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SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 8 August - 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
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TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 25 July - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.

Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday

Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

Issue 267

July 2015

Upstream – Friends of Central Park Award Winners

Upstream – Friends of Central Park were honoured to have recently received an award from Volunteer Wellington for engaging with volunteers from the wider community. The award was presented to group members by Mayor Celia Wade-Brown on 25 June. Read more on page 6.



ABOVE: L to R. Phil Bartley, Max Kerr, Helen Carrad, Lynne White and Chris Logan with their Volunteer Wellington award.

The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly by the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn.

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

I'm writing this column during the first week of our July holiday programme which was booked out well in advance again. It's hard to believe that we are almost into the 3rd term of the school year. At least the shortest day has passed, so the sunlight hours can only get longer and hopefully warmer. We are doing our best to keep our users warm over winter including the installation of door draught stoppers which is much appreciated by our popular Pilates and Feldenkrais classes.

We had another good turnout of stallholders to our last community market on Saturday 27 June, the same day that a tree planting ceremony was held in Vogeltown's upgraded Krull Street Play Area, where people gathered to plant up to 20 fruit trees from 11am. We are now getting well over 20 plus stalls to our monthly markets compared to half that number last year. Remember to check out our next market on 25 July from 9:30am to 1pm.

Daytime use of Vogelmorn Hall is set to increase during the next school term with 3 new groups starting. Baby Sensory classes begin on 17 July from 9am to 1:30pm and run weekly on Fridays. Contact Mel for details on 022 5101987 or email: wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com

Later in the month Tamariki Yoga for Kids aged 8 to 12 years starts on Monday 27 July from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. Contact Janelle on 021 02292806 or tamarikiyoga@yahoo.co.nz

Then in September Aerobic Dance will run weekly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15am to 10:15am beginning with a free introduction week. Phone Gill Clark for more info on 021 1004851.

We are pleased to have recently had an extension of our agreement to run the Vogelmorn Hall and Green until June 2017 from Council, which gives regular user groups a period of certainty. Our next door neighbours, the Vogelmorn Tennis Club are planning to use an area of the Green for lawn tennis. A portable net will be erected and then stored so other people can also enjoy the Green as an open space. The outcome of the Kaka Project will determine the long term use of the Vogelmorn Hall and Green as well as other community facilities. Be sure to read the new Kaka Group Community column on page 9 of this month's Tattler, for more information on how you can become involved in the future of local community planning.

The Brooklyn Tattler is growing in pages and distribution, which means more local news to keep you in touch. The Tattler is now available from the BP Service Station on Ohiro Road, the Salty Pidgin, Burger Wisconsin and the Brooklyn Deli. You can also read the colour version online at:

www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

Later this year we are planning to upgrade our website and also give the Brooklyn Community Centre a refresh with a much needed exterior repaint.

Have a great month.

Euan Harris - Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall.
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 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 31 July 2015

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
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Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn

I hope everyone is well and warm this July. This month I would like to spotlight some brand new titles that have been added to the Brooklyn collection and perhaps take the chore out of choosing your winter reading.

'A god in Ruins' is Kate Atkinson's newest novel that follows the life of Teddy, the younger brother of Ursula from her bestseller 'Life After Life'. Set during the tumultuous 20th century the story follows the trials of Teddy whose "greatest challenge is living in a future he never expected to have". Gillian Flynn has been quoted saying it is "one of the best novels I've read this century". It comes highly recommended and the library has over 30 copies including one at Brooklyn library so come give it a read.

'The Green Road' by Anne Enright is a novel about the children of Rosaleen Madigan who have all flown the nest but return to Ireland when their family home is to be sold. It is "a book about the gaps in the human heart and how we learn to fill them". Other titles by Anne Enright include; 'The Gathering', 'What are you like?', and 'The pleasure of Eliza Lynch'. If you have read and enjoyed any of these then you are sure to love her most recent publication.

