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Thank you! Our stunning cover this month of a Brooklyn sunset is from Mark Dittmer.

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the first Tattler for 2017 delivered free to homes throughout Brooklyn, Kowhai Park, Panorama Heights, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston, thanks to our neighbours the Brooklyn Scout Group on Harrison Street. We hope you managed to have a good break during January. People usually ask if I'm going away and this year I managed to spend a week in Taranaki around New Plymouth. One of the larger suburbs in the city is called Vogeltown with some familiar street names like Liardet Street which leads directly to Pukekura Park where the well-known Festival of Lights takes place over summer, including many other activities similar to our own Summer City Programme in the Botanic Gardens.

Back home in Brooklyn, the gates on the Vogelmorn Green between Vogelmorn Hall and the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club have been unlocked allowing public access. The Green is now being jointly managed by the Brooklyn Community Association and Vogelmorn Community Group. The 70 year old concrete retaining wall is still intact on the eastern side of the Vogelmorn Green just below the former Green Keepers cottage which was subdivided and sold late last year. The Wellington Evening Post from Tuesday 25 November 1997 has a story and photo of the then newly painted crowd scene mural on the retaining wall, which was created by Tony Ferrier of

Artworks, and features a number of former bowling club members including the late Sir Leonard Hadley who was a life member and long-time club patron. In the mural above the bowlers is a commentary box with bowls commentators Garry Ward and Stuart Scott. Underneath you can make out flags for the Rose and Crown and Lovelocks Sports Bar. The Lovelocks Sports Bar is still going strong at 12 Bond Street but the Rose and Crown pub in the former BNZ shopping centre on Willis Street has now gone.



It was 20 years ago: A section of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club mural painted in 1997.

Most of our regular groups are back for 2017 including some new additions. We are pleased to have regular Yoga classes now underway at Vogelmorn Hall with Ming Janssen. Weekly classes are running on Thursday mornings from 11am to 12:15pm with payment by koha. For more details contact Ming via email: ming.janssen@gmail.com

Starting on 16 February at Brooklyn Community Centre, Leia Cohen will be teaching Zumba fitness classes from 9:30am to 10:15 on Thursdays in the main hall. Contact Leia at cohenleia@gmail.com or phone her on 020 41109308. See the middle pages of this month's Tattler for more of our regular activities at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall.

Have a great month.

BCA NEWS

Brooklyn village is buzzing again after a quiet Christmas and New Year period. I sure missed the smell of Jo's pies as I walked through the village with my dog Kodak. Arvind Mora from Brooklyn Foodmarket and the team at Caribe kept the energy of the village going while many took a break. Of course it was extra busy at the Brooklyn Community Centre with the holiday program running.

In late January I learned that Graeme Blanchard, the owner of Brooklyn Unichem, has sold the business. Thanks for years of faithful service to our community Graeme.

The brooklyntattler@gmail.com Inbox had many complimentary emails about the December issue over the break. I love it when people stop me in the street to share their thoughts. Your feedback is always welcomed and the team that works on the Tattler especially appreciated hearing your delight.

As we advised in the December Tattler, this issue is going to over 4,000 homes in the wider Brooklyn area. In the past, home delivery was in March however mid-last year the BCA Council made the decision to move this to February to promote all the new classes starting up in term one.

BCA Council members have been on a break since mid-December and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting early in March. Even volunteers need a holiday :)

Kay Miller
On behalf of BCA Council members

from the COUNCILLOR

**PAUL EAGLE, DEPUTY MAYOR
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCILLOR
SOUTHERN WARD**



Happy New Year - Nga mihi mo te Tau Hou!

As we move into the second month of 2017 it's a good time to take stock of the priorities for Brooklyn.

Thanks to the hard work of hundreds of residents over the past three years, we're in a good position to move forward with the two major outcomes from the Kaka Project this year.

As many people know, the project was a highly successful collaboration between

local residents and the Council, resulting in the establishment of a community hub in central Brooklyn and the development of a precinct around Vogelhorn Hall.

Other priorities including building more resilience in our infrastructure and communities to cope with natural disasters.

This includes education and also funding for projects that protect people and bringing forward the building of a new water reservoir.

