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On behalf of all the staff at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Euan Harris the Coordinator, Adam Hendry our Childcare Programme Manager, Julie Seevens our Accounts and Payroll Officer and Phillip Bolton our Financial Administrator, we wish you an enjoyable Christmas, safe holidays and all the best for 2017

Our cover photo this month is Pohutukawa growing outside the Brooklyn Fire Station

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Hi Everyone

EARTHQUAKES Fortunately the recent earthquakes caused no damage to either the Brooklyn Community Centre or Vogelhorn Hall, proof that the older wooden buildings can withstand a bit of shake, so it's been business as usual for all of us at both venues. Hopefully your dwelling came out unscathed. Vogelhorn Hall was built in the early 1930's so it's no doubt been through a few earthquakes over the years and being located on a hill suburb means less worry about flooding and the threat of tsunamis.

WHAT'S ON The end of another busy year is fast approaching and most of our regular groups will take a break over the summer holiday period. Please check out our What's On listings in the middle of the Tattler for New Year start dates. Some of the groups will meet during January, e.g. Patricia Reilly who is running a Karate Summer School at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelhorn Hall and the Table Tennis people will play over the holiday period. Contact details in the What's On section.

MONTHLY MARKETS 2017 We held our last market for this year on 26 November which was well attended thanks to extra attractions including live music, courtesy of the Dark Chocolate Trio jazz band that played from 11am onwards. We are looking to add extra features to our monthly markets in 2017 including more live music, a fruit and vegie truck selling fresh produce

and a larger variety of food to eat from the kitchen. We are grateful for the support of the Brooklyn Lions Club and to Caribe on Cleveland Street for supplying us with their fantastic coffee. Our first market for 2017 is on Saturday 25 February.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES If you didn't manage to buy a Lions Christmas cake at the November market they are still available for \$16 each by phoning Vicki on 022 033 0031. We also have Brooklyn Kindergarten 2017 fundraising calendars for sale at \$15 from the Brooklyn Community Centre office. These calendars feature historical photos of Brooklyn's past and make great gifts for Christmas.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS School breaks up on 16 December and our school holiday programme runs in the week leading up to Christmas Eve, i.e. from Monday 19 to Friday 23 December and then from Monday 9 January to Wednesday 1st February. Adam Hendry our Childcare Programme Manager has put together another great summer programme packed full of interesting activities including day trips. Programmes and enrolment forms are available from the foyer of the Brooklyn Community Centre or online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

HOLIDAY HOURS The Community Centre office will be closed from Friday 23 December and reopen after Anniversary Weekend on 26 January. Phone and email messages will be checked from Monday 16 January. The Afterschool Childcare Programme office will also close on 23 December but open earlier on Monday 9 January for the start of their summer school holiday programme. The Brooklyn Tattler team will take a break during January with our first issue for 2017 due out in early February.

BCA NEWS

THANK YOU ADAM HENDRY for the magnificent response following the earthquake.

I got ready for work on Monday 14th oblivious to the possibility of the CBD office being closed while Adam was up extra early to go to the Brooklyn Community Centre to check the building prior to the start time of the Brooklyn Before School Care program at 7.30am. He then stayed on to ensure no parents and children arrived and over the next days responded to the needs of children.

I had emailed Adam early in the morning about a meeting to which he replied 'The Earthquake' where he explained how he had managed things. OMG! I hadn't even given the community centre or Vogelhorn Hall a thought.

Thank goodness our staff step up in times like these using their own initiative. Thanks also to Euan Harris for doing an official check of both buildings.

Now we're in December and it's time to wish everyone in our community a happy and safe Christmas, and best wishes for 2017.

Kay Miller, on behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association Council
Carol Bourn, Chris Rabey, Dinesh Gupta, Euan Harris, Jeremy Chang, Jeremy Macey, Perry Aspros, Phil Duncan.

SCHOOL NEWS

BY JULIE SEEVENS

By the time you read this school will be winding up for the year and thoughts will be turning to Christmas and summer holidays. As I write this there are still a few weeks to go and our schools are still busy with learning and other activities including organising end of year celebrations.

Brooklyn School has had new water fountains installed to help promote a water only policy. The littlest children have had their play area astro- turfing making it a much more fun area to be in. The school's annual Brooklyn's Got Talent auditions are underway with singers, dancers, magicians and other acts showcasing their talents. The school is currently having vandalism issues out of school hours and trouble with older children climbing on the roof and jumping on the shade sails. Please call the police if you notice anything untoward happening.

