

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
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
SUNDAY PILATES	Sunday mornings alternating 10 - 10:50am and 9:30 - 10:20am Phone or text Sybill for details on 021 037 9951
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:15 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
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PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Stretch & Tone class: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 9 August from 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. New daytime class! Fridays at 1pm in the main hall. 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 26 July - 9.30 to 1pm Tables only \$10. Phone Euan on 384 6799

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Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

Issue 256

July 2014

The Vogelmorn Bowling Club They built it – can we save it?

Do you:

- want to keep the VBC property for the community?
- have ideas for community uses of the VBC property?
- have ideas for generating income from the VBC property?

(This income would be used to maintain, administer and improve the property, with the expectation that some money could also be distributed for charitable purposes in the area.)

Then please phone, email, text or talk to us!

Jo: 022 3800 793 jo@barbarian.co.nz
David: 021 170 3022 bagndg@gmail.com
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**“Save
the
VBC!”**

Join the conversation on Facebook at Friends of Vogelmorn
www.facebook.com/vogelmorn

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Another busy month has come and gone with plenty of community activity in the Brooklyn area.

There have been a number of meetings held to map out the consultation process for the Brooklyn Area Community Planning project. Representatives from local Brooklyn groups have been gathering to brain storm and discuss the best way forward to consult with you and all residents of Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston about the future of your local community facilities. It was felt that this project needed a name, and after many suggestions, The Kaka Project was chosen. Thanks to Ben Zwartz our Vogelmorn representative who was inspired by the flight of the Kaka bird, and put forward The Kaka Project name which was enthusiastically received. You will hear more about the Kaka Project in the coming months and be invited to comment.

Much discussion is currently taking place regarding the future of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club (VBC) property, which has sadly had to wind down due to falling membership. An open day was held on Sunday 29 June from 1 – 3pm to give people the opportunity for a final look through the club rooms, and importantly the chance to fill out a survey asking whether the VBC should be kept as a community space. Lots of ideas have been floated, one of which is to turn the green area into a children's playground, with access through the Mornington Road gate next to Vogelmorn Hall.

The Vogelmorn Bowling Club property, including the green area and neighbouring Vogelmorn Hall is an example of important community facilities that will be part of the consultation process in The Kaka Project, giving people like you the chance to have your say.

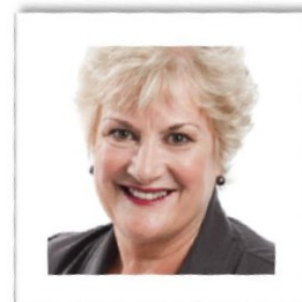
I have been to a couple of annual general meetings since my last column, i.e. the Brooklyn Resident's Association AGM and more recently the Resource Centre AGM. Both meetings took place in the cosy Resource Centre house at 36 Jefferson Street, and featured guest speakers and a pleasing turnout of people. Martin Payne from Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) gave a very interesting presentation at the Resident's Association AGM on 18 June. The Brooklyn Landfill was also a hot topic for discussion, including the effects of heavy traffic going daily through Brooklyn Village. More recently the Resource Centre AGM on 29 June hosted a couple of speakers from the Brooklyn Food Group, who amongst many things look after the Community Orchard in Harrison Street.

There's an interesting variety of community groups and activities taking place in our local suburb. You can find links too many of these groups online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

If your organisation is missing and would like to be listed, please contact me.
Phone: 384 6799
Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Have a great month

Euan Harris
Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall



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Contact: Scott Willson 021 1875006 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz
Or just come along to try a free class - wear T shirt and long trackies.

Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Cres (off Ohiro Rd), Brooklyn. www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz

Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 25 July 2014

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
The Brooklyn Community Association members accept no liability for the contents which have been prepared in good faith.

Time Capsule Discovered in Brooklyn Scout Hall

Brooklyn Scouts working on refurbishing the hall basement were delighted to find a buried time capsule.

Dating from 1988 the capsule contained a handwritten overview of Venturer activities of the time as well as the then enrolment form, brochures for each section and a copy of Scouting News.

Vic Scott, still a current Venturer Leader was named in the documents as were other local residents still involved in scouting or guiding.

The time capsule has been updated with recent information, coins, a scarf and some badges, alongside the original 1988 materials and was re-buried on 24 June 2014.



The Tattler is having a facelift - we want your views

We are currently looking at ways to improve the Brooklyn Tattler.



As a regular reader of the Brooklyn Tattler, we would welcome your ideas about the sorts of things you would like to see in the new and improved Tattler.