Addressing housing affordability is another key priority, which I will lead as the Chair of the Mayor's Housing Taskforce, to ensure we avoid a housing crisis like Auckland.

These are my priorities as Deputy Mayor in 2017, which can only be achieved with your ongoing support.

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Been thinking of playing some tennis this season? It's not too late to dust off the racquet. Vogelhorn Tennis Club offers great value and affordable mid-season memberships for all levels, play tennis up to the end of August.

Our Junior Section's weekly, social and welcoming 'Fun Friday Junior BBQ Nights' start Friday 3 February 5:30-7pm. If you don't have a racquet we have kids' loan racquets available. Tennis-inspiring sausages just \$2 each. Junior coaching spots are still available.

In the club's Senior Midweek Section some old-fashioned enthusiasm has resulted in a resurgence of activity. Maybe it's the fun-oriented Tennis Aerobics that club coach Mark Parsonage takes, leading simple drills that both beginners and seasoned players can do, or the morning teas. Who knows? The 'Midweekers' were so keen to resume before the new school term, they held their first midweek morning for 2017 on 13 January!

Midweek section welcomes men and women of all levels. If you want to play tennis outside of weekends, or are new to the area and would like to make new tennis friends, we'd love you to join us Fridays:

9:30 am Informal warm up tennis.
10:00 am Tennis Aerobics.

11:00 am Doubles matches.

11:30 am Coffee/Tea, Cake and CHAT!

Even when the weather looks unfavourable players generally still meet at the club for morning tea! Phone Jan on 027 220 7819 or email midweekconvenor@vogelhornstennisclub.com.

Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon club days are back in full swing - it might not be too late to slot you into an interclub team. Contact vogelhornstennisclub.com or secretary@vogelhornstennisclub.com



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to 2017, a new year with changes and opportunities in front of us as a suburb and as a city. We continue to work with our elected officials to encourage improvements within Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs.

We look to see more and improved community engagement between residents and WCC; we'll see if the much talked about weekend bus services to Kowhai Park & Panorama Heights start this year and we look to see what changes come about with discussions about earthquake preparedness driven by WCC to prepare Wellington in case of another "big" quake.

Which also dovetails into ongoing discussions about the proposal, currently muted, of a large

water storage tank proposed to be built within the grounds of the Prince of Wales Park. If and when this happens over the next couple of years.

Sadly, we note that, in the last couple of weeks, there's been a spate of car break-ins. Possibly individual crims /team or school holiday idle hands. Connaught, Ohiro and Todman have suffered break-ins. Please be aware and cautious.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 21 February. We welcome new members and existing residents along to discuss matters of interest and local concern. We look forward to seeing you at 7pm Wednesday at the Brooklyn Resource Centre. All welcome, it would be great to see you there.

Get in touch here to join our email list: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com or [facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington](https://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington)

MOVING BEYOND HABITS IN 2017

Start the New Year with Feldenkrais® classes at Vogelmorn Hall. Felden - what? The Feldenkrais ('krais' rhymes with 'rice') Method is about learning to make movement easier. Named after its originator, Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais, D.Sc. (1904-1984) and based on principles of physics, biomechanics, human development and learning theory, it has a practical focus resulting in better functioning in everyday activities such as sitting, walking, bending and turning; and in sports, dance, etc.

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Brooklyn Scout Group Leader Oliver Mander says the experience will be the

highlight of their time in Scouts for many of the youth who attended.

"The youth who attended ranged in age from 10-14 years, plus we had some of our older youth Venturers attending as youth volunteers. For each of them it was about challenging themselves in the activities, and learning to live without mum and dad."

"The range of activities and the organisation behind the event was just incredible. We were absolutely delighted to have been able to send so many of our youth along and they'll have memories that will last a life-time."

The next Jamboree will be in 2019. Scouts need to meet certain minimum requirements but Brooklyn Scouts puts extensive effort into ensuring every youth member who wants to attend can get along.

Places are available this year for boys and girls across each of Brooklyn Scouts sections. Visit brooklynscouts.org.nz



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from the LIBRARY



Ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa!
A warm welcome to the new year from the team at the Brooklyn Library!

