

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
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NI HAO CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY	Fun friendly classes for young children to learn Mandarin Chinese Thursdays & Fridays 9am - 2:30pm Email: liling@nihaocc.org.nz
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
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HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:30 to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am and 10am Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
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SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 7 March - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
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TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 28 February - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.
Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz



What's happening in your Community

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Try Something New in 2015

Check out the great range of activities on offer at
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View details online at:

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or see the What's On pages in this month's Tattler



ABOVE: Summer School Holiday Programme Fun!

L to R - Trelise, Asta, Lara, Amy and Siobhan try out our new Lego blocks
at the Brooklyn Community Centre in January

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Welcome to our first Tattler for 2015.
Hard to believe we are already half way through February.

We had a busy month in January at the Community Centre with our Summer School Holiday Programme providing activities for up to 60 kids per day. Two of our day trips included rainbow trout fishing at the Capital Trout Centre in Happy Valley and badminton at Hataitai Badminton Hall, followed by box sliding on cardboard sheets down the hill next to the hall. You can view photos online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

All of our regular groups are now back for term one at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall, with some new additions including a Mandarin Chinese Under 5's Playgroup, open to anyone on Thursdays and Fridays at the Brooklyn Community Centre from 9am to 2:30pm. To find out more please visit the Ni Hao Children's Community website at: www.nihaocc.org.nz or email: liling@nihaocc.org.nz

Our community markets start up again this month, at the same time from 9:30am to 1pm on the last Saturday of the month, so 28 February is the date to mark on your calendar. Stalls are still only \$10 payable on the day. Tables and chairs provided. We are now listing our markets on Eventfinda. Go to www.eventfinder.co.nz and search under the *Festivals & Lifestyle* section. We are aiming to run several themed markets this year including a Harvest

Festival market on Saturday 28 March.
More details in next month's Tattler.

If you are thinking of upgrading your mobile phone, then please drop your old mobile into the Starship collection box located in the Brooklyn Community Centre foyer. By recycling your old mobile you can raise funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance and help save the lives of children. Any make and model of phone will be gratefully accepted regardless of condition.

Late last year we received confirmation of funding from Council for two projects. The first grant is to paint a mural in the Brooklyn Community Centre playground, on the bare section of fence that was erected after the removal of the brick toilet block. This project has been funded as part of Neighbours Day Aotearoa which takes place during the weekend of 28 & 29 March. We are also fortunate to have been allocated a grant to stage a commemorative event for ANZAC Day 2015 in Brooklyn, for which planning is currently under way.

Our next Tattler is a special extended colour edition which will be delivered to homes in Brooklyn, Kowhai Park, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston during the second weekend in March, so keep a look out in the mailbox for your free copy.

Have a great month

Euan Harris - Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall
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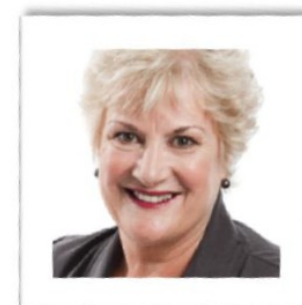
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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 29 February 2015

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
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Friends of Owhiro Stream

Well, the holiday season seems hardly to have started, but here I am writing for the Tattler again already.

FOOS has mostly been having a little respite since the end of November; our first working bee will be on Saturday 14 February, when we will no doubt find (or maybe not find) our plantings overrun with weeds, as no doubt some of your gardens are.

As there have been no FOOS activities these last two months, I will write about a meeting/workshop some of us attended in early December.

This was organised by Tim Park, WCC ranger, to bring together some of the many community plant nurseries that exist throughout Wellington, but who seldom have any contact with each other. The largest and most comprehensive of these is the Forest and Bird nursery at Highbury, who hosted us for the day, and were very generous with information about their operation and propagation techniques. After an excellent BBQ lunch - not your usual sausage, white bread and tomato sauce, thank you(!), we introduced ourselves and our groups. These included WCC staff from Berhampore Nursery, Urban Bio-diversity, and rangers and group representatives from Miramar to Tawa; after which we split into groups to discuss a variety of matters of great importance. I'm sorry to say, that with Christmas and holidays intervening, I've completely forgotten what they were - but did include things such as seed collection, plant choice, how Council staff could best help us, and the best way to deal with potting mix without getting it all over the floor and ourselves.

This was a great initiative by Tim, but interesting as it was as a one off, it will be of more benefit if it develops into a more permanent collaboration between Council and the various groups. Tim has promised to follow it up this year, and to organise a seed collection workshop in February, so we hope to hear from him soon.

