

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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NEW YEAR, NEW HAPPENINGS At the Community Centre, 2018 is set to see some changes, the main one being the discontinuation of the monthly markets and the introduction of a revamped, revitalised quarterly fiesta. These will run in March, June, September, and December, with a focus on fresh food, funky crafts, and local businesses and groups showcasing their products and services. Each one will run to a theme, the first one being a harvest gathering to celebrate the coming of autumn. We are also changing the timing from mornings to afternoons to allow for more people to come along for a bite to eat and to snap up a bargain.

THE MARKET on 9 December will be the last one in the current format and Santa is set to make an appearance so be sure to pop in and say ho ho ho to the jolly old guy. The Dark Chocolate Jazz Trio will be playing Christmas favourites in the foyer from 11am and there will be a variety of stalls with gifts and cards for Christmas including Wendy from Phoenix Trading who has a fantastic range of unique cards to choose from.

COMMUNITY LUNCH Next year we're also going to be running a monthly community lunch, it would be lovely to see a cross section of our community at these so be sure to come along if you are free on the day. More details on this and the markets will be in the February Tattler so keep an eye out for your home delivered copy. We're pleased to welcome a couple of groups

from the Brooklyn Resource Centre who are moving over to join us from term one next year. Lois McConnell who runs 'Get the Beat' music for babies on Monday mornings will be using the Community Centre's RSA room from 10am starting on 5 February and the Brooklyn Garden Club will meet in the RSA room on the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning in March.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Our summer school holiday programme starts Monday 8 January and runs until Wednesday 31 January, featuring some exciting day trips including mini golf at Carlucci Land and trout fishing at the Capital Trout Centre on Landfill Road. Programmes are available from the foyer here at the Brooklyn Community Centre or online at brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz by clicking the 'What's On' tab.

Main Office Closes	22 December 2017
Main Office Reopens	15 January 2018
Holiday Programme Commences	8 January 2018

CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN During the close down period the main office and childcare phones will not be attended to and emails will not be checked. Holiday programme requests from end of trade on 22 December will be actioned 8 January, with general enquires from 15 January. This allows all our staff to have a complete break from work and be refreshed and energised for the New Year.

We're always open to suggestions so please let us know what else you would like to see happening here at your local community centre. Phone, email or stop by for a chat. Julie, Euan, Adam, Chris and the rest of the team here wish you a happy, fun Christmas, safe holidays and all the best for 2018.

SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

It's hard to believe another school year is drawing to a close. The last term of the year particularly seems to fly by and the weather is certainly helping add to the excitement of looming summer holidays.

As our schools head into the second half of term there is still lots of activities and fundraising taking place. By the time you read this Brooklyn School will have had their biennial fair, St Bernards are organising their carols by candlelight fundraiser and Ridgway School sold Christmas trees to raise funds for their Kapa Haka group. The community centre purchased one of the trees so stop by and check it out in the foyer.

Year 3 and 4 students at Brooklyn School had an exciting trip to Soames Island at the end of November as part of their studies on native plants and birds. The school also had visits from author Brian Falkner and illustrator Phoebe Morris, a past pupil who has illustrated three picture books on famous New Zealanders. The school zone is being extended to include new subdivision roads Hawkins Hill and Southern Thread.

Another biennial happening this term is Ridgway's end of year show to be held at Wellington High School, an evening of dance to music of different decades which is sure to be a highlight.

St Bernards have had positive feedback and enquiries to their recent advertising campaign which will hopefully result in even more new families next year.

St Bernards and Ridgway finish for the year on 15 December with Brooklyn following on 19 December. Have a safe, relaxing, and happy Christmas and I will be back next year with more school news updates.

from the COUNCILLOR

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As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank Brooklynites for all their good work, for your community

and the wider Wellington one. I hope that you have a restful break over the summer and think of those who will find the break a difficult one, for whatever reason.

At the time of writing, consultation for Let's Get Welly Moving has started. This is in essence a plan on how to move private vehicles, buses, cyclists and pedestrians around the city. Disappointingly, it has a

strong focus on new roads with little impact on greenhouse gas emissions. Scenarios developed come with a hefty price tag of up to \$2.3b. Furthermore, it does not have a wider view on how the city may develop in the future to accommodate more affordable housing, greens space and resilience to climate change and earthquakes.