If you are more inclined to become absorbed in a contemporary non-fiction book 'The Great Divide' by Joseph E Stiglitz is a poignant and relevant discussion of the inequality in the United States. "Joseph E. Stiglitz expands on the diagnosis he offered in his best-selling book 'The Price of Inequality' and suggests ways to counter America's growing problem. With his signature blend of clarity and passion, Stiglitz

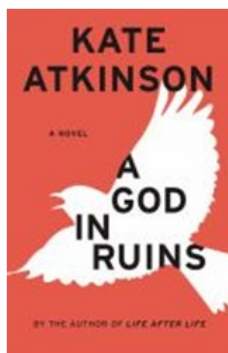
argues that inequality is a choice--the cumulative result of unjust policies and misguided priorities".

If this content intrigues you, you may also like to read 'Capital in the Twenty-First Century' by Thomas Piketty and 'Inequality: What can be done?' by Anthony B. Atkinson all of which can be found at Wellington City Libraries.

'1969 and Then Some' by Robert Whitner is a memoir of romance, motorcycles, and lingering flashbacks of a golden age. It is a touching and hilarious true story of a group of baby boomers who travel across Europe in 1969. A fantastic read for those wanting to reminisce or for anyone who would appreciate a glimpse into the turbulent world of the late sixties. The only copy of this is held at the Brooklyn library so you don't have to travel far to travel through time.

I hope at least one of these catches your fancy but if not feel free to come and ask the friendly librarians about other new titles at the Brooklyn library or go online and look at our New Materials section on the Wellington City Libraries website.

Hannah Gorman



Councillor Corner

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora everyone.

Winter is here! I hope you've been keeping warm and if you need help, The Sustainability Trust may be able to assist you.

At WCC we have been busy finalising the Long Term Plan. I'd like to thank everyone who had their say on the draft; either through the website, formal submission or oral hearing. As also shown by the Local Government Commission's decision to withdraw their Wellington super-city proposal, public feedback is important.

As well as the big economic projects, we're maintaining all our community spaces and services. Over \$200 million has been budgeted in our LTP for direct cultural and arts spending.

The Events Fund also grows from \$3 million to \$4.7 million. Wellington is widely regarded as the Creative Capital because of big events like WOW and Fringe as well as community-centric ones like Brooklyn's Upstream Art Trail and the regular art and dance classes available at the Brooklyn Community Centre or Vogelmorn Hall. We've also budgeted \$65k for Brooklyn's Kaka Project.

The Wellington Matariki festival is a great time to remember loved ones and to reflect on the year that has been and

the year to come. Matariki is an important event in the Māori calendar, and there are some great events to mark the occasion which you can find out about at <http://www.matarikiwellington.org>.

I wish you all the best for a warm winter!

Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington



Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

Another very successful and enjoyable working bee was held last month at the Murchison St site, the weather again being kind to us.

Some Britannia Sea Scouts were again in evidence, exercising their ingenuity with the problem of removing a willow growing near the water's edge - the problem being not only to how to dig it out, but also how best to get it uphill to where the rubbish pile was, which was solved with the help of a useful length of rope and a parent standing on the bridge.

Our next working bee is on Saturday 11th July, when with any luck we will again have fine weather, and sausage rolls for willing workers.

There was some interesting material in the latest Forest & Bird publication Rahui concerning eco sourcing and natural hybridisation. Back in the day, as in the early nineteen hundreds, Leonard Cockayne was already studying natural hybridisation and its effect on evolution and biodiversity.

Rahui says:

"Hybrids do contribute to new genetic material but their presence can lead to the loss of local genotypes....This can be especially detrimental to rare species in isolated habitats (or widely dispersed remnants) where the process*

can overwhelm the originally distinct population to the point that none remain."

One example given is northern rata hybridising easily with pohutukawa, with the resulting vigorous hybrid growing faster than its parent, eventually maybe overwhelming the parent species.

So the philosophical question is, how much do we care? If at all? Shouldn't we just let nature take its course, as it has done for millennia? Is saving threatened species the best way to go, or should we concentrate instead on creating a good habitat and preserving what is going to flourish without need of interference from us?