And as a matter of interest - the vegetation map we were given shows Tawatawa reserve to contain 'modified remnants' containing mahoe, kohekohe, ngaio, olearia, mamaku, coprosma areolata (or aerolata?) and wharangi. Well - and we thought there was nothing there but common old mahoe, albeit with understory of rangiora, kawakawa, and hound's tongue fern.

Janet Campbell
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



Councillor Corner

Happy New Year Tattler readers and welcome to 2015.

One of the big issues this year is housing, particularly social housing for poorer families.

Wellington City Council provides almost half the social houses in the city, with the remainder provided by Housing New Zealand and a small number of community organisations like Dwell, which developed affordable housing beside Vogelmorn Hall.

The Council is continuing to invest in social housing for Wellington's wellbeing by ensuring all its citizens can live in dignity and equality.

The Council's current review of Social Housing Rental Policy reinforces our broader interest in ensuring there is good quality social housing in Wellington, while considering the Government's social housing policy and the interests of existing tenants.

I encourage all ratepayers to submit their views on the Council's review. These are important issues we're considering that affect the most vulnerable people in our community.

Finally, the Government recently announced its intention to sell state houses across New Zealand.

Wellington will need a plan to ensure this stock is kept in public ownership so we can provide our expertise to provide affordable housing options for Wellingtonians too.

Remember, home is where the heart is.

Best wishes for 2015.

Paul Eagle

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Brooklyn Resident's Association Inc. (BRAI)

2014 was a busy year in the community for the BRAI, even with a number of projects still "sitting" without resolution. We expect the same with 2015. We have no movement forward / clarity in decisions in regard to: the proposed the Stage Four expansion at the WCC run Southern Landfill / Careys Gully; proposed expansion of the C & D landfill; proposed expansion of the T & T landfills. While many view this as "out of our area", the reality is that almost all of that vehicle traffic passes through (pretty quickly – ignoring our supposed 30km speed limit through Brooklyn village) meaning road damage through sheer traffic volumes, pedestrian safety (see the speed at which commercial trucks and private vehicles speed through the lights and at speed). As well, there is a substantial area to the south of Brooklyn that has decades of regenerating native bush and a notable amount of flora and fauna that has special mention within the scientific biological community (look to ongoing commentaries from Friends of Owhiro Stream).

Despite regular conversations with WCC and its contractors through the Careys Gully Liaison Group, there still does not appear to be a practical and affordable way of disposing of the human waste (from the sewage system) treated at Moa Point and at the Southern Landfill which is buried at the tip, despite several projects trialing disposal methods. For those with a long memory, the stench and offensive odour's we suffered from the failed treatment systems five or so years ago have gone for now (because the human waste sludge is quickly buried), but this is not a long term solution – there is only some much surface area at the tip where this can be buried - without new treatment methods or disposal methods.

That aside, there have been some very positive developments locally, including the new and very popular Brooklyn Deli which is adding to and not taking away from the vibrancy of our small village -

business centre and local community.

There are plans to move the bus stop outside Khana Khazana on Cleveland Street (due to bus roll back / pedestrian crossing safety). Local ideas have been accepted by WCC to moderate and change how this is to be done and reshuffling a number of car parks and the taxi stand to make this work and have a minimal impact on locals and businesses. Also GoWellington (the bus company) and WCC intend to remove several small bus stops on upper Brooklyn Road.

We watch with interest the evolution of the area wide consultation group (the Kaka Group) including the Brooklyn / Kingston ridgeline wide consultation process / ideas gathering group called the Kaka Group - driven by WCC and including a wide range of community and social groups. Over 207 submissions were received, and these are being collated and presented to WCC for discussion to see which are practical to act on. This is an ongoing work in progress.

We also note that Meridian Energy is intending to rebuild the Brooklyn wind turbine. This will be a substantially larger wind turbine, generating more electricity, but we are told it will be quieter (due to technological improvements). There are proposals in the background for a wind turbine to the south of Brooklyn / south coast (as there have been for several years) but whether they come to pass is another matter.

We note that the community appears, generally, happy (or quiet) with its lot and has a good level of services and amenities. The BRAI & Kaka Group project have identified a number of "wants" and suggestions of more amenities that locals would like to see and some ideas of better uses of existing ones. We will wait and see whether these ideas are implemented and in what form. The BRAI looks forward to another busy year in 2015.

We invite you to attend our next meeting on

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UPSTREAM - Friends of Central Park

Welcome to the Art Trail 2015 – our big venture to kick off the year!

What?

The upcoming *Upstream* Art Trail will be a temporary public art exhibition installed in Central Park. The trail will showcase the original work of 12 emerging artists, all responding to a shared theme: SHELTER. The Friends work with Wellington City Council to maintain and develop the park as a key community asset and have received council funding to support this project.

