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Thank You! Our cover photo this month is from Brooklyn Scouts - see their story on page 8

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WELCOME NEW GROUPS We are pleased to welcome several new groups starting in term one at our Community Centres.

Let's Boogie with Suzanne Adamson is a fun dance based exercise class to your favourite pop music at Vogelhorn Hall on Thursdays from 9:15 - 10:15am. All fitness levels welcome and all February classes are free! Call Suzanne for info on 021 083 43459 or just turn up.

MUSIC & MOTION At Vogelhorn Hall on Tuesdays, Moya Field facilitates an after-school Rocking Popping Bods music and motion group for 5-8 year olds from 3:15-4:15pm. Contact Moya on 021 050 3075. Over at Brooklyn Community Centre 'Get the Beat' music for babies with Lois O'Connell is running on Monday mornings from 10am in the RSA Room. Phone Lois on 973 1650 for details.

THANK YOU Rowena Fry who has been tutoring the After-school Art programme at Vogelhorn Hall on Thursday afternoons for the last five years is taking a break. Thanks Rowena for all your work in putting together and running the art classes at Vogelhorn and we hope you come back again when time allows.

Perry Aspros, former president and committee member of the Brooklyn Community Association, has resigned to concentrate on other activities. Perry has been on the committee since May 2011 and during his two year term as president

put many hours into bringing the BCA up to a strong financial position. Perry has been instrumental in achieving upgrades to the Community Centre so it can be enjoyed by all for years to come. Perry was also a key person behind the success of our annual Brooklyn ANZAC Day Commemoration Service which will now be solely undertaken by Phillip Bolton.

ANZAC DAY Phillip is already planning our 2018 ANZAC Day programme. This year the service will be held on the Brooklyn Community Centre grounds in Harrison Street as Brooklyn School will be unavailable due to redevelopment work which starts early April. More details in next month's Tattler.

HARVEST MARKET We are looking forward to the first of our quarterly markets on Saturday 24 March from 12-4pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre. The theme is a Harvest Market to tie in with the move towards autumn. Saturday 24 March is also Neighbours Day, so it's a great opportunity for people to come

along and catch up with each other while browsing and buying. The goal of our new quarterly markets is to bring the wider Brooklyn community together to celebrate the beginning of each season. We would love to hear from local people interested in having a stall to promote their crafts, products and businesses. Please contact us on 384 6799 or email: coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

MEALS ON WHEELS are a valuable community service made possible thanks to a team of volunteers who deliver food to the elderly and housebound. Pickups are from the Brooklyn Community Centre at approximately 11:30am-12pm. Sue Devereux, our local coordinator, is currently looking for a person to deliver on the second and third Wednesday of the month, and also to fill in on Fridays during April and May so if you can spare a couple of hours to help please contact Sue on 021 620 599.

Below the BCA team, from left: Chris Barry-Goss, Euan Harris, Adam Hendry, Phillip Bolton, Julie Seevens



from the COUNCILLOR

NICOLA YOUNG
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Our glorious summer weather has highlighted a major issue for the city – water storage.



While we're all doing our bit to 'love every drop' (fixing leaking taps, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, shorter showers...), Wellington Water is moving ahead with its major resilience project: the Prince of Wales/Omārore reservoir.

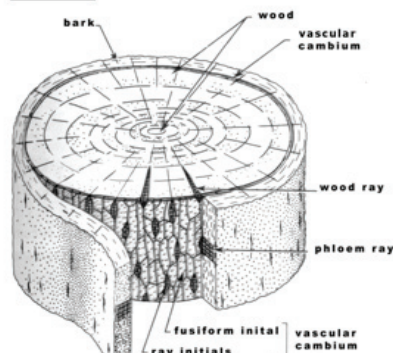
The reservoir is essential for our city, although its construction will have a significant effect on many residents of Brooklyn and Mt Cook.

The notice of consent hearings will be held in early March and Council is keen to hear the issues and how they can be addressed. Many of the issues have already been aired; in particular the inconvenience and irritation of all those trucks removing soil during the construction phase.

There are lots of other Council and non-Council projects going on in the Brooklyn community: Brooklyn School redevelopment will be starting soon; plans for the Harrison Street flats are progressing; and I understand Wellington Water will soon be consulting with the Brooklyn community about replacing the Bell Road reservoir.