Some of these questions, together with the merits of eco sourcing, were also touched on in an article summarising the thoughts on the subject of botanist Chris Horne. In one quote he refers to eco-sourced planting resulting in "designer ecosystems". Ouch. I will write more next month, after I have had more time to get to grips with his concerns.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

No History this month

Chris Rabey is taking a break. However his popular history column will be back next month in the August Tattler.

Volunteer needed for a cushy job!



There are a few cushions at the Community Centre that are crying out for some tender loving care (i.e. stitching of seams).

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School News

Term Two has finished and we are now officially half way through the school year.

The time is flying by and our teachers, support staff, and students are all now hopefully enjoying a relaxing two week break from school.

Matariki celebrations have been a highlight in June with some lovely gatherings of families and community at the schools.

Some great sporting achievements this month; Brooklyn School's "Thunder" basketball team won the Year 7/8 grand final in the top division, an awesome achievement. The other basketball teams have also had a great term and represented Brooklyn with pride. Ridgway had their school swimming sports which resulted in 30 children qualifying for the Southern Zone Swimming Sports, the highest number ever to qualify, a fantastic result.

There has been a focus on tree planting in June; the Moa children at Brooklyn School planted near the wind turbine and near Bidwell Street while Ridgway and St Bernard's school children planted down Owhiro Stream as part of the Wellington City Council's "Love your Water" programme.

Brooklyn School had a chance to test their emergency procedures on the 22nd of June when the school had to close early due to a plumbing issue. All went smoothly and the school re-opened on time the next day.

Planning has begun for the Brooklyn school fair which will be held in

November and the Board of Trustees are working with the Ministry of Education to get a master property plan done to make best use of school property for the long term. This will coincide with the new school hall planned in conjunction with the Brooklyn hub section of the Kaka project.

Teachers and support staff at Ridgway School were deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Terry Long. Terry recently retired from the school as the long term caretaker and was held in the deepest regard by all staff. He will be greatly missed and remembered fondly.

Rooms 2 and 4 at St Bernards recently had a trip to Otari Wilton's Bush to carry out science experiments and to gather information as part of their science programme. The whole school is now busy with preparations for an upcoming school production in Term 3, "Pirates versus Mermaids". Rehearsals have begun amidst great excitement.

All our schools start back for Term Three on Monday 20th July.

Julie Seevens



An OSCAR Approved programme for 5-13 years olds.

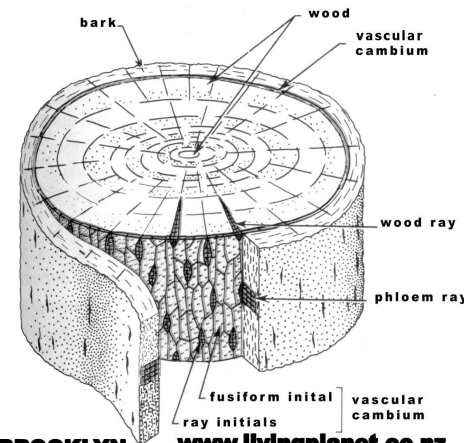
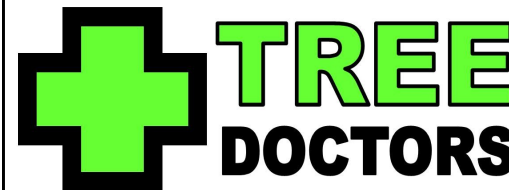
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UPSTREAM Friends of Central Park

FOCP was honoured to receive an award for Community Volunteering Champion at the Volunteer Wgtn Employee Volunteering Awards for 2015. This recognises our engagement with VW and volunteer groups from local businesses and Victoria University. (See front page image).

We really appreciate the enormous help that these groups and others, including the Periodic Detention workers, have given to Upstream.

Last week was extremely productive for us with teams from ACC and ANZ both clearing great quantities of trad-escantia from under trees and up a steep bank beside Moturoa Stream. This was followed by a working bee with a record turn-out including four adult students learning English as a Second Language. I guess that weeding and wheelbarrowing has no language barrier as they certainly made a great contribution! We will use the cleared spaces for trial plantings of muehlenbeckia and other species able to tolerate dry or difficult conditions.