Best of 2016 We hope you've been able to indulge in some great reading, listening, and viewing over the holidays. If you're seeking good books, DVDs and CDs to get your teeth into then look no further than the display we've put together by our entrance here in Brooklyn. We've enjoyed creating a showcase of our favourites from 2016, including the winners of the Man Booker, Pulitzer, Baillie Gifford, and New Zealand Book Awards.

Check out the covers we have on display and feel free to discuss any of the choices we've made. We'd love to hear your opinions, and any recommendations you would make.

If a recommended book is not available in Brooklyn, you can reserve it and have it delivered here for \$2, or \$1 with a community services/gold card discount. And remember, children and young adults' reserves are free!

Concession cards If you're a frequent user of the reserve system, or a frequent borrower of DVDs, magazines, CDs, or bestsellers

our concession cards might be just what you need to make borrowing more affordable.

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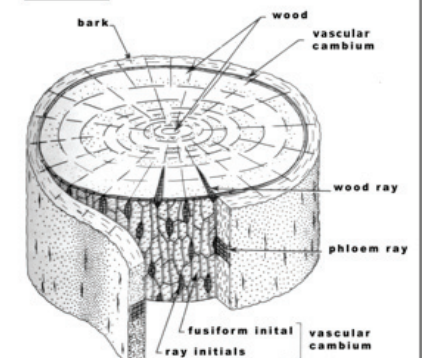
\$40 get 1 free - value \$48.

CDs: \$20 get 4 free - value \$24.

Books on CD: \$30 get 2 free - value \$36.

Bestsellers: \$25 get 1 free - value \$30.

We're always happy to answer any questions you might have about the concession cards or any aspects of Wellington City Libraries, and look forward to seeing you in the library!



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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 6-7:30pm during school terms. Call Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & Afterschool Care & Holiday Programmes. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. 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	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 3:15-5:15pm. 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	Beginners Wed 5:30-6:15pm & Thurs 5-5:45pm. 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	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Susan 801 6814 or susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays in school terms 6:30-8pm. Call 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. Philip 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! Tuesdays 9:45-10:15am. info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or call 976 8742 or 022 645 6943
ZUMBA FITNESS NEW!	Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15am. Contact Leia on 020 41109308 or cohenleia@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

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AEROBIC DANCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15-10:15am Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am-1pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am & 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:30-7pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KID'S ART CLASSES	Thursdays 3-4:30pm for primary school kids.
KOHA YOGA - NEW!	Thursdays 11am-12:15pm. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
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	Mondays 6:10-6:40pm. Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Saturdays 3-5pm. Cam 021 263 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10:30-12:30pm. Contact Alice at: henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MARKET
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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
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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

3 February - Jenny & Dorothy
 Back to the Centre catch up

10 Feb - Ethel Bucannon
 A village school play

17 Feb - Sally Carmen (Armchair travel)
 Bathurst NSW

24th Feb - Dan Totty - Challenges & Rewards of a Career Break

3rd March - Peter Barker
 Samaritans Helpline

Happy New Year to you all. We had a wonderful Christmas lunch for 28. The ham was superb not to mention the take home goodies. Thank you Lois for playing the piano for our afternoon singalong. Also a Big Thank You to our fantastic volunteers. Our programme from March this year will change slightly, the speaker time will move from 2-3 to 1.30-2.30.

We hope more people will take advantage of their Gold Card to come along for the afternoon for some great speakers and company. Bring along any ideas you might like to do in the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

Unfortunately we have lost the world's best Secretary our Maria Schuch. Maria resigned at our last committee meeting for 2016. Maria has been associated with the BRC for over 19 years. Her tremendous support has been so much appreciated. We will miss her dearly. We know she is irreplaceable but if there is anyone out there that would like to take on the role please give me a call. You may already be a member. Thank you so much Maria.

The Centre's groups and activities are back to normal as of the 30th January.
 See you all soon, Jenny

PODIATRIST Kirsty will return to the centre on Friday 17th of February.

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

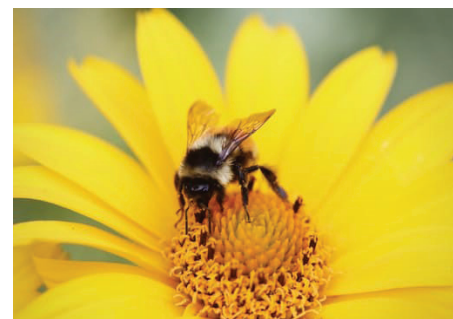
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2016 was a massive year for selling and buying Wellington real estate. We expect more of the same in 2017.

