

## 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 Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: <a href="mailto:brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com">brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com</a>
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	Starts 6 January. Details at <a href="http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz">www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz</a>
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month Phone Liz for details on 939 0131
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 2:45pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30 to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am – Friday classes at 9am and 10am. Contact Beth via email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the lounge in the lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: <a href="mailto:info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz">info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz</a>
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:holly.cane@porse.co.nz">holly.cane@porse.co.nz</a>
REMBUDEN KARATE	<b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm <b>Seniors:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm <b>Evening Kardio Karate:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm <b>Karate Stretch:</b> Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 4 January 2014 - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens for adoption.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6pm to 8:30pm. Phone Michael on 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings 9am to Midday. Wednesdays 8:15 pm onwards Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: <a href="mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz">codwg@paradise.net.nz</a>
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm. First class free. \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes Thursday classes resume on 23 January 2014 New afternoon class Fridays at 1pm starting 7 February 2014 Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: <a href="mailto:ferne.david@xtra.co.nz">ferne.david@xtra.co.nz</a>
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 22 February 2014 - 9.30am to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Ph. 384 6799

**Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.**  
Office hours - 8:30am - 1:30pm Monday to Friday  
Phone 384-6799. Email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

# Brooklyn Tattler



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## Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

We are looking forward to the upgrade of the main hall floor surface at the Brooklyn Community Centre, which takes place from 16 December. A week will be spent by ACE Flooring to sand down the wooden surface and then apply four coats of polyurethane to restore the floor back to its original finish. We chose this time of the year to carry out the work, as most of our regular groups have stopped for 2013, and also because our school holiday programme starts on 6 January, and will need the hall for their busy month of activities. Full details of our summer holiday programme is now online at: [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz) under the What's On section.

A new 25,000 litre emergency water storage tank is soon to be located in the playground next to the Brooklyn Community Centre. The installation of the water tank is a joint project between Capacity Infrastructure Services and Wellington City Council. The colour chosen for our water tank is Mist Green. Approximately 40 tanks are being installed at nearby community facilities in suburbs throughout Wellington, to provide water supplies in an emergency situation.

Work has begun on the vacant section at 11 Vennell Street, next to Vogelhorn Hall, where Primesite Homes are building four new dwellings on behalf of the Wellington Housing Trust, who bought the land from Wellington City Council. The construction of the homes is expected to take 10 months. You can find out more details on the Wellington Housing Trust at [www.wht.org.nz](http://www.wht.org.nz)

All of our regular groups at Brooklyn and Vogelhorn will break for the Christmas and New Year period. The main office at the Brooklyn Community Centre will close from Saturday 21 December and reopen after Anniversary weekend on Tuesday 21 January. The Afterschool Care Office will also close on 21 December, but open earlier on Monday 6 January for the first day of their Summer School Holiday Programme.

The Wellington SPCA is starting early next year with their first Adopt a Pet day on Saturday 4 January in the Brooklyn Community Centre lounge from 12noon to 3pm. Sadly Christmas and New Year is a time when many pets get forgotten, so come and support the SPCA hard working volunteers on 4 January who always have a great selection of cats and kittens looking for new homes.

On behalf of all the staff, including myself, Adam Hendry, Julie Seevens and Phillip Bolton, plus our Brooklyn Community Association President Scott Tingey and committee members, Perry Aspros, Philip Duncan, Kay Miller, Dinesh Gupta, Fiona Shearer, Jeremy Chang, and life members Gwen Devereux and Min Janssen, we wish you an enjoyable Christmas, safe holidays and all the best for 2014.

Euan Harris  
Co-ordinator



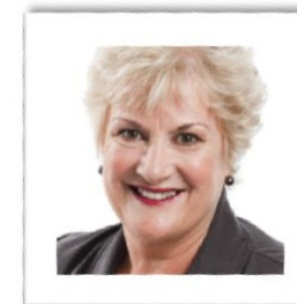
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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 26 January 2014**

Email: [kunderwood@leaders.co.nz](mailto:kunderwood@leaders.co.nz) with your contribution.