I have a deep love of the arts and recognise the importance of Wellington's creative industry, so I was delighted that our Mayor has asked me to assist with the arts portfolio. Don't forget the New Zealand Festival 2018 starts on Friday 23 February. There will be lots of fantastic performances!

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Early Childhood Centre Inc

The hills around Ohiro in the earliest times were known as Turangarere (the waving plumes of the war party), as the people observed the tall rata and totara trees waving in the winds. The name had been brought down to the area by the Ngātiawa

EARLY MĀORI IN BROOKLYN

place in what is now Nairn Street, about where the road turns into Brooklyn Road. Ngākumikumi refers to the 'pahau' or beard of the Mamaku fern tree, as the withered leaves hang like a beard. There was an old mahingo-kai (cultivation) here.

hapu who had been driven out of Taranaki to settle in the area. The name was given as when the warriors stood up to dance (turanga) all their feather head adornments would wave to and fro (rere).

The first village the Ngātiawa set up was named Mo-era, and was situated on the rise where Maarama Crescent is today. The name Mo-era translates as 'Sleeping in the Sun'. The kainga was so called because of its situation, it caught the first rays of the sun in the morning while the people were still sleeping.

Mo-era in time came to apply to all that hill slope from Maarama Crescent westwards to Pohill Gully.

Wai-Mapihi is the ancient and original name of the stream Te Aro which flows down below Mo-era and so to the harbour. It was so called as it was dammed up near the stream head and a large pool formed. Mapihi was an important woman among the Ngāti-Tara and Ngāti-Mamoe tribes and she bathed there. These two tribes were already settled in the Ohiro area and were at peace with the Ngātiawa.

Across the hills to the east the kainga of Ngākumikumi was near Tamati Wera's

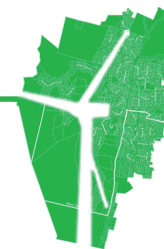
The people ventured further south and up into the hills trying to find some flat land for cultivation. They found this first in a clearing east of the present Sugarloaf Road, then over to a hill in the southeast. Here they established their Omāroro Kumera gardens, about where the present Connaught Terrace is located. The Māori then cut tracks from their village of Mo-era to connect these areas they found suitable for planting.

The chief of the Ngātiawa living in Mo-era was Te Munu Ohiro, and he is believed to have settled there with his people sometime in the 1820s or earlier.

Chief Ohiro later discovered there was already a kainga across the harbour known as Mo-era, so he decided to rename his village, and the whole area they had explored, Ohiro. The land extended to the gullies (now Central Park), ran through the valley (Aro Street) then up the hills southwards. Te Munu retained this land ownership until 1867 when ownership was transferred to his uncle, Rapana Ohiro.

From the Omāroro gardens the Māori cut another track which went down to the present Hargreaves Street.

BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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I hope you've enjoyed your Xmas and New Year break. 2018 is going to be one of growth for the Residents Association and we hope we can all benefit from it.

Over the Xmas break I have talked to many residents about our suburb and, although councillors give us great support, they can only support us if we are in majority agreement of what we require.

Projects for 2018 are: The Ohiro road, Cleveland, Todman Street intersection. The council supplied a proposal which we debated and then offered our own

solutions. We managed to get it delayed until February as council officers said they required more public consultation. In January Paul Gardiner wrote to all councillors on our behalf about the

Southern Landfill, heavy traffic movements and the impact on Brooklyn residents. The next project is the introduction of the bus hub and the regional and city councils' plans being approved with our recommendations.

The other major items we are keeping a watching brief on are the Brooklyn School project and the flats at the end of Harrison street, and what the implications and disruption to our community are likely to be. Without community input and help your executive can only do so much.

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MAKE 2018 YOUR YEAR FOR SCOUTS!

Brooklyn Scouts has places in all its sections this year. If your son or daughter wants a wide range of activities, to develop their confidence and leadership skills and to have an enormous amount of fun, Scouting could be for them.