Brooklyn has seen a lot of activity in 2016. There were 103 property sales and 8 over \$1M. There were 51 sales in Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston. If you want to sell in this strong market and want a realistic opinion on what your property will sell for, call me.

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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 held on the second Saturday of each month**, except December and January; or you could make a smaller decision and ask to be put on our mailing list - just email owhirostream@gmail.com.

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 Street 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, Friends of Owhiro Stream



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Some of the 2017 Upstream artists at a working bee in Central Park

Upstream Art Trail looms - 2 to 5 March There's less than a month to go until Wellington's Central Park becomes a four-day showcase for an exciting selection of edgy contemporary art works.

Upstream Art Trail 2017 is a public art exhibition that provides opportunities for new and emerging artists and designers. It gives local emerging talent the chance to show their practice and accomplishments to the wider public, and encourages people of all ages to enjoy and explore the Park.

Gabby O'Connor, of the Art Trail committee, has been mentoring artists involved with the event. The overarching theme in each of the artist's works is 'structure'.

Fourteen artists and designers have been selected to participate in this year's Art Trail. They come from a wide variety of disciplines and include photographers, sculptors, ceramic artists and much more. Artist biographies and descriptions of their work will be available on the Upstream website in early February. Recent editions

of the Brooklyn Tattler have included items about some of the artists whose work will be on show. Candace Smith, one of

them, is working on a project called 'reCycle'. She describes it as 'a woven structure that is both placed and woven into its surroundings'.

"I've chosen to weave repurposed-metal onto living plants as a way of exploring

ideas of movement, connection and transformation." The name is a play on the words 'cycle' and 'recycle' as the exhibit features recycled rubber inner tubes from bicycles that Candace sourced from a network of cyclist and bike repair shops.

"It's about exploring ideas of long histories of weaving, plants and parks, the cycles of life and the curving of puna."

Candace was motivated to join Upstream Art Trail 2017 due to the ongoing efforts of indigenous planting. She hopes that participating in the event will help her discover how the green spaces of Wellington "are woven into everyday life as commuter routes, recreational and community spaces and histories told



through changing landscapes.”

The 2017 Upstream Art Trail will build on the success of the inaugural Art Trail, held in 2015. That event was recognised with the ‘Best Visual Arts Award’ in the 2015 New Zealand Fringe Festival.

The Art Trail is organised by Upstream, the Friends of Central Park. This group of volunteers was formed in 2005, when the Wellington City Council worked with the local community on a park restoration plan to address concerns that the park was neglected and under-used.

Since then the Council has redeveloped the playground, cleared weed infestations in the stream, built new tracks and bridges, and opened up new areas of the park for walking.

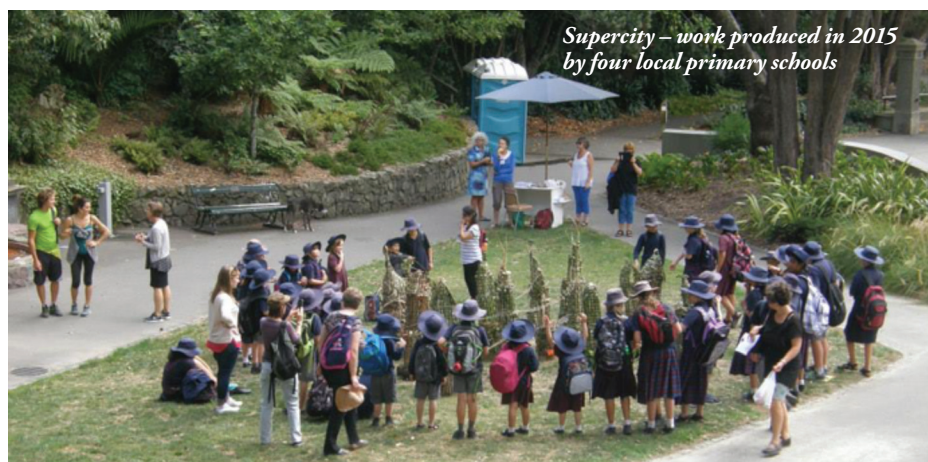
Upstream Friends have assisted this maintenance and redevelopment through regular working bees. These have involved replanting and maintaining the stream area, rubbish clearance, planting trees and shrubs, and improving park entrance areas with amenity planting. Developing



2015 Upstream work

the Art Trail to draw more people into the Park seemed like a natural next step, to enhance the value of our ‘hidden gem’. Wellington City Council has given strong backing to the Art Trail, with generous grants from the Arts and Culture Fund and the Creative Communities Fund, and also through the advice and encouragement of Council staff.

