next Month - September issue  
is the final home delivered  
issue for the year.**

**We are always on the lookout  
for contributions so send in  
any photos, articles or news  
to us by 5pm 23 August.**

**AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR**

**CHESS** Wednesdays 3.30-5pm @ St Bernard's School, Taft St. Does your child love chess? New junior chess group now running. All abilities welcome, ages 8-12. Try your first session free – \$60 per term. Contact Ivan Moss – ivancmoss@gmail.com or 021 417 025

**BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

**Pippins**  
Nicola Burdon 971 1265  
**Brownies**  
Margaret 389 3028  
**Brooklyn Guides**  
Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

**BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP**

Local food and community. Working Bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm, at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

**BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB**

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October at Brooklyn Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

**BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS**

Years 1-4 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club

astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

**BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Next meeting 2pm Sat 18 August at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome. Chris Rabey 3849293 ships.pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

**BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC**

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided.

**Wellington Reformed Church**

34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652

**St Matthews'****Co-operating Parish**

96 Washington Ave.

Lynne 027 248 9349

**BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Email inquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit us at [www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynnujfc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynnujfc)

**BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP**

Fun group for parents & caregivers with preschool children. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during the school term at the Korean Church - 184 Ohiro Road. Turn up on the day.

**BROOKLYN SCOUTS**

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure. Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs, Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Contact Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

**BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB**

Ages 14+ Sundays 6.30pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz [www.bsrg.org.nz](http://www.bsrg.org.nz)

**BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS**

9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 934 7445.

**BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY**

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. [brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com) [brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz](http://brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz)

**BROOKLYN WALKERS**

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

**13 August** Waikanae Beach to Waikanae via river walkway 8.40 No 7 bus, 9.14 train, 10.18 bus

to Waikanae Beach

**20 August** Strathmore Heights/Ataturk Memorial. Walk to Adelaide Road Catch 10.04 No 43 bus to Strathmore Heights. Get off at end of Kekerenga St. (at entrance to Forts and Pa site). Walk to Ataturk Memorial, down to coast and airport

**27 August** Johnsonville, Newlands, Blackrock Rd, Wakely Gully, Ngauranga 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train

**BROOKLYN CRICKET** Junior registrations at Tanera Bowling Club, Brooklyn, on Saturday 8 September from 10am to 12pm or at [www.bjcc.co.nz](http://www.bjcc.co.nz). Senior registrations to daryl.giles1@gmail.com. Season starts in October.

**FRIENDS OF OWHIRO**

**STREAM** Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: [owhirostream@gmail.com](mailto:owhirostream@gmail.com)

**LIONS CLUB** Help build your community and make new friends along the way. Vicki 022 033 0031

**PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN**

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email [predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com)

**RATA PLAYGROUP** Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Morning sessions available at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Visit [montessori.school.nz/playgroup](http://montessori.school.nz/playgroup) or email [rata@montessori.school.nz](mailto:rata@montessori.school.nz)

**SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC)** Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Cres. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or [wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz](mailto:wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz)

**ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION**

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204 [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)

**TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Caroline 027 229 3623, Christian 021 651 892 [turbine@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:turbine@toastmasters.org.nz) <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

**UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK**

Working bees on the last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at the Jetty, a few hundred metres

along the main path. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

**VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP**

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelhorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit [vogelmorn.nz](http://vogelmorn.nz) or email [vogelmornbc@gmail.com](mailto:vogelmornbc@gmail.com).

**VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB**

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. [vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://vogelmorntennisclub.com) call in, or email [secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com](mailto:secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com)

**WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB**

Based at the Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Park off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicki Lamb, Head Coach on 970 7496 evenings Email: [president@fencingcentral.org.nz](mailto:president@fencingcentral.org.nz)

**EVERY GIRLS' & BOYS' RALLY**

Thursdays during school terms from 7pm-8:30pm at Ridgeway Christian Youth Centre, 117 The Ridgeway, Mornington for ages 8 - 12. Contact Evan Tyler 027 274 2631 or [evanandrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:evanandrebecca@gmail.com)



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