## Christmas Church Services In Brooklyn

### St Matthew's Church

96 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn

Sunday 15 December 4pm  
Combined Carols & Lessons Service -  
St Bernard's Parish and the communi-  
ty join with us at St Matthew's as we  
prepare for Christmas

Sunday 22 December 7pm -  
"Remembering those we love"  
Half hour service to remember those  
we especially miss at Christmas

Christmas Eve 6.30pm - Carols  
around the crib

A special time for younger children,  
their parents and grandparents

Christmas Day 8am - Early Commu-  
nion  
Service from the New Zealand Prayer  
Book with Christmas hymns

Christmas Day 9.30am - Christmas  
Celebration  
All-age service with carols, readings  
and Communion

### St Bernard's Catholic Church

37 Taft Street, Brooklyn

Christmas Eve Mass  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 5.45pm  
Carols from 5.30pm

Christmas Day Mass  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
Carols from 9.15am



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Tuesday 9am-4pm

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PODIATRIST;

Every second Friday 9am to 11:30am

Ph. for an appointment on 384 4299

FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$5

Cars will collect you if needed.

Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10 am

Lunch 12 noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm



December 2013

13<sup>th</sup> Dec: "Annual Christmas Lunch"  
by invitation

I would like to thank Katie Underwood  
for her amazing work as the editor of  
the Brooklyn Tattler & also her  
generous contribution to the centre for  
our Christmas functions.

All our invitations have gone out for  
our Christmas lunch. We are looking  
forward to having you all share a sit  
down lunch together on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank all of our  
volunteers who contribute their time to  
help us run our centre so smoothly. It  
was lovely to have you all here on 29<sup>th</sup>  
December for the volunteers party.

We are in need of some Meals on  
Wheels drivers to help deliver meals  
over the holiday period. If you can  
help please ring Jo on 0274765172 or  
[littleassoc@extra.co.nz](mailto:littleassoc@extra.co.nz)

Our centre will be closed through the  
school holidays with our last  
community lunch for the year on the  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec, Mah-jong & Yoga the 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Plunket will be closed 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec till 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 2014. Our podiatrist will be here  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec & returning on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 2014. Our 1<sup>st</sup> community lunch  
for 2014 will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. On  
behalf of the Brooklyn Resource  
Centre committee we would like to  
wish you all a Merry Christmas & a  
safe & happy New Year.

Jenny





## Historic Brooklyn

Further to my story last month on the Brooklyn pub, I will discuss this institution further into this article, but first, the Brooklyn Shopping Centre as a whole, and as we know it today, was officially opened on 11 November 1969.

It was the result of an amalgamation of a number of land titles which made it possible to plan and build a large sized block of specialty shops and a supermarket plus underground customer parking facilities, as an attractive shopping complex.

Work on the site began the previous March. The Centre was designed and built by R E Webby Ltd for Property Securities and the project was funded by the National Mutual Life Association. A considerable amount of road widening was undertaken by the City Council. The Centre was officially opened by the Mayor, Frank Kitts at 10.45am. At the time of opening, there were seven specialty shops, including a modern butchery, one of the most progressive pharmacies in the Wellington district, a ladies hairdressing and beauty salon, a carpet and décor consultant, a Danish Hot Bakery, and a lingerie boutique, as well as the expansive supermarket.

Total cost of the project was approximately \$300,000, and a feature of the construction was the use of reinforced concrete tilt-up panels.



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The complex occupied 15,000 square feet overall and was the redevelopment of a decadent area.

Come forward 25 years, when the Brooklyn Bar & Bistro opened, the Bistro owner was Peter Scott, who ran one of New Zealand's premier seasonal cuisine restaurants, Tattlers, for close to a decade. He was determined to continue his proud tradition of quality in Brooklyn.

New to Wellington and to Brooklyn were his South American Empanadas – a fine, short pastry priced at about \$5.00 – on the snacks menu alongside dips, pate and soups. Light meal delights, such as baked camembert in filo pastry was available for \$7.00, with mains such as venison, mushrooms, and peppers on coconut rice, was priced at \$14.00. While the menu may have appeared classy, Peter advised bistro food had to be good value for money, healthy and fast.

The bar manager at the opening was Chris Storrie, a graduate of NZ Breweries hotel training programme. He had worked in the hospitality industry since 1985. His aim was to create a homely, welcoming environment and provide people with tailor made service.

## 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 021 272 1060 or email: <a href="mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz">louise@spirit.net.nz</a>
BARBARIAN KIDS	Movement & expression classes with Jo Randerson Monday afternoons 3.15pm to 4pm - Wild things Monday afternoons 4pm to 4.45pm - Crazy Horses Email: <a href="mailto:jo@barbarian.co.nz">jo@barbarian.co.nz</a> View: <a href="http://www.barbarian.co.nz/kids">www.barbarian.co.nz/kids</a>
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO KARATE KARATE STRETCH	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 <a href="mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com">positivelyzumba@gmail.com</a>
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday evenings 4pm to 8.30pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or <a href="mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com">f.haines.dance@gmail.com</a>
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or <a href="mailto:cam@camfindlay.com">cam@camfindlay.com</a>

The Vogelmorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Co-ordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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## SCHOOL NEWS

It's that time of year again!