- Colouring competitions?
- Recipes?
- Human interest stories?
- Kids poetry and short stories?

This is your community newsletter. What are you interested in reading about?

Are you a local organisation wanting a regular spot in the Tattler?

Please email us your ideas for consideration to:
brooklynca@paradise.net.nz by
Friday 29 August 2014.

Also, we have started an email distribution list., so if you wish to receive the **Tattler by email** each month, send us your details to the email address above and we'll add you to the list.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

36 Jefferson Street

PHONE: 384 4299

OPEN: Weekdays 9am - 4pm

CONTACT US FOR;

MAH JONG;

Monday 1pm - 3pm
Beginners welcome

SPEECH THERAPIST

Monday & Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
Phone: 383 5415

PLUNKET:

Clinics: Monday 9am - 4pm
Tuesday 9am - 4pm
Call for an appointment on 384 5253

COMMUNITY LUNCH;

Tuesday 12noon - 1pm
Inexpensive lunch for everybody
Children welcome

SPINNERS and KNITTERS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays 1 - 4pm.

PODIATRIST;

Every second Friday
9.00am - 11.30am
Ph. for an appointment on 384 4299

FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$5

Cars will collect you if needed.

Programme:

Craft activities	9.30am
Morning Tea	10am
Lunch	12noon
Arthritic Exercise	1.30pm
Guest Speaker	2pm
Afternoon Tea	3pm

We have an amazing line up of speakers for July and August. Drop in on Friday from 2 - 3pm. You may like to be a speaker yourself.

11 July: BINGO
'Bling Style'

18 July: Ken Daniels (Age Concern)
"The prevention of elder abuse and neglect"

25 July: Angela Stembridge
"Sustainable life style workshop"

1 Aug: Sister Joefa
"What we do at the Soup Kitchen"

8 Aug: Kirsty Lawler
"Who is our new Podiatrist"

One of our long standing members and volunteers, Theano Rouxelle passed away on Sunday 8 June. Our thoughts go out to her family.

Our mid-winter Christmas lunch was full of cheer and the food was fantastic. Thank you to Dorothy and the volunteers who helped out on the day.

We are in need of some wool as we have a few projects on the go, so if you have any wool you no longer require, we can certainly put it to good use.

We had a great turn out to our AGM held on 29 June. Welcome to our 4 new committee members, we look forward to working with you.

Also thank you to the other groups and committee members who attended from the Brooklyn community.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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 New class - 'Less is More' 11:45am to 12:30pm 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
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

The Vogelhorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

View us online at: www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz



BCA Council Update

A lot happens behind the scenes at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

The volunteer Council members meet to discuss and agree on initiatives to improve the services offered at the Brooklyn Community Centre and also Vogelhorn Hall, which BCA administers on behalf of the Wellington City Council. The initiatives are captured in a new 'Rolling Five Year Plan'.

Our focus is on meeting the Objects in the BCA Constitution. Though it was written back in 1947 and updated in 1998, the aims are still relevant today.

The BCA is a not-for-profit, with the following aims:

- (a) Provide an Association in which the members may combine and work together with local authorities, religious, charitable and educational bodies and other voluntary organisations in the interests of the Brooklyn community.
- (b) Foster a community spirit through service and co-operation.
- (c) Encourage and extend child and adult education within the community.
- (d) Provide and encourage social, recreational, health and cultural activities within the community.

To support the Community Centre to run smoothly, four Council members meet with the community centre staff monthly to work through day to day matters and each quarter the full Council meets to discuss and agree on the longer term aspects. Between the quarterly meetings council members are researching and preparing proposals for discussion and

progressing what we can through email and phone contact.

At the Council meeting in early June, Perry Aspros, responsible for facilities, went through the maintenance and development work for the next five years. This year includes the following:
Installation of BCC hall heating; completed
Reroof east side of BCC (tender)
Replace window at RSA entry; double glazed safety glass
Replace windows in ASC/lounge room
Install hand driers in toilets
Review emergency management policy and practice
Review storage and confirm it is all fit for purpose
Install outdoor drinking fountain; underway
Install baby changing facilities; underway

We also discussed how we would work to influence the outcome of the future of the Bowling Club and Vogelhorn Hall and how we would contribute to the Brooklyn planning steering committee that has recently formed - now named Kaka Project. Perry Aspros, Euan Harris and Ben Zwartz are the BCA representatives at those discussions.