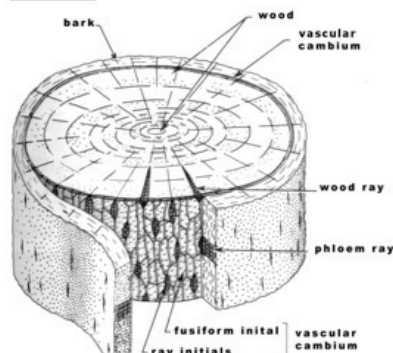
Submissions close 15th December. For more information go to getwellymoving.co.nz

Next year offers you the chance to have another say on the city's budget. I will be focusing on trying to deliver my campaign promises of more walkability, a more child centric city, and strong action on climate change with a new fund to make Wellington more resilient.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of your ideas or to participate in consultation which will start in 2018.

Here's to a safe, happy and prosperous 2018!

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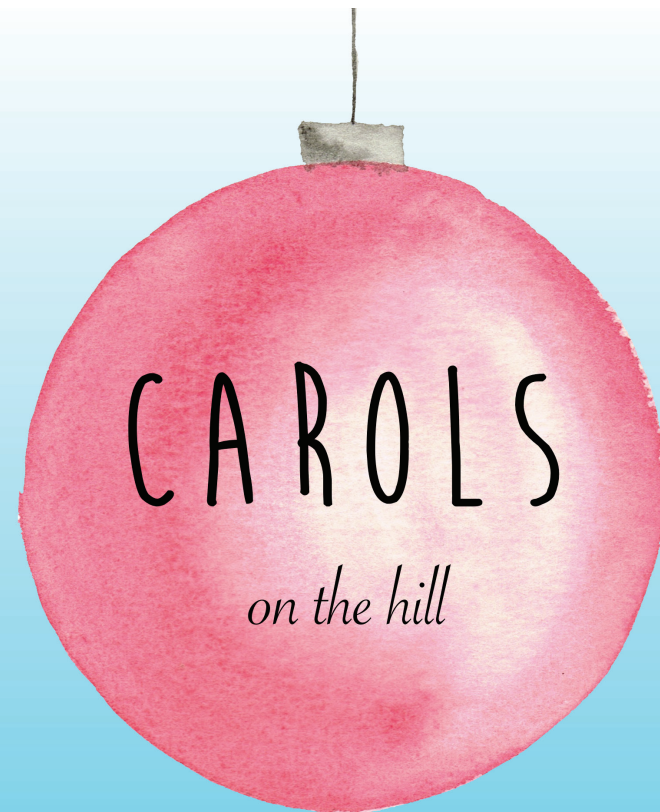
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COMMUNITY CENTRE BEGINNINGS

When the Community Centre building was being planned in 1945, a number of meetings were held, on a monthly basis, to discuss the building and what groups would be keen to make use of the facilities. The site selected for the Centre already had a long history.

Long before the settlement of Brooklyn was created, the area was in the middle of a large farming estate known as Goathurst, which stretched to the top of the rise now known as Jefferson Street, across to the ridge where Washington Avenue is now, and down to the stream. The main farmhouse

for the Symons, then Wright families, was located where the Community Centre is now. Once the farm estate was cut up into sections and streets laid out, the old farmhouse was occupied by various owners, until in the late 1890's when it was left empty, but used for some social activities by Brooklyn School children until it became so dilapidated it was demolished.

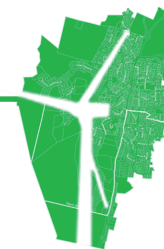
At a public meeting held on 11 May 1945, a number of local groups expressed their desire to use the Centre. These were:

St Johns Ambulance
Free Kindergarten,
Voluntary Aid Division, WCTU
Red Cross Association
Townswomen's Guild, YWCA
Roman Catholic Church (they already had their church, but needed an additional meeting place)
Mothers League
Workers Educational Association
Brooklyn Tennis Club
Men's Fellowship
Oddfellows, and Druids Lodges
Municipal Electors Association
Brooklyn Girls Basketball Group
Home Builders Association
Girl Guides
St Vincent de Paul Society
Drama League
British Musical Society
Indoor bowls and other games
Ministers Association
Presbyterian & United Tennis Club
Labour Party
Brooklyn Harriers
Brooklyn Cricket Club.