When?

Upstream will run for four days, from 5- 8 March 2015.

Where?

The art trail will wend its way through Central Park beginning and ending at the main gate on Brooklyn Road. It will run along the bank of the Moturoa Stream, then follow the path up the hill to the Ohiro Track and from there travel down to the children's playground and back to the park entrance.

Who will exhibit?

Proposals have been received from artists who are in the early stages of their career – recent art school or university graduates, or professional creatives who have embarked on their careers in the past five years. A curatorial panel will work with applicants to progress proposals.

Working Bees

We will continue to work on clearing the Moturoa stream and environment of invasive weeds.

Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees which are supported by **Supreme Coffee** – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month except December and January.

Join us from 10.00am – 12.00pm at The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

Our next Working Bee is Sunday 22 February 2015.

For more information, contact Barbara at behardy@clear.net.nz or 384 5249 or Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

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Wednesday 18 March from 7pm at the Resource Centre 36 Jefferson Street (unless we have an extra meeting before that). We look forward to seeing you there.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our new mailing list brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com, Facebook page www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington, and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington.

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Lines from the Library -

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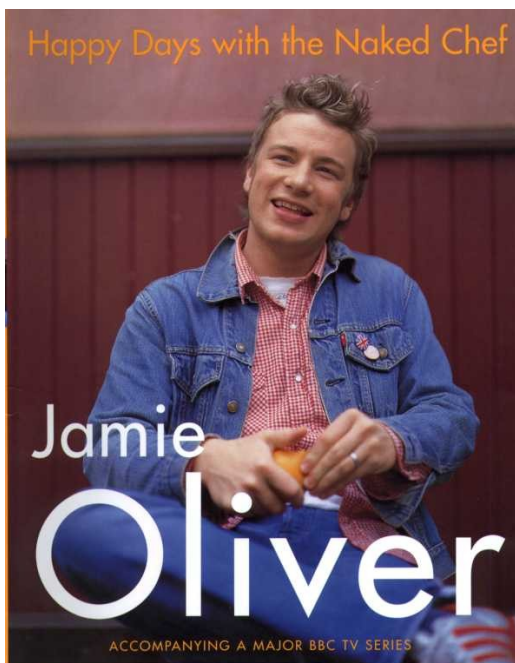
I would like to congratulate all those who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and I hope everyone involved enjoyed the educational competition and the hard earned prizes. School is back and reading is always on the agenda. Brooklyn Library has an entire section dedicated to books designed for kids learning to read aptly named the Eager to Read selection. The books are divided into 3 levels, stepping into reading, leaping into reading and finally flying into reading. They are labelled with a picture of shoes, a frog, or a plane so you'll have no trouble distinguishing the appropriate level. Our children non-fiction section is also useful for those going back to school; we can provide all you need to know on a research topic or theme. Remember the internet doesn't know everything!

The New Year is often a compelling motivation to change habits and get healthier. The library has a great collection of encouraging non-fiction regarding healthy eating, exercise, and general well-being. "Good Food for Life", by nutritionist Jane Clarke and "Smart Change: Five tools to create new and sustainable habits in yourself and others", by Art Markman are just two examples of recent publications available from the Brooklyn Library that can provide helpful tips and stimulus for those looking to make their New Year's resolutions a reality. "Good Food for Life" is a fantastic guide to eating healthy at any age. The book is divided into sections from

childhood to retirement and explores the body's nutrition requirements at every stage of life. Jamie Oliver, the much loved naked chef, recommends the book saying; "Jane Clarke is an exceptional nutritionist. She loves food and is a great cook!" Art Markman's "Smart Change" similarly explores ways to improve your health. Markman encourages the use of five tools to create healthy habits in the way you eat, exercise, work, and even shop. If either of these titles appeal to the new and improved you of 2015 do not hesitate to come in and check them out.

I hope to see you all at the Brooklyn Library soon.

Hannah Gorman



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Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

13th Feb "Back to the centre catch up"

20th Feb Sally Carmen
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"Turkey"

27th Feb Maureen Cahill
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LPs) You may like to
bring your own to listen to.

6th Feb Friday Chat
"Do you know or have
you met anyone Famous"

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. We welcome you back to the Centre. Kirsty our Podiatrist is starting on the 20 February, then fortnightly after that. Phone for an appointment. Our neighbourhood Christmas market was fun. It was lovely to see so many people on the day, thank you for your support. Our front garden is in need of some attention, so if you have any spare time on a Tuesday, we would appreciate help with some gardening. You are welcome to stay for our community lunch from 12-1pm. I am on the speaker trail for 2015, so come along to the centre from 2-3pm on a Friday. You may like to play an instrument like our piano which has been recently tuned. We have a box at the Centre for the Starship mobile phone appeal. This appeal supports the Starship National Air Ambulance Service. If you have any old phones you no longer need or want, please drop them into the box provided at the Centre so we can help this wonderful appeal. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Resource Centre.