Here's just a sample of the types of things our Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers got involved in over the last year:

- Jamboree
- Cordon Bleu cooking
- Tramps to the Turere Hut – and the Heaphy Track!
- Catering for the Brooklyn ANZAC Day commemorations



- Whanganui River Canoe trip
 - Group campfire and BBQ
 - Delivering the Tattler!
- Check out the Brooklyn Scout website at www.brooklynscouts.org.nz to find out more, give our Group Leader David Thornburrow a call on 027 270 8398 or email group-leader@brooklynscouts.org.nz.



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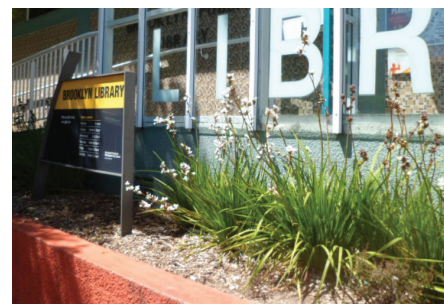
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from the LIBRARY



Kia ora koutou katoa. Greetings to you all from the Brooklyn Library. 2018 has started out hot and sunny in Brooklyn and it has been great to see so many of you coming into the library in search of reading and entertainment for the balmy summer days.

NEW FACES There will be some staff changes at the library over the next few weeks as staff are seconded or take up new positions in the Central Library. I myself will be leaving my position here at the end of January and will miss the great community engagement at Brooklyn. It has been a tremendous pleasure to help all our patrons find what they are looking for, and to discuss what you are reading or viewing and exchange recommendations. The people of Brooklyn are very well read and make great use of our (physically) small library!

It will be refreshing to have new faces in the library and I know you will enjoy our new staff and the strengths and knowledge they will bring to Brooklyn.

LAYOUT CHANGES In our continued quest to deliver the best service that we can we have made a few alterations to the layout of the children's section of the library. This will make it more spacious. If you notice something is not where it used to be please

speak to one of our friendly librarians who will be more than happy to help you find what you are after. Tell us what you think of the changes - have they made it easier to look at items in the children's section?

NEW ONLINE CATALOGUE Our online Classic Catalogue, which has been our mainstay since 2002, will shortly be retired. Our new Catalogue, introduced in mid December, offers more features. For example, it is smartphone-friendly and presents a lot more information to help you choose what you want to borrow. It still has all the main searches - by title, author, or subject, but it's easier to see if the book (or DVD etc) is available in the library. Go online and have a go or ask one of our librarians for more information!

STAY COOL throughout February and don't forget to pop into the library for something to while away the summer days. Ngā mihi, Louise and the team at the Brooklyn Library.



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what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

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| To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz | |
| BROWNIES | Mondays 6pm-7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028 |
| CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES | Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz |
| CRAFT CONNECTIONS | Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. Contact Louise via coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz |
| INDIAN COOKING | 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 4pm-5:30pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020 |
| QUARTERLY MARKETS | Autumn Harvest Market Saturday 24 March, 12-4pm. Contact Euan 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz |
| FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS | 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. Contact 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 during school terms. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz |
| ROCKING POPPING BODS | Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 year olds. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com |
| ST JOHN CADETS | Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838. |
| TABLE TENNIS | Tuesdays 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Inquiries Philip on 934 7445. |
| 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 |
| GET THE BEAT NEW! | Music for babies. Mondays at 10am in the RSA Room. Contact Lois McConnell on 973 1650. |
| KANGA TRAINING | Mondays 10am-12. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/ |
| VINYASA YOGA | Saturdays 10:30am with Jenn. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com |
| ZUMBA FITNESS | Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15am. Contact Leia on 020 4110 9308 or leia@fitnessmove.co.nz |

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

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| To book Vogelhorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz | |
| AFTER-SCHOOL ROCKING POPPING BODS NEW! | Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm. After-school music and motion for 5-8 year olds. Contact Moya on 021 050 3075. |
| BABY SENSORY CLASSES | Fridays 9am - 2pm. 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 3:30-7:30pm during school terms. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com |
| LET'S BOOGIE NEW! | Thursdays 9:15-10:15am. A fun, dance based exercise class to your favourite pop music. All levels welcome. February classes free! Call Suzanne 021 083 43459. |
| KARDIO POWER | Mondays 5:40 - 6:10pm Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 |
| KANIKANI WELLINGTON | Free form dancing in the dark! Koha entry. Wednesdays fortnightly at 8pm. Starts back on 21 February. Facebook: @kanikaniwellington |
| KOHA YOGA | Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com |
| SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB | Thursdays 4:45-7pm & Sundays 9:15-11:30am. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz |
| STRETCH & TONE | Mondays 6:10pm-6:40 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 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz |
| WILD WORKOUTS | Boot Camps 6am Mondays & Wednesdays for all fitness levels. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or wildworkouts.co.nz |
| ZUMBA | Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com |