The Brooklyn Play Centre also wanted a home, although the area outside the proposed building had been used by the playcentre since around 1915. That's all for this time, but there's much to tell of our beloved Centre.

BROOKLYN

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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First of all we wish to thank the public and ward councillors for their support you have given us in 2017.

On a sad note we are losing the Resource Centre, but we are gaining a new councillor for the southern ward. We look forward to working with this person in 2018. Sophie Jolliffe has moved to Masterton and we thank her for her contribution and assistance. Chris Wills has been voted on to our committee.

We are also please to say that the WCC has deferred any proposals till late January

early February 2018 on the Ohiro Road, Cleveland, Todman intersection to give the wider community a chance to formulate a plan on this very busy road. We would appreciate any feedback.

The GWRC has given us an undertaking that they will do a full review of the bus hub within 12 months of the new routes being inaugurated from July 2018.

On behalf of the Residents Association Sam Donald has written to the Wellington City Council on the water resource consent proposed for the Prince of Wales / Omarora Reservoir if you require any more information contact Sam at our email address.

Merry Xmas to you all, see you in 2018.

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from the LIBRARY



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Merry Christmas to everyone from the
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Family Christmas Storytime We will be holding our traditional Christmas family story time at Brooklyn Library on Monday 11th December at 6.30pm. Come along for half an hour of stories, songs, activities, and bad Christmas jokes. This story time is aimed at four to ten year olds but all are welcome. Come in your pyjamas or Christmassy outfits and enjoy the Christmas spirit in the library!

Christmas and New Year Opening Times Over Christmas and New Year Brooklyn Library will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, and Monday 2 January 2018. We will be open for our usual hours all other days. Please check the Wellington City Libraries' website for the opening hours of other libraries over this time.

Christmas Kai Christmas and the holiday season demand delicious food and we have lots of great recipe books at Brooklyn Library to get you cooking. For inspiration come and browse our wide range of cookbooks in the 641 - 641.9 non-fiction section of the library.

Favourites and new books from 2017 include:

- Sweet by the inspirational Yotam Ottelenghi – divine desserts!
- The Australian Women's Weekly Celebrating Christmas – always practical, reliable, and delicious!
- New Zealand Restaurant Cookbook – learn the secrets behind some of our most popular restaurant's recipes.
- Ready or Not! by Michelle Tam and Henry Fong – paleo recipes with no gluten, grains, dairy, refined sugar.

Best of 2017 If you are looking for something to read or watch over the holidays come and check out our display of the Best of 2017 which includes prize winning books, movies, and music and our personal favourites from 2017. We look forward to hearing your recommendations when you are next at the library!

We wish everyone a peaceful holiday season with lots of good books, movies, music, and happiness.

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BROWNIES	First meeting 2018 is Monday 5 February. Call Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Holiday Programme runs from 20-22 Dec, and 8-31 Jan. Ph Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Starts again early February 2018. 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 Feb. Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com . com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 4pm-5:30pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 9 December 2017, from 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS	Karate Summer School on Wed 10, 17 & 24 January 6-7:30pm. Term 1 Wednesday classes start 31 Jan & Thursday classes on 1st Feb 2018. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049.
PILATES	Monday class starts 5 Feb. Friday 2 Feb. Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Back on 7 February. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
ROCKING POPPING BODS	Back 9 Feb. Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 years. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Starts on Tuesday 13 Feb. Call Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. All inquires including January 2018 dates, phone Philip on 934 7445.
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. 2018 classes start 6:30pm Thur 25 Jan. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
ENCORE! TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Classes begin 13 Feb. Tuesday mornings. Music learning for 1-2 year olds and 3-4 year olds! www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz Contact: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or 04-976 8742.
KANGA TRAINING	Back on Mon. 5 Feb. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
YOGA	Saturdays 10:30am. Back 13 January. Jenn, jetbluenz5@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelhorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz	
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	First 2018 class on Fri 2 Feb. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	2018 classes start on Mon. 12 & Wed. 14 Feb. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Classes begin in mid-February 2018. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
GO KART (KIDS ART)	Go Kids art and craft classes for 7-12 years during school terms. Contact Rowena at: rowena.fry@slingshot.co.nz
KARDIO POWER	Back on Mon 8 January. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KANIKANI WELLINGTON	Free form dancing in the dark! Koha entry. Please go to our FB page for the next event. Facebook: @kanikaniwellington
KOHA YOGA	Tues. classes back 9 Jan. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	2018 classes start on Thur 8 & Sun 11 February. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Back Mon 8 January. Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Starts back on Tue 9 & Sat 13 Jan. Cam 021 263 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Starts back in mid-January 2018. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
WILD WORKOUTS	Boot camps start back on Mon 15 & Wed 17 Jan. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or wildworkouts.co.nz
ZUMBA	Starts again late January 2018. Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