Ridgway School had a successful gala even with the weather being a bit inclement. They have managed to raise close to \$15,000 which will go towards the sandpit upgrade. They have also purchased a memorial seat and plan to plant a tree in remembrance of Ingrid Hyde, the much loved teacher and friend who passed away a year ago.

St Bernards students were due a trip from Harold and the Life Education team during November but this was cancelled due to the earthquake. They had their advent wreath blessing at the end of November and are looking forward to performing their Nativity play at the end of term.

Brooklyn and St Bernards finish the school year on 16 December, Ridgway on 19 December. Term One 2017 begins on 1 February for St Bernards and Ridgway and 2 February for Brooklyn.

Have a great Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing start to the New Year. I will be back next year with more school news.

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Contact: Scott Willson 021 187 5006 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or just come along to try a free class – wear a T shirt and long trackies.

Venue: Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Crescent (off Ohiro Road), Brooklyn.

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VOGELMORN BOWLING GREEN

BY CHRIS RABEY

With all the current events going on at the Vogelmorn Community Hub and Green, it's interesting to look back to when the whole Vogelmorn Bowling Green was first created.

The first meeting of the new Vogelmorn Bowling Club of the Committee of Management was held in the Vogelmorn Public Hall at 10am on Wednesday 25 October 1944. Mr C H (Bun) Backhouse presided, with Arthur Cathie as VP, and Trevor Price as Secretary and Treasurer, along with seven committee members.

The Rules and Constitution were presented to the club. Debenture forms were issued, enabling members to take up debentures, at the rate of interest of 3 pounds per year,

redeemable within 10 years. The bank account was with the Union Bank of Australia, in Courtenay Place.

A meeting of the same committee, with the addition of Bill Traill, met to view the site. Contractor Vern Draper gave an estimate to excavate the site to a ground space 125 ft square.

Cathie, at a meeting on 4 November, gave 300 pounds to purchase the property at 93 Mornington Road, as a loan to the Club over 5 years. At the same time Backhouse obtained a lease from the City Council of part of their yard in Vennell Street at five pounds per year.

The inaugural Works Committee decided on a 95 ft datum level of a green representing a finished level of 6 inches above the ground level of the hall.

By February 1945, 270 debentures had

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been issued to 33 members and Vogeltown and Brooklyn residents. Among them were Miss M Coveney, Tom Purdie, Bill Traill, Harry Beavis, Frank Hodson, and Colin McKeich (the Mayor). There were 35 club members, plus two honorary members.

Stellin Construction Co were the successful contractors for the excavation. By March 1945, 5258 yards of spoil had been removed. Raffles commenced, the first one had a prize of 15 pounds (money, not weight!!) of alluvial gold. Further debentures were issued in March, among them were Oscar Seymour, and Edward Fitchett. In July a property adjacent to the site was purchased for 3700 pounds.

The first social event was on 8 December at the Hall, singles paid 2/6d, doubles 5/-.

Wellington Bowling Centre advised the

Vogelmorn Club colours could be any except royal blue, so the members decided on green, with the monogram VBC in gold.

By April 1946 membership had reached 50. Cathie donated the seed required for the sowing of the green. 99 ties were purchased from the Union Clothing Co for members. Member Wm Clark donated club pegs, scoreboards, flagpole, flag, and handbell.

In July 1946 the green size was extended to 110ft square. A memorial gate was erected in December 1946 to honour Cathie who had died two months earlier. The Ladies Club had been formed that same month.

On April 1st 1947 the site was completed and levelled, seed was sown with the result the club officially opened for play for the 1947/48 season.

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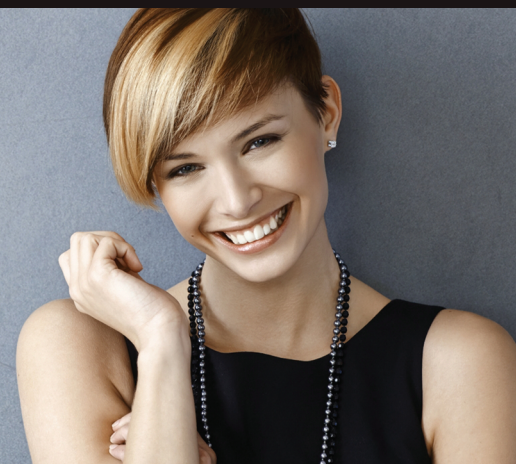
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stars in between auditions, and Sebastian, a jazz musician who scrapes by playing cocktail party gigs in dingy bars.