All our schools are hives of activity winding up the school year. For teachers there are reports to write, a job often meaning many after school hours. There's supervising the cleaning out of desks and cupboards, clearing notices from whiteboards, taking down artwork and decorations, end-of-year parties and picnics, leavers' assemblies and farewells for those going on to secondary school to supervise. There's compiling of stationery lists and the organising of class lists for next year, particularly important where composite classes are required, a carefully-considered process taking into account each child's talents, maturity, friendships etc. as well as academic abilities.

Parents, too, are busily involved with helping with parties, picnics, sporting activities. They are involved with inter-school sports finals too, as well as outside junior sports clubs and Brooklyn kids have done particularly well in these this year. Sashin Parag of **Brooklyn School** played in the

U13 Hockey team which finished 3rd in the Curtin Cup tournament, while Brooklyn students were well represented in Wellington Netball and Basketball teams.

Brooklyn School has also celebrated the end of the leaky buildings remediation. Wellington MP Grant Robertson cut the ribbon to officially open the block. The school is really enjoying having the space free of builders and the library will be in full use next year. There has also been exciting news of new playground equipment arriving this month which should be installed ready for the new year.

Meanwhile the **Ridgway School** community has been excited to listen to Kurt Mueller, a school parent, playing the harmonica in New Zealand's Got Talent with his high energy radical performance, the first harmonica playing ever to reach the semi finals.

All New Zealand schools are required by law to complete 384 half days in the year and Brooklyn schools will end this year on Thursday 19 December.

First term for 2014 opens on Monday, 3 February.

## New Homes on Vennell Street

Hello

I manage the Wellington Housing Trust and we have purchased 11 Vennell St from Wellington City Council. This is the section next to Vogelhorn Hall.

We wanted to let you know that construction work will be commencing within the next week.

We will be building four homes and anticipate the construction company will be on site for about 10 months.

As the work progresses if you have any issues then you can contact the site manager. His details are:

Jay Ryan  
Primesite Homes  
027 629 4442  
[jay@primesitehomes.co.nz](mailto:jay@primesitehomes.co.nz)

Or you can get in touch with me if needed.

Regards

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## Regional Council Corner

Best wishes for the festive season, and many thanks for your support in the recent elections. I would like to acknowledge Daran Ponter for his great contribution during the last triennium, and welcome Sue Kedgley onto Greater Wellington Regional Council.

My main priorities remain better and more reliable public transport choices, enhancing our resiliency, and optimising land use over Wellington region.

I, like many of you, am very frustrated at the delays in implementation of the Bus route and timetable changes agreed by you for Kowhai Park, Happy Valley, Brooklyn, Newtown services into the evening and weekends. The implementation of the Wellington City Bus Review (WCBR) has been delayed until approx. 2015, due to current work being undertaken under the Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) and the result of the Public Transport Spine Study (PTSS).

The PTSS purpose is to recommend a high capacity mode out to Newtown and Kilbirnie to improve reliability and resolve the delays resulting from too many individual buses running through the Golden Mile. GWRC held over 100 meetings with community representatives and stakeholders on the Bus Review. The PTSS consultation process has had over 250 pieces of feedback, with oral hearings concluded early this December. Information on both these projects can be viewed on the GWRC's website or you can contact me directly. <http://www.gw.govt.nz/buses/> & <http://www.gw.govt.nz/ptspinstudy/>

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## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet 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 so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

- 16 Dec: Christmas Lunch: The Picnic Café - Lady Norwood Rose Garden
- 23 Dec: Wallace St for 9-57 No 11 bus to Seatoun, back over hill to Miramar.
- 6 Jan: Otari Wilton Bush 9:38 No 7 bus 10:25 No 14 Lambton Quay H stop.
- 13 Jan: Pukerua Bay to Mana via Te Ara Harakeke walkway 9:18 No 7 bus, 9:44 train
- 20 Jan: Wellington Anniversary
- 27 Jan: Brooklyn to the Zoo.
- 3 Feb: Box Hill, Kaiwharawhara, 9:18 No.7 bus, 10: 02 train.
- 10 Feb: Dorking Rd, Prince of Wales Park, Island Bay.



### Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 8.15pm till late every Wednesday evening.