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator

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 021 585 119 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
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 POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	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 at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
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Brooklyn	Friday	Babies to Preschool Ages
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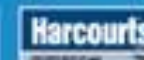
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The kitchen upgrade comes after the excavation and building of a new Venturer Den in the basement of the hall that was celebrated earlier in 2014.

Group Chair, Oliver Mander said "Scouts is all about adventure for life. We are a growing and active group, offering great opportunities for young people from 5 to 18 to have fun, learn and achieve in the outdoors and in the community."

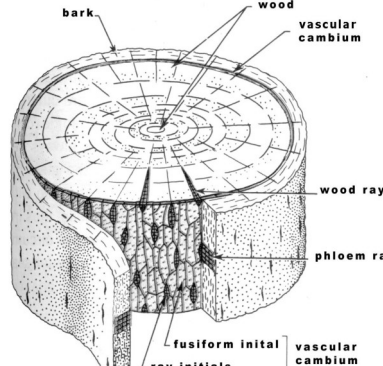
"We're looking forward to an exciting year in 2015 using our new facilities."



Committee and grant board representatives pose in the new kitchen; L-R; Chris Ewers (previous Committee chair), Nicki Lau-Young (Transpower); Oliver Mander (current Committee chair); Andy Foster (Chair, KBCCT); Heather Bullman (Trustee, KBCCT)

Activities for 2015 start in early February. More details can be found on the Group's website, www.brooklynscouts.org.nz.

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Brooklyn Scouts celebrate Chief Scout's Awards - and a new kitchen

After 30 years of 'steady as she goes', Brooklyn Scouts is celebrating a new lease of life, with two more Scouts achieving Chief Scout's Awards and the formal opening of a new kitchen in the Brooklyn Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

Josh Stewart and Liam Simes were both awarded the Chief Scout's Award on Tuesday 16 December.

Presented by Councillor David Lee, the Chief Scout's Award is the supreme award within the Scouting section (ages 10 to 15) and is only given to Scouts who have made outstanding achievements in their scouting lives. Only four Chief Scout's Awards have been achieved by Brooklyn Scouts in the last 30 years – there were two awards in 2013.

For Josh who has just completed Year 10 at Wellington High, achieving the Chief Scout award has meant 24 weeks of helping with Cubs, community service in the form of clean-ups and plantings in the Owairo Stream and academic achievements in the form of a Niwa science fair project win with his project on weather. Josh's interest in Kapa Haka at school has also helped the group with its understanding of Tikanga Maori. In presenting the award, David noted Josh's determination to put in the hours to get the award - hours that are on top of a heavy commitment to numerous sports teams, kapa haka, and the feminist club at school.

Liam's award was presented in absentia, but his achievements include service leading Keas, leading trips for other Scouts, including one to the Hawkes Bay and attendance at the Scout Jamboree – a key scouting event held every three years. Liam is an active surf life-saver and competes at a National level so has also been the resident water safety expert for the group. Liam has just completed Year 10 at Wellington College.



Josh Stewart celebrating with his Scout troop;

In addition to the presentation of Chief Scout's Awards, the Group celebrated the formal opening of a brand new kitchen. Built with the assistance of a significant grant from Karori Brooklyn Community Charitable Trust (KBCCT) and with funding for an electrical upgrade from Transpower, the new kitchen will enable the group to expand the cooking skills of their Scouts. It also provides a more useable community space for the wider Brooklyn community.

History

In present day Brooklyn we have two retailers who can be classed as 'grocers', and one in Mills Road. In 1910 the number of grocers was quite substantial:

Miller, Mrs L F; confectioner,
28 Cleveland Street

Cording, Mrs M E;
pastry cook,
58 Cleveland Street

Logan, Mr J A; grocer,
28 Helen Street

Harrington, Mrs A J; grocer,
8 Todman Street

Brown, Mrs A L; grocer,
46 Washington Avenue

Maroney, Mrs K; dairy,
69 Washington Avenue

Bibby, Mrs T; grocer,
75 Washington Avenue

Savage, Mr J; grocer,
34 Mills Road

Blundell, Miss J; grocer & confectioner,
2 Mornington Road (west side, near
Taft Street)

McDonald, Mr D; grocer,
Mornington Road

Palmer, Mr J R; grocer,
259 Ohiro Road

Glasson, Mr W; confectioner & fruiterer,
211 Ohiro Road

Brown, Mr R; grocer,
Vogeltown

Pickett, Mr Tom, grocer,
Ohiro Road (corner Cleveland Street,
where chemist is now)

Anton, Mrs E E; grocer,
Mornington Road

Westwood, Mr W; grocer,
cnr Cleveland and Washington Avenue

At this time, Mornington Road only ran from Mills Road to the south side of Taft Street, which was unbroken from Ohiro Road to the zigzag path at its eastern end.