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RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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After 36 years of association with the local community, the Brooklyn Resource Centre in Jefferson Street will be closing its doors on Friday 22nd December.

Successive committees have worked hard to ensure the continuation of the centre but for various reasons it has become financially unviable to operate as we have been.

At the Annual General Meeting this year, a decision was made by members to sell the premises. The property has been sold and will be converted back to a family home.

The present committee is looking at different opportunities within the Brooklyn area so that we remain involved with the local community and continue to deliver our core programme of activities.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported and helped out at the centre over the years. We hope the Brooklyn community continue to support our organisation and we look forward to working with you from another venue in a different capacity in 2018. We will keep you informed. Best wishes for the festive season.

Nigel Willis,
 Chairperson, BRC Society

MEALS ON WHEELS will be relocating to the Brooklyn Community Centre from Friday 1st December 2017. Any queries, please contact Euan Harris on 384 6799. Meals on Wheels roster co-ordinator, Sue Devereux, is looking for volunteer and relief drivers – as well as someone to cover

Fridays in June/July 2018. If you can spare approx. one hour each week, please contact Sue on 021 620 599.

SPEAKERS FRIDAYS 1:30 - 2:30pm

1st Dec - Euan Harris: Old Time Movies on the Projector

8th Dec - Tom McGrath & Julia Millen: Books we have written

15th Dec - Final Members Christmas Lunch

All our invitations have been sent out for our Christmas Lunch - we hope you can make it. Dorothy and myself would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the years, we will miss our connection with the community.

Jenny Swan, Co-ordinator



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Next Working Bee is Sunday 25 February

Upstream meets from 10.00 – 12.00 on the last Sunday of every month except December and January; 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!

Wednesday 22 November dawned fine, with only a slight breeze, perfect weather for a keen team of students from Wellington College to begin an assault on the gorse that is spreading along the bank in Central Park above the tennis centre.

Volunteer Wellington had been approached by the College on the hunt for work opportunities for the day for all 350 students in the Year 10 group.

Upstream saw this as a great chance for two-way benefits, with the students having the chance to undertake some work in the community and with their labour contributing to the maintenance of Central Park. The plan was to begin cutting back the gorse that has been creeping up the hill and starting to encroach on the main commuter path through the Park. On the day a group of 14 students and two teachers arrived at the Park at 9.30, fired

up and ready to go. Apart from a brief break at 11.00, they worked solidly all morning through until about 12.30. The evidence of their work was dramatically on show with a large pile of gorse stacked up at one side of the path and on the other side, the gorse cut back and cleared away. It was a great start to this new initiative, although we have to admit that there's plenty more to do yet!

One of the benefits of this clearing has been to bring out from hiding the juvenile rimus and other natives that were planted some years ago and are now ready to emerge from their nursery.

Merry Christmas to the Tattler readers and especially to all those who have volunteered in Central Park this year.

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In some cultures, the fresh start of the New Year is marked by a thorough house cleaning and new clothes. As we have been at our Vennell St shade house for over four years, it was looking a tad untidy, but a good fairy has been hard at work over the holidays, so it is now looking very spic and span, weed free and with new gravel laid. Thank you Martin.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

Welcome to the New Year!

I'm not sure how many of you make New Year resolutions, but I personally have made a couple of decisions concerning what my priorities are going to be in the next few weeks and months. One is as simple as deciding that for the next couple of months, I will forgo my early morning walk and work in the garden for an hour instead. Some people feel the need to make radical and challenging aims, but not being a jumping in and finding out if you can swim type of person, I find small incremental changes work better, and can sometimes lead to bigger things.