A 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. Phone 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 7-9 1/2 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: Ph. 971 1265

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



### Central Park Care Group

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 times.

Contact Debbie on [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)



### Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 3871487, email [sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com) or Chris Rabey: 384 9293



### Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

Brooklyn Junior CC welcomes all junior cricketers for the current season. Contact Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com](mailto:Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com) 027244 4325 or Matthew Roche [matthew@zooter.co.nz](mailto:matthew@zooter.co.nz) 021463432



### 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 3:30-4:30pm. 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 Michael for Youth on 027 630 3063, [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz) click on Youth.



### Brooklyn Food Group

Have a passion for local food and community? Join the Brooklyn Food Group/community orchard / shared gardens growing food and learning from each other and build our skills and community. We welcome new gardeners and gardens, so if you want to get your hands dirty or hear about upcoming workshops get in touch.

Orchard working bees: 5.30-7.30 Monday nights end of Harrison St [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) and [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)



## Councillors Corner

As I write this, I am enjoying the start of summer, with the installation of our family Christmas tree and the proliferation of strawberries. As this is the last Tattler for the year, I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and to thank all the many volunteers in Brooklyn who make such a contribution to this burb.

Councillors are currently working hard to get a draft budget for the city out by Christmas. Priorities already indicated as likely to be featured including a living wage for council employees, better cycle-ways, financial mechanisms to help owners of earthquake prone buildings, a rental warrant of fitness and so on. Strengthening the economy will also continue to be a priority. You will have a chance to say if we have got it right soon.

Thanks to the hard working volunteers at the Brooklyn Residents' Association and Friends of Owhiro Stream who are tackling a number of issues at the moment including the extension of the landfill, the end of the community clean ups, 'village planning' for Brooklyn and so on. These issues will be a priority for me in the coming year as the new Environment Committee chairperson and Building Portfolio leader.

I look forward to working with you on these important issues in 2014.

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I'm honoured to represent Lambton on the Wellington City Council. I've been appointed to several committees: Economic Growth & Arts, Transport & Urban Development, and, like all councillors, I'm on Governance Finance & Planning. I've been appointed to the Wellington Museums Trust, and I'm pleased the WCC has decided, in line with one of my electioneering planks, councillors will not receive additional payments when appointed to Council Controlled Organisations. I'm one of the WCC representatives on Local Government NZ Zone 4, a group comprising all our region's territorial authorities, particularly relevant with the looming prospect of amalgamation.

My specific portfolio is Central City Projects, and I'm already focusing on lighting and beautifying some of the CBD's scruffier lanes.

I look forward to working with you over the next three years. Happy Christmas, and all best wishes for 2014.

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What colour are the flowers of the Pohutukawa tree?

If you thought they were always red, check out the big Pohutukawa in front of Brooklyn Fire Station, when it comes into flower this month. It's definitely a Pohutukawa, but its flowers are yellow!



## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)



We welcome Lambton Ward Councillors Mark Peck and Nicola Young and Southern Ward Councillor David Lee to their new positions and wish to thank them all for attending our October meeting despite all still having "their training wheels on". Also thanks Councillors Paul Eagle and Iona Pannett for their continued support of Brooklyn and attendance at a majority of our meetings.

We have recently made submissions opposing the expansion of C&D Landfill and the WCC Southern Landfill on a variety of grounds including ecological, traffic and general waste management issues. We share the concerns of Friends of Owhiro Stream with regard to water quality effects and loss of natural habitat of native aquatic life should the proposals go ahead as currently planned. In particular we would urge WCC to reconsider the 80 year capacity of their expansion and the decision to begin filling from the top down, thereby having a potentially devastating ecological effect on the catchment of Owhiro stream from day 1.

WCC has now notified the resource consent application for the Brooklyn Wind Turbine Replacement. Submissions are open until Tuesday 14 Jan 2014. The link to the website is <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-input/public-inputs/public-notices/open/resource-consent---brooklyn-wind-turbine>. For more info on the proposal call the Meridian Energy Wind Farm Line on 0800 500 305 or email [community@meridian.co.nz](mailto:community@meridian.co.nz)

We note with disappointment the additional lanes being added at the Willis St / Karo Drive intersection creating a greater pedestrian separation between Brooklyn and the CBD. There will now be 4 lanes of traffic to cross in each direction. A number of Aro Valley residents are continuing to liaise with NZTA to attempt to make some improvements, however the basic scope of the project appears to be proceeding as planned, thanks to RONS and the undergrounding of Buckle St. Work started in early Oct and is due to be completed by the end of Feb 2014.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our new mailing list [brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com), Facebook page [www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington](http://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington), and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn\\_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington. We welcome all Brooklyn residents to make contact, and extend an invitation to our next meeting which is on Wednesday the 29th of January 2014, 7pm at the Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. Have a very merry and safe Christmas.