Working Bees

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month except December and January; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road. Everyone welcome!

Next Working Bee is Sun 26 July
We will be tree planting!

For more information, contact Lynne at: all.whites@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 446 5837 or email Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com



ABOVE: Volunteers share a social morning tea during a break from the latest FOCP Working Bee

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

Speaker line up for July & August

17th July - **Katie Underwood**
(Armchair Travel) Puyseger Point
(Southwest Fiordland)

24th July - **Tulian Tinielu** on Arthritis

31st July - **Darren Ayling** (Co - Pastor Wellington Central Church)
Adventures in Asia helping a group of Kiwi Kids see the world differently.

7th August - **Mary Snowden**
Talk on the Foster & Allen Concert

14th August - Speaker required. Please call Jenny on 384 4299

Thank you to all members and supporters who attended our AGM on 28 June. Your donations were gratefully accepted.

We desperately need 3/4 ply wool for our Neo-Natal knitters. Please drop at the Resource Centre or we can collect.

After 30 years in the Brooklyn area, Plunket have moved to consolidate with the Island Bay office.

Rockabilly Babe - A new music group will be starting at the Resource Centre on Monday 20 July from 9:30am. Cost is \$5 per session or \$40 per term. Contact local mum Jim Stanton for more details on 021 174 7703.

Last month our community farewelled a dear friend - Terry Long who volunteered for many years at the Resource Centre delivering Meals on Wheels and helping out with his handyman skills. We will miss Terry's friendship. Our thoughts are with his family.

Painter required! Please contact me.

See you soon
Jenny Swan - Co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON AT VOGELMORN HALL

Corner of Mornington Road & Vennell Street

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 Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am
The first class is free for beginners
Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com

TAMARIKI YOGA FOR KIDS - **NEW!** Classes for 8 - 12 yrs. Monday 3:45 - 4:45pm
Contact Janelle 977 4991 or 021 0229 2806 or tamarikiyoga@yahoo.co.nz

KARDIO POWER Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm
STRETCH & TONE CLASS Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm
Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049

AEROBIC DANCE - **NEW!** Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:15am to 10:15am
Free introductory class starts September. Contact Gill Clark on 021 100 4851

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FIONA HAINES DANCE Wednesday afternoons & evenings 4:45 to 7:30pm
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KIDS ART Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm
During school terms

BABY SENSORY CLASSES - **NEW!** Fridays from 9am to 1:30pm
Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com

WELLINGTON NAGINATA Women's Martial Arts Group - Fridays 5:30 to 7:30pm
Contact Alice at henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk

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Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm
Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm
Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

The Vogelmorn Hall can be hired for classes, groups and functions.
The Vogelmorn Green (next to the hall) is available for low impact activities.
Contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Resident's Association (BRAI)

Thank you to those who attended the Brooklyn Residents Association AGM incl. Cr David Lee. The Exec took onboard feedback on a number of issues and we look forward to engaging more with residents and local business owners.

Simon did not seek re-election for the President's position. With no other nominees the position of President is now vacant as no member of the Executive Committee came forward for the position. Simon is now our Immediate Past President on the executive. We are grateful to have Simon there as a willing volunteer to support the community in it's endeavors and his time and effort is valued by the Executive Committee and others in the community. The position of President will be voted on at the next AGM. Carl Savage was re-elected as Secretary and Sam as Treasurer. The boundary rules may be addressed at the 2016 AGM. Membership has been set at \$0 for the year to encourage a wider membership. A koha box will be available at future meetings.

We look to maintain our engagement with the Kaka Group with potential future development / redevelopment of sites / hubs in Brooklyn and in the neighbouring area of Vogeltown / Mornington / Kingston as well as ongoing community engagement.

We continue to collect information on the changes to aircraft flight patterns. The newer flight paths have adversely affected a substantial number of Brooklyn locals. We note this is a national problem with the changes that the new GPS navigational system planes can use as planes can now

fly lower. Other areas of Wellington are noting these noise issues. Comments should be forwarded to either Katie Underwood (kt@danzat.co.nz) or Carl Savage (carl.savage@paradise.net.nz)

We have been working on the proposed bus stop move on Cleveland St (outside Khana Kazana). It appears some objections have delayed this being implemented. We are trying to work through this with all parties.