We welcome input from the Brooklyn community. If you have any feedback or ideas for useful community initiatives please contact Euan Harris, Coordinator on 384 6799 or email brooklynca@paradise.net.nz.

Kay Miller
On behalf of Brooklyn Community Association Council

Brooklyn Residents Association

We hope you are keeping warm over the winter months. The Residents Association represents all residents (owners and tenants who reside within our area) and try and be involved in matters impacting on locals around a range of issues. For more information on this you can look on our Facebook page or contact us directly.

Simon and Carl have been attending the Brooklyn Planning Steering committee meetings, now known as The Kaka Project. These meetings have included representatives from many local groups in our community.

We are also involved in discussions around the proposed changes to the Jefferson St / Cleveland St intersection, next to Khana Khazana takeaway, due to concerns of the proximity of the bus stop to the pedestrian crossing and potential risks to pedestrians and flow through traffic. This is an important matter for Jefferson Street residents.

We sadly note the demise of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club Green and wonder aloud what is to become of this facility and it's use for the public – retained or potentially sold off by WCC?

Bus services - Greater Wellington Regional Council's ongoing proposed changes to the city and region wide bus services, timetables and reorganization of bus routes. We note this has now been postponed to 2015.

Eventually, we look forward to the proposed local service expansion of the

Kowhai Park / Panorama Heights full weekend bus service and how they join and meld together.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our 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.

We encourage all Brooklyn residents to make contact and invite you to our next meeting at 7pm Wednesday 16 July in the Brooklyn Resource Centre at 36 Jefferson St.

Simon McLellan - Chair
Home 972 5102

Carl Savage - Secretary
Home 934 9348 or Mobile 027 280 8934

Sam Donald - Treasurer
Mobile 021 0231 3939

Email:
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Brooklyn History

Even in the 1960's, only 40 years ago, Brooklyn had three butchers, two bookshops, an ANZ Bank, three fruit shops, a furniture upholsterer, coal merchant, two ice cream shops, half a dozen grocers (called dairies nowadays), two garages which repaired and serviced vehicles, a coffee lounge, the picture theatre, a fish and chip shop, a cake shop, two drapers, a supermarket known as Self Help Store, a forerunner of today's supermarkets, a barber, a hairdresser, and a newspaper outlet.

Locals didn't go into town much, everything they needed was in Brooklyn.

More next month.

Regards

Chris



GOINGS

Cubs' Outing At Trentham
 On a Saturday in December, the Brooklyn Cub Pack with C.M. Mrs. Dudfield, A.C.M. Miss Betty Oberhaide, and a parent, Mrs. Blake, had a very pleasant outing to Trentham Memorial Park. The weather was beautiful, and the picnic lunch, games, and a trip to the river combined to make a really enjoyable outing for the Pack.
 On the return to the Wellington Railway Station, the party very much appreciated seeing Cub parents, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Wishart and Mr. Scott, waiting to convey the boys to their homes.

IDE STORY OF LIFE PROGRESS JAMBOREE

Scout is a friend to all, brother to every other, a matter to what country, are the other belongs, is a jamboree to make one just how the fourth Scout rates. It was the atmosphere of cheerfulness, co-operation, and the acceptance of their roles as responsible citizens of the future.
 As a reporter I attended two international dinners, one a real Maori haka, given to the overseas delegates, and what impressed me most with the conversations, was the friendly sincerity that linked them together through Scouting movement principles. The atmosphere of world brotherhood was most evident.
 The idea occurred to me that if we could only invite all the leading statesmen of the world to a Scout jamboree, where they would be obliged to practice the Scout laws of duty to God, brotherhood and love to one another, regardless of race or creed, and courtesy, they would be more kindly disposed towards one another, making the world a happier place.

THANKS TO THE SNOWBALLS

(To the Editors).
 Sir,—Allow me through your column to sincerely thank Mr. H. M. Snowball and his sons James and Max, of Sugarloaf Road, Brooklyn, for kindly straightening up my wilderness of a garden. At cannot pay high prices to gardeners.
 In deep appreciation to Mr. Snowball and his sons, who did the work voluntarily—I am etc.
 (Miss) Rosina Benson.

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School News

By the time you read this it will be school holidays and half way through the school year. Hopefully everyone is enjoying a well-earned rest.

Children at St Bernard's School have been busy this month. Rooms 1 and 2 visited Te Papa where the focus of the day was kaitiakitanga

(guardianship). As part of the visit they went to the Star Lab where they plotted the stars in the night sky to journey from the Southern Cross to Matariki.