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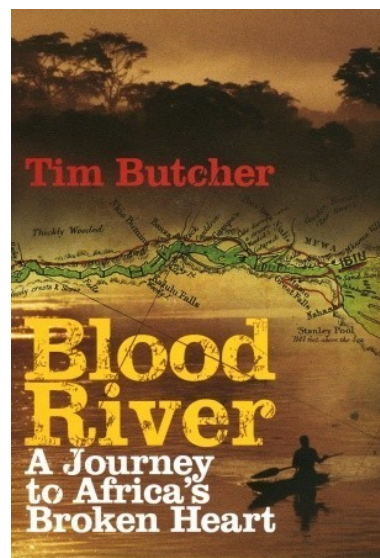
On the top floor of Wellington Central Library a treasure is tucked away, in the shape of the travel books collection. In addition to the huge selection of Lonely Planet, Rough Guide & Eyewitness Travel series', which cover every possible detail of every possible travel destination in the world, there sit a large number of accounts written by travelers to exotic and wondrous places who have the talent to turn their adventures into entertaining and often gripping tales. Browsing this collection, either in the flesh or via the Easyfind catalogue is recommended because, as they say, we don't know what we don't know. Just to whet your appetite here are a few titles I have been fortunate enough to discover that have all, in some way, modified my own world view.

Lawrence Osborne is a talented, humorous and very dry British travel writer whose offhand style is hard to resist. We have four of his books, three of which are excellent and the fourth – 'Wet and the Dry: a Drinker's Journey' has just arrived and I am looking forward to reading it. His first three are: 'The Accidental Connoisseur: an Irreverent Journey through the Wine World', which is just that and is hilarious while still being highly informative; 'The Naked Tourist: In Search of Adventure and Beauty in the Age of the Airport Mall', in which he is determined to journey to somewhere that has not seen the footprint of modern man, with fascinating results; and 'Bangkok Days', an account of a year spent living and

getting cut price dentistry in that infamous and exotic Thai city. I am not an athlete, but Christopher McDougall's 'Born to Run: the Hidden Tribe, the Ultra-runners, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen', I found hard to put down. Yes, there really is a hidden tribe in a valley in Mexico where the people have made running an essential part of their culture and often run 100kms just for fun!

Also recommended are Richard Grant's – 'Bandit Roads: Into the Lawless Heart of Mexico', which is a jaw dropping account of life in a country where the law has completely broken down, and Tim Butcher's 'Blood River: a Journey to Africa's Broken Heart' which is the tale of his absurdly courageous/foolish attempt to retrace Henry Stanley's famous journey along the Congo River, where society itself has completely broken down.

Fascinating stuff.



## FOOS

Seen on a poster in a shop window ; "Don't panic, it's still only November". I may not be panicking yet, but there suddenly seems to be an awful of commitments, work and recreation wise, between now and Christmas, and a sad family event does not help. But by the time you all read this, you will, being organised people, undoubtedly have your Christmas plans sorted, and present buying and those Christmas emails underway.


November has been a month of co-operation between FOOS and other groups, something we are keen to encourage. On Sunday the 10th, a group from Britannia Sea Scouts came to work with us, and enthusiastically planted trees, spread mulch, and dug out blackberry. It was a pleasure to work with them, and we are looking forward to seeing them again next year.

The next weekend saw several of our hard workers answering a call from the Southern Environmental Association for help with some long overdue maintenance at their nursery in Murchison St. And, in the words of their chairman, " We look forward to increasing the level of cooperation and joint working between SEA, FOOS and other

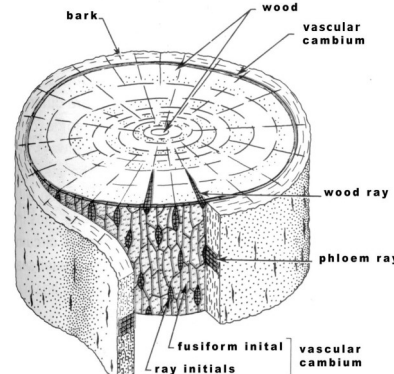
local community and environmental groups in future".

**Janet Campbell**  
on behalf of FOOS





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