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
96 WASHINGTON AVE
WEDNESDAYS 9AM-4PM

Welcome to a new year and new chapter for the Brooklyn Resource Centre. Our core programme continues at St Matthew's on Wednesdays, run by Jenny Swan and Dorothy Long, familiar to many at the centre.

Wednesday Circle 7 February 10am - 3pm.

Morning tea 10:30am, lunch at noon, followed by arthritic exercises, guest speaker at 1:30pm, then afternoon tea. Anyone welcome at any time during the session. Nominal charge to cover costs depending on what you choose take part in.

We need **Volunteer Drivers** to assist a small number of local people to get to St Matthew's. Pick up 10am, return home around 3pm.

Note: Drivers are not required to stay the entire day unless desired; you would be most welcome to stay for refreshments. If we have support from enough drivers a roster can be set up to share the duties.

We also need **Guest Speakers** from 14 February onwards to address the group on a Wednesday afternoon for around an hour from 1:30pm. The group would love to hear about a hobby, interest, travel or anything you would like to share. If you can assist please contact Jenny.

Messages for the Brooklyn Resource Centre or Jenny can be left on St Matthew's answerphone 389 3470 or email: brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

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Upstream meets from 10am-12pm on the last Sunday of every month. Join us in Central Park at The Jetty - enter the park through the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the signs along the path leading upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

Moriah kids learn more about the Park Moriah Kindergarten in Webb Street is probably the closest early childhood centre to Central Park, so it made sense for them to visit the Park when they wanted a chance for the four year olds to learn more about planting.

One day in early December a crocodile of small children and their minders made their way up Brooklyn Road to meet representatives of the Upstream crew. A photo of area around the entrance gates dating from the 1920s showed how much the park's appearance had changed over the

years, although the children could still recognise some features like the entrance gates.

Walking along the path beside the stream the children were interested in the large pile of mulch, especially when they were told that it had been

made from the

large trees that had fallen in high winds earlier in the year. They were already savvy about compost and several of them told us about the compost piles they had at home.

The centrepiece of the visit was of course the planting. Small carex testacea were ideal for the purpose for small hands.

Everyone gloved up, watched a demonstration of how to plant, and then had a go themselves.

The next step, of course, was to water the new plants using water from the stream, and finally to spread some mulch around the planting to conserve moisture as the plants were settling in.

The verdict was that the visit had been a great success and could be the forerunner of others in the new year.

For more information, contact Lynne on 027 6311160 or at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

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Recently, Bruce and I had a camping holiday at New Plymouth, where the weather was brilliant and the surf beach right at our doorstep. Apart from visiting the wonderful new Govett-Brewster Gallery and Len Lye Centre, which was the main driver for our trip there, we had a list of other things we might like to do, which included several notable gardens.

One of these was Te Kainga Mairire. This, a forty year labour of love re-creating various bush environments in the city, is a Garden of National Significance and one of two

New Zealand gardens featured in the BBC series 'Around the World in 80 Gardens.'

As we walked along Te Henui stream the first morning we spied a lone woman planting Cyperus by the stream's edge. Naturally we had to stop and talk to her; she turned out to be Valda Poletti, who having spent most of her life creating Te Kainga Marire with her husband, is now also the driving force behind Friends of the Te Henui. Naturally, we visited her and her garden in the afternoon enjoying the various plantings of wetland, alpine, lowland bush etc. Valda proudly told us of all the birds that visited including, that week, a pair of kaka not

seen in New Plymouth before.

There is currently debate about the best route to conservation of our flora and fauna, (totally eco- sourced or inclusive; totally predator free, etc.) but one thing all agree on, and Valda's garden demonstrates, is that suitable habitat is vital. So maybe you could make a rather late New Year resolution to come and help us improve the environment of the Owhiro Stream catchment at our working bees on the second Saturdays of each month!