Recently Wellington was battered by a serious rain storm that led to some flooding in the village shops. There was debris that should have been cleared by WCC but we acknowledge that the storm water system was simply overwhelmed. Clearance of drains and other maintenance matters are real issues that WCC have done less to resolve due to contracting out service to providers to save money. A good smart phone app called Fixit allows anyone to report an issue to WCC.

Parking remains at a premium in Brooklyn and we are concerned that the Coupon Parking area has returned on lower to mid Brooklyn Road. The consequence is that this pushes these parkers into and around the Brooklyn village streets. We are trying to get this coupon parking area changed back to being unrestricted as there is no current demand for paid parking.

The next meeting is 29th July 7:30pm at the Brooklyn Resource Centre.

Simon McLellan - Immediate Past President phone: 972 5102.
Carl Savage - Secretary 027 280 8934.
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What's on at St Matthew's Brooklyn?

Ever wondered what goes on at 96 Washington Ave during the week and weekends?

St Matthew's Brooklyn is a place that has many opportunities for all members of the community. There is a variety of activities run at St Matthew's ranging from the traditional church service on Sundays, other parish run activities to a wide range of community group meetings.

We're excited to be running a reinvigorated **Messy Church**, starting on Saturday 8th August.

Messy Church is a family orientated session run regularly (approximately monthly) that allows those young at heart to come and explore bible stories through various activities, and includes the sharing of food as part of the session. Everyone is welcome to come and relax in a fun and friendly environment where you can choose what activities you get involved in. Check out our website for more details!

Mainly Music is a thriving 30 minute preschool music and rhythm session for carers and their tots with morning tea provided at the end of the session. Mainly Music runs during the primary school terms and is hosted by volunteers from St

Matthew's and the community. Check out our website for more information, register to participate and how to join our friendly volunteer team.

Community Group Activities @ St Matthew's

St John Penguin programme
for 6-8 year olds

Mondays 3:30-4:45pm term time
Brooklyn Cake Decorating Guild
meets monthly

Brooklyn Toastmasters
meets fortnightly on Tuesday
evenings

Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre
for toddlers to 5 years,
daily sessions available
from 8:30am-2:30pm.

Check out our website
www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz for
more information

Need a place to host a regular activity or one-off event?

St Matthew's has flexible spaces available to rent for one-off and regular activities. It is well appointed on the rise on Washington Ave within easy access from neighbouring suburbs. If you are interested in checking out what is available and chat over your needs, please contact our office on 389 3470, drop in on a Tuesday or Friday morning to have a look or leave us a message on our website www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz

GROUP ROUNDUP^{continued}

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 on the first and third 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

Brooklyn Mainly Music

In a warm welcoming environment, volunteers at local churches run 30 minute music and rhythm sessions that develop gross and fine motor skills, and allow caregivers and youngsters to have a great time interacting together. After the session, morning tea is provided which allows for friendly adult conversation and child play time in a supportive environment.

Mainly Music runs in two Brooklyn locations during school term time. Join us in the session that suits you best or attend both.

Wednesdays - starting 10:00am at Reformed Church, 34 Harrison St. Contact Rachel 022 407 9652
www.wellingtonreformed.co.nz

Fridays - starting 9:30am at St Matthew's Church lounge, 96 Washington Avenue. Contact Lynne 389 3424

www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz

Brooklyn Smallbore Rifle Club

If you are aged 14+ come and have a go! We have a special \$15 Introductory Package which includes personal guidance on firearm safety and range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition for two rounds of shooting (13 shots per round).

Training and casual shooting is on Sundays 4.30pm to 6.00pm from mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown, so give us a call or drop us an email and we'll sort things out for you (Dianne Grain, 0274 449 641, d.grain@xtra.co.nz), or visit our website www.bsrb.org.nz.

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club for primary school kids (yr1-3)

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club is open to all primary school kids aged 5-8 (yr1-3) who want to play hockey.