As success mounts they're faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair, and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.

Sara Knowles

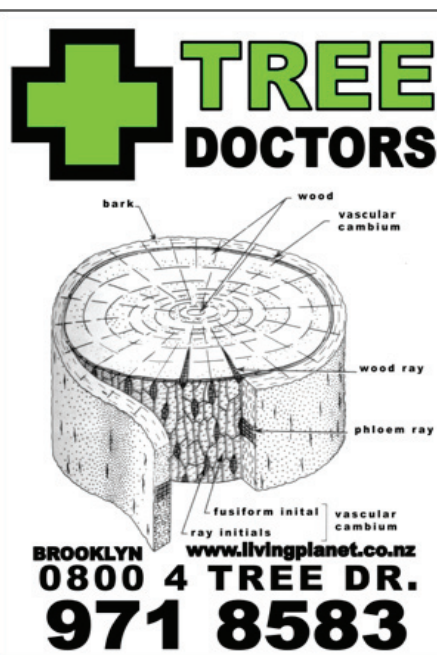
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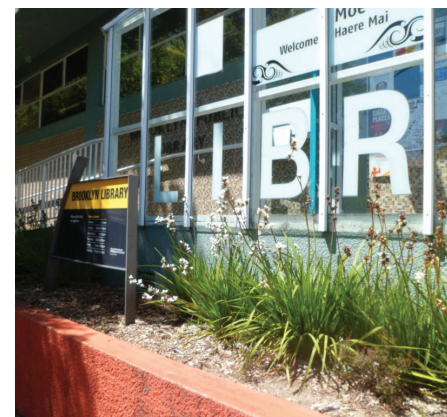
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from the LIBRARY



Season's greetings from the Brooklyn Library! The weather is warming up, the pīpīwharau (shining cuckoo) has returned to Brooklyn, and holidays beckon, so it's the perfect time to take advantage of all that your library has to offer. Nothing beats a day reading a good book in the sun or the shade!

Christmas Storytime Jump on your sleigh and slide down to Brooklyn library on **Monday 12 December at 6.30pm** to get into the festive spirit at our special family Christmas Storytime.

Wear your pyjamas or favourite Christmas costume and enjoy stories and songs of holidays, Christmas, and the festive season. Our storytime will run for about 30 minutes and no bookings are required - just turn up!

Christmas/New Year opening hours

Brooklyn library will be closed for Christmas and New Year on the following days:
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December 2016
Sat 31 December 2016 - Tue 3 January 2017

Don't forget you can also access our online resources 24 hours a day and reserve books from any of our libraries to collect at Brooklyn.

Holiday reading, viewing, and listening 2016 has been a great year for books, movies, tv and music. It would be impossible to list all the highlights here, but our team in Brooklyn would recommend the following items.

Books for grown-ups M Train by Patti Smith, The Odd Woman and the City by Vivienne Gornick, Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Secondhand Time by Svetlana Alexievich, Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson, In Other Words by Jhumpa Lahiri and Rachel Bush's volume of poetry Thought Horses.

Books for kids They all saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel and My Friend Maggie by Hannah E. Harrison.

Movies Phoenix, Brooklyn, Our Little Sister, Hunt for the Wilderpeople, The Big Short, and Spotlight.

TV French television series Un Village Francais, cop comedy Angie Tribeca, and the documentary series Soundbreaking: Stories from the Cutting Edge of Recorded Music.

Music Solange Knowles' A Seat at the Table, Brown Girl from Aaradhna, France's Christine and the Queens' Chaleur Humaine and re-listening to the late, lamented Leonard Cohen.

We wish all of the Brooklyn community a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone at the library during December and January.