Room 4 children joined the community gardeners at Owhiro Stream to assist with planting, and had a walking trip planned to the wind turbine to fly kites for global wind day. The Education Review Office will be visiting the school early next term.

Ridgway School had their Schoolgen Launch on the 12th of June. The school now has 16 solar panels, enough to power sixteen computers on a sunny day! Genesis Energy have partnered with the Wellington City Council to bring Schoolgen to Wellington schools.

Year 7 and 8 children have undertaken a variety of leadership challenges this year including a

refreshment stall, garden club and school newspaper. These have provided fantastic learning opportunities and helped the children with perseverance and problem solving when things haven't always gone according to plan. The school also had their school swimming sports on 24th of June at Freyberg Pool.

Over at Brooklyn School, science has been the theme this month. The Kiwi syndicate carried out science experiments as part of their homework and showcased them in class. Some really impressive presentations were received. The Moa syndicate held a science expo where all classes were able to see them demonstrate their experiments. The students showed great ability in sharing their knowledge with the other children and the expo provided a real buzz among the students at all levels of the school. The school also held a Book Fair raising money for the library. Again this was well received by the children.

Term 3 begins on Monday 21st July and finishes on Friday 26th September for all our schools.

Julie Seevens

CARPET LAYER

Installation of new or second hand carpets.
Relays, repairs and maintenance.
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Councillor Corner

Work has commenced on a coordinated plan for Brooklyn village and the wider surrounding areas. This project was kicked off after I initiated discussions to build a community hub. Such a significant local asset would be most effective as part of an integrated and cohesive built environment.

A steering group has been formed to establish the project scope and plan, and agree a programme of community engagement. To date the group has met twice (a third meeting is planned for early July) and has agreed that the geographic scope of the project will extend from Brooklyn to Kingston.

Key issues to be addressed in a village plan were identified, and these will be subject to wider consultation:

- Belonging/Connectedness
- Resilience of Community Structures
- Creative community
- Community Physical Resources
- Groups and needs within the community
- Ecology/Environmental
- Heritage
- Safety/Traffic

The project has been given a working title: "The Kaka Project – Brooklyn Area Community Planning". This reflects the scope of the plan - that it will reach communities spanning the hills of Brooklyn through to Owhiro Bay, Kingston and Mornington, and is a flight path that the kaka might enjoy daily as it soars over Zealandia, our town belt and the zoo.

The steering group comprises residents' and community groups from those areas, representatives from the school and council officers. Councillors from Southern and Lambton Wards will also get more involved once the project plan is agreed.

Further updates will be published in the *Tattler*. Council officers are working on an engagement plan that will see the community and interest groups have the opportunity to have their say, and this will be available in due course. As a Brooklyn resident and Southern Ward Councillor, I will be taking a lead on this project. I am happy to receive any comments or ideas.

David Lee

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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting

Brooklyn Community Centre

7pm Sunday 13 July

Singing, meditation & medium

All welcome. Donation.

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

14 July - Fort Dorsett to Churchill Park then walk towards Worser Bay and over the hill to Miramar.

21 July - Simla Cr., Lucknow Tce into Nairnville Park, Cockayne Rd, Punjab St into Odell Reserve, Old Porirua Rd, Lower Ngaio Rd.

28 July - Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt, Shandon Golf course and Sladden Park.

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



Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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.

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan gavin@mcglashan.co.nz phone: 939 3222



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. Caroline 971 8494



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:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



Central Park Care Group

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 on Saturday 2

August at 2pm at Brooklyn Library cnr Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details: 387 1487 daytime or 972 1495 evenings.



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 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

Lines from the Library

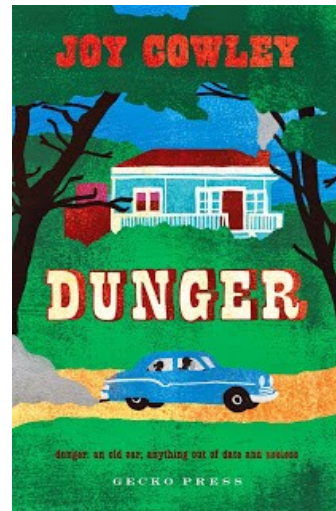
Hello Brooklyn, I hope everyone is warm and well this winter.

It is the school holidays during the first half of July so the streets will be filled with kids looking for a place to spend their free hours. The Brooklyn Library is the perfect destination. We have a grand selection of brand new children's books and DVDs to bolster our already dense collection.