Just come along. Practice time is between 4-5pm on Fridays. During winter (term 2 and 3) we will mainly practice indoors at Bell Rd Gym in Brooklyn. These are the confirmed days at Bell Rd gym in 2015: 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 24, 31 July, 7, 14, 21, 28 August.

Visit <http://www.playhockeynz.com/brooklyn-hockey.html> for more information.

Kaka Group Community Call

This is the first of a regular column in the Tattler updating the community on news from the Kaka Group.

We have recently heard that the Council have approved \$65,000.00 of funding to Kaka initiated projects through the Long Term Plan process. Thank you for adding your voice through the submission process, Council was impressed with the quantity and quality of submissions.

\$40,000.00 of this funding has been allocated to further exploring options for a Brooklyn Hub or network of linked facilities and \$25,000.00 to exploring creating a Vogelkingsmornington Precinct located around Vogelmorn Hall, the old Bowling Club and the Tennis Club. The intention is that Project Teams will now be formed that include or engage closely with key stakeholders and that the money is spent on developing plans, obtaining costings and on further community engagement over what possibilities may emerge. Kaka Group will work closely with WCC on the makeup of the Project Teams and be a community voice on how the projects develop.

The Kaka Group has been working away for over a year now, trying to draw out ideas from the community

and present a vision to Council. Now that some seed funding for projects has been announced we are looking to refresh the Kaka Group and invite any interested locals to become more actively involved, both in how these projects might evolve and in developing a number of other initiatives based on ideas that have come out of the community engagement process. We want to retain the richness and enthusiasm of ideas submitted beyond the possible Hub and Precinct projects.

We are considering meeting on a regular basis and will trial combining our meeting venue and date with the Brooklyn Residents Association (the meetings will be run separately one after the other and the meetings will be chaired and minuted separately). The first of these meeting nights is set for Wednesday 29th July, 7:30pm at the Brooklyn Resource Centre on Jefferson St. kicking off with BRAI and then Kaka at around 8:00 or 8:30pm. At the end of the meetings we will discuss meeting format, days, frequency, timing etc. We hope to see you there.

If you would like more info visit www.kakaproject.org like us at www.facebook.com/kakaproject or email us at info@kakaproject.org



GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meetings:

7pm Sunday 12 July & 9 August at Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium.
For details phone Tania: 384 8968 or 0274 838 565

Brooklyn Walkers

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

13 July - Brooklyn to the Zoo. Several different route options. 9:30am start.

20 July - Waikanae Beach to Waikanae via river walkway. 8:40am No 7 bus to catch 9:14am train then 10:18am bus to Waikanae Beach.

27 July - Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro & Norway Streets, Kelburn and then to central city.

3 August - Simla Crescent, Lucknow Terrace into Nairnville Park, Cockayne Road, Punjab Street into Odell Reserve, Old Porirua Road the Lower Ngaio Road. 9:18am bus, 10:02 train.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9:30am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

We are a small friendly group,

welcoming new members of all ages. We have three tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip on 934 7445 or Gwen on 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure plus. We 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, Tues 7.00-9.00pm
Venturers 14-18 years, Thurs 7.-9.00pm
For more information contact Gillian Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz
phone: 972 9904

Brooklyn Garden Club

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

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church, Washington Avenue. For

details phone Deb on 0274449622 or email dlambie@live.com.
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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

Friends of Owhiro Stream

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

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

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

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 1st August in the Brooklyn Library on the corner of Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 or 388 8088 AH

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions term time with some weekend camps and fun activities. Both programmes are structured to develop life skills and self discipline in a fun, friendly environment.

Penguin Programme (6-8 yr. olds) Meet at St Matthew's Church Lounge, Washington Ave, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm.

Youth Division (8-18 year olds) Meet at Brooklyn Community Centre Tuesdays 6:30- 8:00pm.

You are welcome to come and have a look at what we do anytime. It's helpful if you make contact with one of the leaders first, to ensure they are not away on a trip during the session that you want to come and have a look at. Leader contact is Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204.
www.stjohn.org.nz

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