Late last year the group reached out to the community to add to the grants already approved for the 2017 Art Trail and the response was overwhelming. They were delighted to reach their initial target of \$7,500 on day 15 of the 28-day campaign. That means being able to pay each artist a fee for their work, as well as covering the essential costs like



Supercity – work produced in 2015 by four local primary schools

printing and publicity, insurance, and security.

The Art Trail offers a chance to engage the primary schools in the community and they’ve picked this up with enthusiasm. The inaugural Upstream Art Trail in 2015 included a fantastic exhibit created by four local primary schools. This collaborative work, titled ‘Supercity’, took pride of place inside the Central Park gates and was a huge hit with the children, parents and teachers involved, and equally with visitors.

That success guaranteed a place for another ‘schools artwork’ in this year’s Art Trail. Gabby O’Connor is once again facilitating the school workshops and will be supporting the children in creating their structure-themed work. In a blog post that refers to her time coordinating the previous collaborative artwork, Gabby says that a huge amount of data is collected to develop the project.

“This project is student-led. I had no idea what materials or form or system that this project would take - unlike my other collaborative projects. The unknown makes it a little scary, working outside my comfort zone, but it is also thrilling and reliant on serendipity and experience.”

This year’s participating schools are Berhampore, Brooklyn, Ridgway, Te Aro and St. Bernard’s. The final workshops take place early this month and Gabby looks forward to seeing what these young artists create.

Upstream invite you to join them to wander ‘Upstream’ in Central Park 2 - 5 March 2017. The opening ceremony, featuring an address by Wellington’s Mayor Justin Lester, kicks off at 4.30pm Thursday 2 March in the Upstream ‘beer garden’ near the children’s play area. **Full artist information and details about upcoming events and working bees can be found on upstream.org.nz.**

Open for new enrolments

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Margaret 389 3028
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Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Creating local food and community. Working bees from 5pm Mondays at Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

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 Crescent. Just turn up on practice day http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

First meeting of the year is 2pm Saturday 20 February at the Library as usual. Enquiries to Sharon phone

3888088 or 0276344455.

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided. **Wellington Reformed Church**
34 Harrison St.
Wednesdays 10am.
Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish
96 Washington Ave.
Fri 9:30am. Nicky 971 1265

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

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

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 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.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

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

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

20 FEB Titahi Bay. Catch 9:10am No.8 bus then 9:44am train. Arrive 10:05am in Porirua. Bus to Titahi Bay at 10:33am (Gloaming Hill). Exit bus before it goes up Gloaming Hill beside the sea. Walk around foreshore or over hill if energetic.

27 FEB Seatoun, Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay, Lyall Bay. Catch 9:57am No.11 Bus from Wallace St.

6 MAR Mana, Acheron Rd, Mana View Road, Penryn Dr through reserve, Pendennis Point down to waterfront and along Cambourne walkway back to Mana. 9:08am No.8 bus then 9:44am train.

13 MAR Walk to Adelaide Rd through High School, No. 3 bus to Kilbirnie then walk around the bays.

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

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

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

SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC)

Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Crescent. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

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

Lots of activities coming up at the Vogelmorn Bowling Club including yoga classes, Butoh practice, African dance/Polynesian moving meditation, and a theatre-making workshop with some visitors from Melbourne! Plus we're into the next stage of our kitchen upgrade. We run community events + shared office space + private hire at the Club rooms, 93 Mornington Road Visit www.vogelmorn.nz to find out more or get involved.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

We welcome players of all ages and abilities to join our social, family-friendly club. Regular club days, opportunities for competitive play and professional coaching. Visit vogelmorntennisclub.com or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com or call in - we're at the corner of Mornington Road and Vennell Street.

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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