Ngā mihi and happy reading from the team at Brooklyn Library.

what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

BROWNIES	Mondays. First meeting for 2017 will be on Monday 6 February. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before and Afterschool Care finishes 16 Dec, starts 2 Feb. Holiday Programme runs from 19-23 Dec, and 9 Jan to 1 Feb. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Starts again early February 2017. Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	All classes begin in mid February. Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 25 February 2017, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Karate Summer School Wed 11, 18 & 25 January 6-7:30pm. Term 1 regular classes start 1 Feb 2017. Adult Beginners Wed 6-7pm, Thurs 5:30-6:30pm. Kardio Power Wed 7:30-8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30-7pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Friday class finishes on 9 December. Starts 3 February. Monday class finishes on 12 December. Starts 6 February. For bookings contact Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Last class for 2016 is 7 December. First class for 2017 on Wednesday 1st February. Contact Susan 801 6814 or susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Starts on 7 February 6:30-8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. For table tennis dates during January Contact Philip on 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Last class for 2016 is 15 December. 2017 classes begin Thursday January 19 at 6.30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! Classes begin on 7 February 2017. info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or call 976 8742 or 022 645 6943

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

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AEROBIC DANCE	Last 2016 class on 8 December. Starts 7 February 2017. Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays Last session is 16 December. First 2017 class on Friday 27 January. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Last class for 2016 is Wednesday 7 December. Classes start on Monday 13 February. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Classes begin in mid-February 2017. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Karate Summer School Mon 9 & 16 Jan 4:15-5:45pm. Regular Term 1 classes start 9 Jan. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KID'S ART CLASSES	Thursdays 3-4:30pm for primary school kids. Last class for 2016 on 15 December. First session for Term 1 is February 2.
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-12:45pm. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Helen Miller 021 216 9444 or h_miller@xtra.co.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Last class for 2016 is 19 December. First class for 2017 is 9 January. Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Last 2016 class 10 December. Starting again on 14 January 2017. Contact Cam 021 263 0361 or info@wellington-iaido.com www.facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Starts again Saturday 14 January 2017 10:30am-12:30pm. Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
ZUMBA	Positively Zumba Last class Tuesday 13 December 7:30-8:30pm. Start again late January 2017. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

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RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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OPEN WEEKDAYS 9-4

MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies. Contact Lois Ph 973 1650

1-3pm Mah Jong

6-7pm Yoga

TUESDAYS 12-1pm Community Lunch. Inexpensive lunch, everybody welcome.

WEDNESDAYS Garden club

1st Wednesday of the month

THURSDAYS Wgtn Handweavers & Spinners Guild Thursdays (1st & 3rd) 1-4pm
2nd Saturday 10.30-4. Val 389 7516 or 0274 364 741 or laybourns@clear.net.nz

FRIDAYS Podiatrist Ph 384 4299

9am-11.30 Every 2nd Friday

FRIDAY CIRCLE If you know anyone who'd like a day out we'd love to have them join us, only \$15.

9am: Craft activities

10.30: Morning Tea **Noon:** Lunch

1.30pm: Arthritic exercise

2pm: Speaker **3pm:** Afternoon tea

2 December - BINGO BLING

9 December - Maria Shuch from Arm Chair Travel: Buenos Aires - A Taste of South America

16 December - Christmas Luncheon for 28 (Invitations will be sent out in the first week of December)

November was a very sad time for us at the centre David Wilkie (93) & Megan Samuel (97) both passed away. We've enjoyed their friendship for many years. David did a sky dive at 90 & Megan wrote a beautiful book of Poems at 94. We'll miss them both dearly, our thoughts are with their families.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Dorothy & myself are looking forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon.

Thank you so much Katie Underwood for your generous donation towards this event. Also to the Wellington City Council for their donation as part of their zero tolerance to loneliness.

When you receive your invitation please let me know if you'll be attending.

PODIATRIST Our Podiatrist Kirsty will be at the centre Friday 9th December and Monday the 19th December. Please ring asap as appointments are booking up fast. Kirsty is heading back to England to catch up with her family and will return to the centre on Friday 17th of February.

MEALS ON WHEELS If you're available over the Christmas period to help with Meals on Wheels please contact Sue on 021 620 599.

THANK YOU for your continued support over the past year. Our centre will close on the 20th of December 2016, reopening on Monday the 30th of January 2017.

On behalf of the Brooklyn Resource Centre Management we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy and a safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Jenny Swan

ROOMS FOR HIRE The Resource Centre has three rooms for hire, including a commercial grade kitchen. If you'd like to hire any of our rooms, kitchen, or the whole centre for an activity, event, small business or service, contact us to discuss rates and availability on 04 384 4299 or brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

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December, and the last Tattler of the year; goodness me, who would have thought? As I write this at the end of November, having just come back from a working trip, it is suddenly time to seriously think about Christmas - presents, food, and organising family get-togethers. It's also time for the FOOS team to take a couple of months break, although we do have to schedule an extra working bee in early December, due to the last one being cancelled because of the terrible weather. FOOS volunteers usually battle on regardless, but twice this year the conditions have been too much to ask even our staunchest supporters to work in.