The library is also equipped with a number of puzzles and board games for kids of all ages. We are even home to the award winning children's picture book by Vasanti Unka, *The Boring Book*. This book was the winner of the 2014 New Zealand Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Despite the title the book has been described as thoroughly original and delightfully charming. Vasanti Unka is an Aucklander that both wrote and illustrated the book and has been praised for her effective design. It is a book that holds value for the whole family and is available to issue from Brooklyn along with the children's novel *Dunger*, by Joy Cowley. The story is considered to be "not in the least politically correct" and was the winner of the Junior Fiction prize. We also have copies of a number of finalists including: *The Three Bears... Sort Of*, by Yvonne Morrison and Donovan Bixley and *Project Huia*, by Des Hunt. It is exciting to have such brilliant New Zealand works available in our local library. Since our return home, the library now has two couches to relax and read on, which was a popular feature of the temporary library. The library can provide refuge on those windy, wet and cold days

and we promise to have the heaters cranked up for you. See you soon.

Hannah Gorman

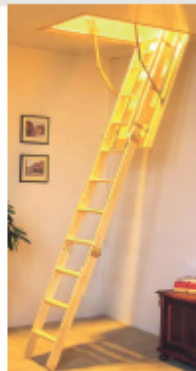


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Friends of Owhiro Stream

As I write this I am looking out at one of those glorious winter days, crisp, but with that luminous blue sky and no wind. Magic.


It was a day like this on Saturday 14th June, when FOOS had their first official planting day. We had a wonderful turn-out of local scouts and sea scouts, all working enthusiastically. We do hope they enjoyed themselves so much that they will return for the **July planting day**, which will be on **Saturday 13th, 10.00 - 12.30**. This will be held on a site just south of the old bagel factory, and although people will have to cross the stream to get to it, the ground should actually be relatively easy to dig. So, if it is fine again, it should be a great day out, and we would encourage Tattler readers to come and join us (and the scouts) for a couple of hours.

Many people have house goblins, which are sometimes helpful but mostly mischievous, hiding your reading glasses and garden tools. At the shade house recently we have had our own goblin - this one leaves bottles lying in the driveway. Lately it, or they, have taken to thoughtfully packaging them in a plastic bag or cardboard carton, presumably to make it easier for us to take away to our own recycling bins! If anybody knows these folk, perhaps they could have a word with them about the virtues of recycling.

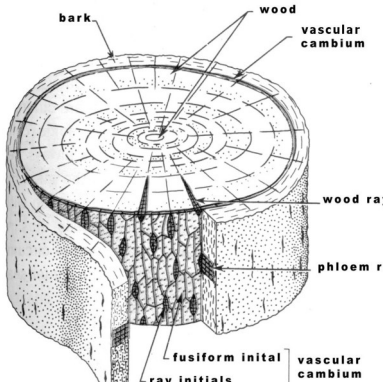
Speaking of which - there was an interesting article in the Dompost about sludge from greywater, talking about the antimicrobial chemicals added to toothpaste, liquid soap, and shampoo

etc. This is important as it prevents all those little microbes from doing their work breaking down sludge into something a bit more wholesome. It's also disconcerting, as I am a fan of liquid soap - so much less messy than bar soap on the handbasin! One ingredient that the scientist, Jacqi Horswell, made mention of was triclosan, "an antimicrobial chemical we really don't need". Well, now I can try to avoid triclosan, but what about the other twenty ingredients in my shampoo? How many of them are nasties?

Janet Campbell
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro
Stream



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Message from the Mayor

Public consultation for a purpose-built convention centre and five-star Hilton Hotel on a vacant site opposite Te Papa will be open from 8 July until 8 August.

This proposal will create jobs, growth and revenue for the city. It's important that you have a say.

The proposed site is in an ideal location, opposite the biggest cultural attraction in New Zealand, Te Papa. It fills a gap in our urban canvas and is estimated to bring \$22 million in GDP to the Wellington economy each year.

The state-of-the-art 4400m² facility would be financed by local developer Mark Dunajtschik and be able to host up to 1200 conference delegates, theatre seats for 2500, banqueting capacity for up to 1450 people. It would be built along with the 165-room hotel on the site in Cable Street.

The Council would lease the convention centre at an average net cost to the city of about \$2 million a year over the lease term.

With the City's support the convention centre will be up and running by 2017 – directly creating at least another 200 jobs as well as those during construction.

The alternative is to lose a big share of conferences and events to other cities and to lose jobs.

The proposal would also free up the Town hall and Michael Fowler Centre for

a more dedicated focus on music and performance.