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR CHESS IN BROOKLYN

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RATA PLAYGROUP

I still remember my first visit to Rata with Rajvi when she was ten months old. I found somewhere that was more than just a playgroup - a simple, calm and loving place.

The environment is thoughtfully designed to meet the developmental needs of babies and toddlers, and develop their real life skills and independence.

The most fascinating thing for me was the emphasis on high quality, often natural, play and learning materials

for little ones. There are very simple activities of daily life such as hand washing, chopping, as well as art, music and rhymes. There is also a garden for the children to enjoy gardening and to connect with nature.

Another distinct feature of Rata is that the sessions are facilitated by Phyllis, who (aside from being very lovely) is a trained and experienced Montessori teacher, there to help and guide parents about ways to support their child's development, not only at Rata but also at home.



Sangeeta Jogadia shares her experience at Rata Playgroup with daughter Rajvi

Rata welcomes new families to come along and visit a session. Find out more at montessori.school.nz/playgroup

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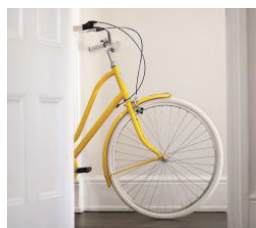
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SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

By Andrew Pozniak, Principal St Bernards School
As summer holidays come to an end and back-to-school term begins, it can be hard to get back into a regular routine - both for kids and adults.

The trick here is to plan ahead. Make sure that you include your entire child care crew in your plans too.

No matter whether you have a babysitter, a nanny, grandparents, a tutor, or all of the above, they'll be able to help you keep your children on track for the first day of school. Plus, they'll be able to take some tasks off of your plate. Which means that you can enter the school year with a little more of your sanity intact.

► Set your kids' sleep schedules to 'School Time' several days before the first day.

- Get your kids involved in programmes that they can do after school to keep them active.
- Visit cultural attractions like museums to shift their brains into 'Scholar' mode.
- Encourage your kids to read at least one book before the school year begins.
- Reacquaint your kids with the calendar schedule they'll use to manage their activities.
- Let kids choose a planner or scheduling tool that they're excited to use.
- Create a family calendar that tracks everyone's activities and commitments.
- Refresh your rules about screen time for the school year. What's allowed and when?
- Establish a set 'Family Time' whether it's during dinner or before bed.

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.



BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins

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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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BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

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

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting 2pm Sat 17 February at Brooklyn Library. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Contact Sharon Macintyre 388 8088 or 027 634 4455. sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

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.

Rachel 022 407 9652

St Matthews'

Co-operating Parish

96 Washington Ave.

Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC

Winter season resumes 1st April. Registrations open during February. Enquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit www.bnujfc.co.nz

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.bsrb.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE

TENNIS 9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 934 7445.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms.

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.

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.

19 February Somes Island. 9.18 No 7 bus to City (Farmers Stop) 10.00 am Harbour Ferry arrives Somes Island 10.20am. Leave on 12.20 ferry to Eastbourne arrive Days Bay 12.30 for coffee stop. Bus 83 back to city

26 February Walk or bus to Quebec St, Wharangi Track starts at left of Maori Memorial, follow:

- 1) unsealed track in series of loops to Happy Valley Rd near Carlucci Land, walk to Brooklyn, or
- 2) go right at Maori Memorial to Island Bay. Walkers start 9.20, others 9.44. No 7 bus

5 March Waikanae Beach

to Waikanae via river walkway. 8.40 No 7 bus, 9.14 train, 10.18 bus to Waikanae Beach.

12 March Eastbourne to Days Bay. 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus at railway station.

19 March Titahi Bay. Exit bus before it goes up Gloaming Hill beside sea. Walk around foreshore or over hill. 9.10 No 8 bus, 9.44 train. Arrive Porirua 10.05. Bus to Titahi Bay 10.33 (Gloaming Hill).

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE WELLINGTON

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

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 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-12pm 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 Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcomes 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.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm from February to October, St Marks Community Hall, Basin Reserve (free parking). No experience or partner necessary; wear soft shoes; \$5 per night. Ring Elaine 389 3597 or Juping 970 7568



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