Looking back over the year, what have we achieved? Martin tells me we have planted 1270 plants, a goodly number considering our small number of regular volunteers and the sort of ground we work on. Where some other planting groups work on reasonably soft and level ground, sometimes with pre-prepared holes already dug for them, and plant thousands of plants in one day, we have to cope with stony ground and steep sites.

We've done some great work with Owhiro Bay School at Domanski Crescent, infill planted at Murchison St, and have

continued weeding and planting at the Jamieson Towing site. On some difficult sites we sometimes wonder if we are making any impression at all, especially on the rampant blackberry population; but then we see areas where a weed suppressing canopy has formed, and we feel more optimistic again; and looking round we realise how different things are now to what they were ten years ago.

So - we keep on working, earnestly hoping that some of this effort is making some permanent difference. But then we are reminded, by current drastic events, that we are not really in charge of the world at all, and who knows what might happen to our little patch? In a newspaper column Michelle A'Court (Dompst 25.11.2016) writes that "my fundamental philosophy is that life is chaos, and that we cope by making a narrative that makes sense of the chaos". Quite. We just have to continue doing what we believe in to the best of our ability, while accepting inevitable changes. In the meantime, we will try to enjoy Christmas festivities and whatever summer weather comes our way.

Janet Campbell
Friends of Owhiro Stream



I'm writing this column at the time of our last working bee for the year, right at the end of November.

As always, there is much to do to tidy up the Park before the summer break (although we are likely to have a 'non-scheduled' bee at the end of January). We'll also be helped by groups of volunteers from the corporate sector who are keen for a day out helping in the community.

In the immediate future, we'll be working with folk from Contact Energy and in a couple of weeks with a group from Z Energy. These volunteers certainly make a big difference in extending what we could otherwise be able to do just by ourselves and we are really grateful to them and to Volunteer Wellington who make the arrangements for us.

The other really exciting news is that the



Moturoa Track that winds up the gorge from one side of the stream to the other is now open for walkers again.

The track has been closed since the foundations of two of the bridges had been undermined by the stream during particularly heavy rain earlier this year. That track must be everyone's favourite and it's great to know that the bridges have been fixed and we can safely use them again.

Our preparations continue for the Art Trail at the beginning of March next year. We invited the artists to the November working bee where they were welcomed and briefed by the artists' mentor Gabby O'Connor before being taken on a tour of Central Park to select a site for their installation. It was wonderful to see Gabby back home safe and sound having just

spent the last month on a research project in Antarctica.

We've got the first of the workshops with children from local schools as they begin to work on how they can make a collaborative work that

builds on the Art Trail theme of 'structure'. So it's a busy month ahead!

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ARTIST PROFILES

The 2017 Upstream Art Trail is on track to be even bigger than the inaugural event of two years ago.

Here are three more profiles of artists who will be participating next March.

OLIVER GEDYE is working on a yet unnamed exhibit based on a 20-sided shape known as an icosahedron, though the exact shape has not yet been confirmed. It would be made from kanuka and copper and he is also considering adding interactive elements in the form of copper chimes.

"The work relates to fundamental structures and the relationships between geometry, form and frequency," Oliver says.

"Raw kanuka with its bark still on, represents the simplest manipulation of nature to create a structure. Copper for the connections and chimes demonstrates a refinement of nature while still retaining its essential properties."

Oliver has done installation works for festivals in New Zealand and Australia and some of his sculptures reside in Milnthorpe sculpture trail in Golden Bay.

He says the growing Wellington sculpture scene is what inspired him to get involved in the Art Trail. He hopes to connect with other artists and to gain momentum with his work.

PHILLIP SILVERMAN'S project, entitled "Talk To the Walk" is about trying to fit the concept of "anatomical art", the structure of walking, to the park.

Though not confirmed yet, the "performative" model is likely to be a cast of a skeleton that would be sculpted in a way

to suggest it is walking. "I'm going to do the mould in the next few weeks and maybe do a giveaway of small moulded feet."