Mrs Anton's shop was approximately where the cluster of garages are, near the Tennis Club. Miss Blundell, who was related to the Blundell family who owned the Evening Post newspaper, had adjacent to her business a long wooden trestle bridge which was a continuation of the footpath. The location of this present day, is in the dip when one travels along Mornington Road crossing Taft Street.

Some descendants of the grocers listed above still live in the area, or close by. Mrs Miller's shop was a tiny building on the north side of Cleveland Street, where Jo's Takeaways are now. Her husband Len ran the shop when she was sick, then later on Len Junior owned the grocery. When Mrs Miller died, a number of Brooklyn residents went to the funeral. However, there was a lot of whispering and discreet gossiping going on, as both Len Senior and Junior did not attend the service. Rumours went around the family did not see eye to eye. Len Senior also tuned pianos. Len Junior later became a driver for Goulds Smallgoods, but he has long since departed this life.

More stories next month.
Chris Rabey

GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting:

7pm Sunday 15 February at
Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium
All welcome. Donation.

Email: goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet at 9:30am on
Monday mornings outside the
Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied
covering most of Wellington. Our
group is full of friendly people so join
us. For more information call
Susannah: 384 7412 / Clare 384 9054.

23 February - Korokoro Dam. 8:58am
No 7 bus to catch 9:27am Melling train
(arrive 9:39) or 9:35am Hutt Valley
train (arrive 9:47) Get off at Petone
and catch Kelston bus No 150 at
9:58am. Get off at Oakleigh Rd
entrance to Belmont Regional Park.
Follow track down. From end of track
walk to Petone shops for coffee. Catch
No 91 bus back to Wellington.

2 March - Petone Esplanade to Lower
Hutt, via Shandon Golf Course and
Sladden Park. 9:38am No 7 bus to
catch 10:07 bus from railway station

Detailed Walking Group programmes,
available from the Brooklyn
Community Centre office.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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.

Venturers 14-18 years, Thursdays 7.00-
9.00pm

For more information contact Gillian
Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz
phone: 972 9904

Brooklyn Garden Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the first
Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn
Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St.
Come and hear interesting and
informative guest speakers, share
gardening tips and plant cuttings, and
enjoy the company of our small friendly
group. New members and new ideas
are always welcome. For further details
contact Barbara on 389 4307.

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of
Toastmasters International. We hold
fortnightly meetings to teach and
practice the skills of effective
communication in a supportive learning

environment. Turbine Talkers meets
every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews
Church on Washington Avenue. For
further details. Ph. John Plunkett
029 7713171

<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening
during school terms, from 6.00-
7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community
Centre, Harrison St. We welcome
any girl between the ages of 7 to 9.5
years of age to join Brownies for fun,
friendship and other activities. Ph.
Margaret 389 3028 for details.

Brooklyn Pippins meet Monday
evening during term time 6-7pm at the
Reformed Church, end of Harrison St.
Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30
-8pm at Reformed Church, Harrison
St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro Road will have
noticed the vast improvement over the
past few years to the Owhiro Stream
and its environs achieved by this local
group. Work is ongoing and if you
would like to find out more about it,
call: Martin – 389 8995; Janet - 385
2077

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

Our working bee is the last Sunday of
the month from 10am to noon. Meet at
the picnic table next to the big bridge,
2 mins from the main gate. Come
along for great conversations, meet
new people, fab morning tea provided
and contribute to the care of Central
Park! No formal meeting in January.

Contact Debbie for informal
meeting times.

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History
Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday
28 February at Brooklyn Library cnr
Cleveland and Harrison Streets.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Sharon for details:

387 1487 daytime or 972 1495 AH

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
3:30-4:45pm. 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 Carol for Youth on 0274 321
204 www.stjohn.org.nz

Brooklyn Food Group

The Brooklyn Food Group have a
passion for local food and
community. We run workshops,
shared gardens and a community
orchard.

Contact us to get involved or drop
in to our regular working bee at the
Brooklyn Orchard every Monday
evening from 5pm till 7pm at the
end of Harrison Street. Everyone
very welcome.