For more information and to provide feedback please visit the council website www.wellington.govt.nz



Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor

Caffeine Clinic with Cr Iona Pannett

Come and have a coffee and cake with me, Iona Pannett, your Lambton Ward Councillor.

It's cold outside but will be warm inside the wonderful Penthouse Cinema and Café. No excuse not to join in as I will be picking up the tab.

Whether your issue is the number of new developments in Brooklyn, the extension of the landfill or the number of jobs in the city, feel free to come and have a chat about how to fix these issues.

Council is starting to write its budget for the next three years so get in early and have your say.

Get caffeinated at the Penthouse
Cinema and Café,
Thursday 24th July 7pm to 8:30pm

Contact me for more information on
384 3382 Mobile 021 227 8509

Friends of Central Park

Good news!! Phil Bartley Builders have started work on the deck/seating/boardwalk at the site of the old pool and plan to complete the work within the next 2 weeks. This work has been made possible through the generous support of Transpower. Do go along and see what an improvement this will be to Central Park.

Kennards Hire in Newtown have very kindly offered free use of a small excavator for a weekend that we will use in the next month to install some drainage features and spread the gravels, soil and compost materials for the lawn and new planting areas. We aim to sow the grass and plant out the adjacent gardens during August for the best spring growth. It's all go finally!

At our June working bee we enhanced our now well-established streamside planting with 60 forest sedge and turutu (NZ blueberry) – both shade loving ground cover species. We also planted another 40 bird-attracting kowhai and wineberry trees along the slopes below Ohiro Road.

Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at the overhead bridge up the main path from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

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



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The Kaka Project:

Brooklyn Area Community Planning

The WCC will soon commence
The Kaka Project: Brooklyn Area
Community Planning.

This is a consultation process to learn
about future directions that residents
envisage for all community services and
facilities in Brooklyn, Kowhai Park,
Vogeltown, Mornington and
Kingston.

The Council has been working with
representatives from community facili-
ties, residents associations, and local
schools to develop a consultation pro-
gramme.

Over the next few months there will be
many opportunities to get involved.

Brooklyn Food Group

If you have a passion for local food and
community, then come and be a part of
the Brooklyn Food Group. We run share
gardens and a community orchard grow-
ing food together and learning from each
other, to fill our bellies and build our
skills and community.

We have a shared garden property in
Havelock Street, that is looking for
someone to garden there.

Working bees on the 1st and 3rd Sun-
day of each month from 3pm till 5pm
at the end of Harrison Street.

We welcome new gardeners and
gardens, so if you want to get your
hands dirty and help build a good
food community at the same time,
please get in touch.

Email us at:
thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com

facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ



Help Shape a Giant Field Painting in Berhampore

In November, MacAlister and
Liardet Parks in Berhampore will
be the site of giant field painting
and performances.

The artist and producers behind
the project are currently asking
Wellington residents for stories
and information about their use of
the parks to help inform what the
temporary public artwork will look
like. They are looking for
information from anyone who has
in the past or currently uses the
park and this can be provided via
a survey online at
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/
DLJS6J7](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DLJS6J7)

Siv B. Fjaerestad's Projected
Fields, produced by public art
programme Letting Space, is a
unique contemporary art project
extending what we consider both
painting and public art to com-
prise. It will ask questions about
how we use our city public
commons and help the local
community use the park more.

This major public art project is
being supported by Wellington
City Council's public art fund.

The field painting will explore the
visual language of field markings
and signage seen on sports and
recreational grounds, overlaying

textures, changing perspectives
and representations of natural,
man-made and digitally rendered
scenery. The field painting will
provide a backdrop for
performances and actions inspired
by current and new activities in the
park.

Playing fields and parks are the
common ground for some of the
public's most diverse activities,
organised and unorganised.

Projected Fields also explores how
manmade systems such as sports
field markings, paths and signage
enable, limit and otherwise choreo-
graph our movements and actions
in parks and commons areas.

Siv B. Fjærestad is a
Norwegian-born artist and curator,
living in New Zealand. She holds
an MA in Visual Arts from
Goldsmiths College in London,
and has exhibited in the UK and
New Zealand.

See <http://www.lettingspace.org.nz/>
for more information.



Brooklyn Medical Centre, 155 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn

Dr Lynn McBain and Dr Julie Whittome welcome two new associates.

In July **Dr Jane Knight** and **Dr Justine Speedy** will be joining our team.

We bid farewell to Dr Tim McLeod and Dr Richard Mercier.
We thank them for their care.

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