Phillip has always had an interest in art, which has become more serious in the last six years.

"I did a residency at the Academy of Art in New York earlier this year and I was intrigued with Central Park there and how its name is coincidental with Wellington's. It's where I started this anatomical sculpture concept and I'm bringing it back here."

As well as having works exhibited following his June-July residency, he also put a set of skulls on display at a Gothic-themed exhibition called Hex.

MARIA O'TOOLE is offering what she describes as a "social sculpture" an aural exhibit that questions the relationship

between humans, science and nature. "I'm interested in being in dialogue with local community in an exchange of thought within Central Park around community structuring a sustainable eco-system and ongoing experience."

She will reside at the park for three or four hours a day through December recording sounds that would be used as the basis of her exhibit. "It's an exhibit that you would walk through and hear rather than see," she says. Maria was inspired to submit a proposal after attending the 2015 Art Trail. "I was impressed with the artist's engagement with the space and the community interest and attendance."

Maria had works on display when she was an artist in residence at Draw International France. She has been a finalist for the Parkin Award and the Wellington Regional Art Award and has also exhibited at Toi Poneke Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery.



BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

Brownies

Margaret 389 3028

Brooklyn Guides

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Creating local food and community through workshops, shared gardens and orchard. Working bees from 5pm Mondays at Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or

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BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

1st Wednesday each month, Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. 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 Cres, Brooklyn. Just turn up on practice day and we will take it from there. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2pm Saturday 10 December at the Library. Contact Sharon on 027 634 4455

or 388 8088, or Chris 384 9293 or email ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz

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Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills through music, action songs. Loving shared family environment. Morning tea provided. **Wellington Reformed Church** 34 Harrison St. Wed10am. Rachel 022 407 9652

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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

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Ages 14+ Special \$20 Intro Package: firearm safety, range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition - 2 rounds/13 shots per round. Sundays 4.30pm-6pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join the club contact Dianne

Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12 Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. Small friendly group. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or codwg@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz www.facebook.com/Brooklyn-Toy-Library-1413096478974 270

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE WELLINGTON

The cats at the shelter are waiting to be adopted every Saturday and Sunday, from midday to 4 pm. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove), in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.nz

CRAFT CONNECTIONS

Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm Contact Louise brockway@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

5 DEC Wrights Hill. 9:08am No.8 bus, 9:29am No.3 bus from last Lambton Quay stop. Arrive Karori terminus 9:45am. Start at Woodhouse Ave, down Campbell St to Karori Mall.

12 DEC Christmas Lunch

19 DEC Brooklyn to Zoo. A few route options so whatever suits on the day.

26 DEC Boxing Day

2 JAN New Year Holiday

9 JAN Mt Crawford 8:45am from Brooklyn, 9:12am No.11 Wallace St arriving Kilbirnie 9:26am. Change to 9:43am No.24 bus. Disembark second stop past Mt Crawford prison on Nevay Rd. Turn left into Fortification Rd. At the end take steps to Scorching Bay. Follow coast to Seatoun.

16 JAN Waikanae Beach to Waikanae via river walkway. Catch 8:40am No.7 bus, 9:14am train, 10:18am bus to Waikanae Beach.

23 JAN Wellington Anniversary Day

30 JAN Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens (various routes) to coincide with rose and tulip viewing.

6 FEB Waitangi Day

13 FEB Eastbourne to Days Bay. 9:38am No.7 bus, 10:07am No.83 bus at railway station for coffee at Eastbourne.

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

The vastly improved Owhiro Stream and its environs has been achieved by this group. Martin 389 8995 Janet 385 2077

LIONS CLUB We're a new Lions club in Brooklyn.

Help build the community while making new friends along the way. 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, RSA room, Brooklyn Community Centre. Contact Alice at aliceerdickson@gmail.com or 027 725 4195

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We welcome the friendly "screech!" of visitors from Zealandia by starting Predator Free Brooklyn. We'll be looking for volunteers to host traps on their property. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com

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

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Local chapter Toastmasters International. Meets Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Call Caroline 027 229 3623

or Christian 021 651 892 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM - FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Meet last Sunday of the month 10am-12 at the picnic table next to the big bridge. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

We run community events + shared office space + private hire at the Club rooms, 93 Morningson Road Website: vogelmorn.nz

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz **Tanera Bowling Club** 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn **Venue hire:** maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

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