Rather like working on Owhiro Stream. Small and incremental is how we often feel about our work there, but however much that convolvulus and blackberry have grown while we have been away over the summer we know that our planting and weeding are making a difference. Perhaps you could help us by making a small decision to come to one working bee this year? **Working bees are on the second Saturday of each month**, excepting December and January; or you could make an even smaller decision and ask to be put on our mailing list - just email owhirostream@gmail.com.



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Local Brooklyn resident Keith Flint has a new canine companion, Milly who he adopted from the SPCA at 16 months old. She looks similar to Doug his former dog, being a Labrador Ridgeback Cross. You can often see them walking around the village and stopping at Caribe Café and Jo's Pies for a coffee and a read of the paper.



Brooklyn School have been running their "Best Kiwi" electives this term for the year 3 and 4 children. One of the choices was animal care and, as part of the learning, local mum Bridget Poppelwell brought her daughter Gussie's pony in to the Brooklyn Community Centre for the children to see. The highlight for the children was having rides around the community centre playground on Butterfly, and when Adam Hendry arrived to set up for After School Care he couldn't resist having a ride too!

Send us your stories and photos for the Brooklyn Tattler

If it's happening in our community we want to know. Submit your copy to brooklyntattler@gmail.com with photos to support your story.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION FOR MUMS AND FAMILIES

Recognising all the hard, unpaid work mums do.

Sat 9th Dec 3pm - 11pm
Vogelmorn Bowling Club

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Mums, bring a gift under \$10 if you want to be a part of Secret Santa.

BYO alcohol and drinks

Indian food available from Namnita or throw something on the BBQ.

Kids activities provided by Toi Taniwha

Tunes by Unity DJs - BBQ by Total Safari



BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Meetings start from 5 Feb
Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

Brownies

Margaret 389 3028

Brooklyn Guides

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working Bees Monday evenings 5:30-7:30pm weekly at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St.

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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. First practice day for 2018 on 2 Feb. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meets at Brooklyn Library 2pm Saturdays. 1st meeting for 2018 mid-February. Phone Sharon 027 634 4455 or Chris 384 9293.

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Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC

The winter season of play will resume from 1st April next year. Registrations open during February 2018. All enquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit www.bnujfc.co.nz

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. All groups back in 2018 at the start of the school term. 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 4.30pm-6pm 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

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12 Tuesdays

and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. All inquiries including January 2018 dates, phone Philip on 934 7445.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. First day back for 2018 on 2 Feb. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

4 December Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt, via Shandon Golf course and Sladden Park. 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus from railway station.

11 December Xmas lunch

18 December 9.15 start, 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St. From Wallace St, bus to Karori, Friend St, Homewood Ave, Flers St, Burn St., Ponsonby Rd., down walkway at end, through Northland tunnel, Kelburn, City.

1 January New Years Day

8 January Dorking Rd, Prince of Wales Park, Island Bay.

15 January Korokoro Dam. (8.58 No 7 bus, 9.27

Melling Train (arrive 9.39 or 9.35). Hutt Valley train (arrive 9.47). Get off at Petone and catch Kelson Bus No 150 at 9.58. Get off at Oakleigh Rd. entrance to Belmont Regional Park. Follow track down and from end of track walk to Petone shops for coffee. Catch No 91 bus back to Wellington

22 January Wellington Anniversary Day

29 January Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro & Norway Sts, Kelburn, City.

5 February Pomare, river walkway. 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.05 Hutt Valley train

12 February Otari Wilton Bush walkways. 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.25 No 14 Lambton Quay stop

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE WELLINGTON

Holiday closures on Sat 23, 30 Dec & Sun 24, 31 Dec. Adoptions back on 6 & 7 Jan from 12 - 4pm. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove), in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.nz

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

Next working bee. Sat 10 February 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: 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

RATA PLAYGROUP Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Sessions start back on 29 January at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Visit montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email cmsplaygroup@gmail.com

SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC) Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Cres. Classes start back mid-Jan. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Starts back on 13 Feb. 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

First meetings for 2018 on 16 & 30 Jan. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Caroline 027 229 3623, Christian 021 651 892

turbine@toastmasters.org.nz <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM - FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Next working bee February 2018. Last Sunday of the month 10am-12 at 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

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road where we host workshops, rehearsals and events. To see what's coming up or enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcome players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com

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.



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