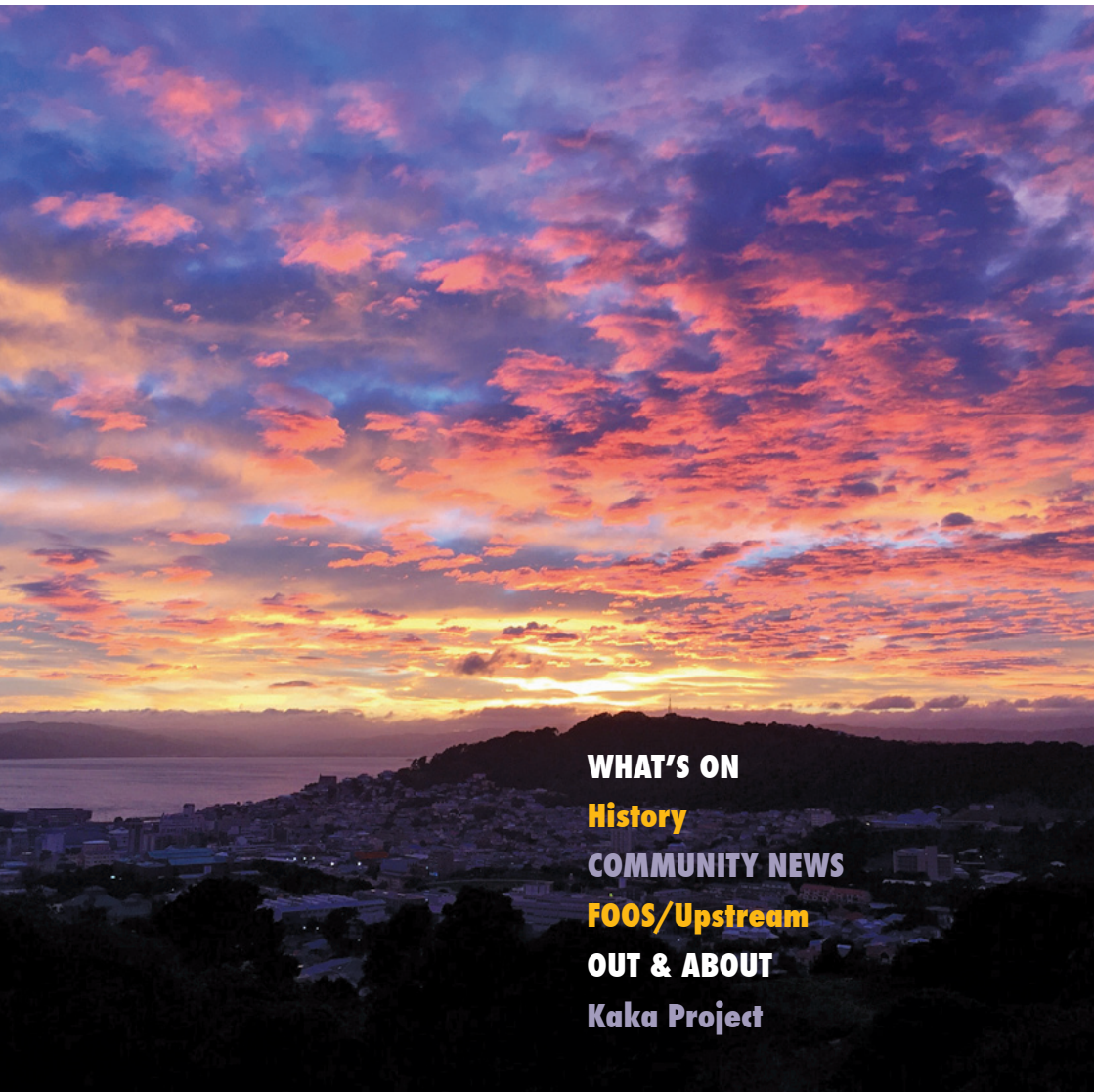


# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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Thanks Perry Aspros! In June Perry announced that he wishes to step back from his daily Facilities Manager role for BCA so he can take a more active role on BRAI. He is still a part of our Council and we will be employing a handy person to take on some of the work Perry did. Thanks for all the truly amazing work you have done Perry, day in day out, keeping our Community Centre in good shape.

***Thank You!** Our cover photo is Winter sunrise taken from Brooklyn, by Naoe Ujo.*

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## from the COORDINATOR

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Hi Everyone

Last month I wrote about the possibility of running dog obedience courses on the Vogelmorn Green and am pleased to say that our first course is booked in for Wednesday 27 July from 1:30pm – 3pm. Dog control officer Damian Nunns says the course will teach general obedience and is suitable for dogs of all ages. Up to 10 dogs and their owners can attend. The course is free on a first come first served basis. For more information and to book phone Damian on 388 8213. More courses covering different levels of obedience will be run if there is enough interest.

The Brooklyn Kindergarten is currently planning their next historical fundraising calendar which will be their 3rd publication. These calendars are always popular, especially as a Christmas gift for family and friends. It's great to view photos of Brooklyn from days gone by and this brings back memories for many. The Kindergarten committee is interested in hearing from you, if you have any photos from Brooklyn's past for possible inclusion in the 2016 calendar. The photos can come from any decade including more recent years like the 60's 70's and 80's. Please contact Phillippa Hurley regarding your photos via email: philhurley76@gmail.com or phone the Kindergarten on 385 7313.

The timetable has been set for the 2016 local body elections using the postal voting

method as in previous years. You can access the timetable plus voting information on the Wellington City Council website. You have up to 12 August to enroll. We have enrollment packs next to the main noticeboard in the foyer of the Brooklyn Community Centre. Voting takes place from 16 September.

Leading up to the elections there will be a number of opportunities to meet the candidates seeking your vote at a series of public meetings. The Vogelmorn Community Group have organised a meeting on Thursday 15 September from 6:30pm at the Vogelmorn Bowling Club called Mayoral "Rates Cutz" presented by Jason Muir and Barbarian Productions. Keep a look out for other planned meetings to be held in suburbs across Wellington.

I began this month's column writing about dogs, so here's something to finish for cat fanciers. The local Cats Protection League based at 29 Vancouver Street, Kingston is having their AGM at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Sunday 17 July from 2pm in the main hall. For more details on this and anything regarding the Protection League visit their website at [www.cpl-wellington.org.nz](http://www.cpl-wellington.org.nz)

You can of course visit in person as they are open to the public on weekends from 12 – 4pm Saturdays and Sundays with a variety of cats looking for new homes. The Wellington SPCA has kittens and cats for adoption at their next Adopt-a-thon on Saturday 6 August from 12 – 3pm in the Brooklyn Community Centre lounge. Come along and support the hard working volunteers who give up their time to care and rehome animals throughout Wellington.

Have a great month.

## BCA COUNCIL NEWS

**WCC FUNDING** We received advice mid-June that our WCC funding is approved and a new three year contract is being negotiated. This encompasses Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall and Green. The new grass on the green is establishing itself well and we are looking forward to when it can be opened as a public space. We are working with WCC to get the space tidy and safe ready for public use.

**YEAR END** 30 June was our financial year end. Our auditor will prepare a report ready for our 68th Annual General Meeting which is held in September; diary in 2pm Sunday 18 September.

**CSR MEETING** It was a great experience to attend the June WCC Community, Sports and Recreation Committee meeting where several Brooklyn groups presented. The Vogelmorn Precinct and Vogelmorn Community Groups did outstanding visual presentations which showed their fabulous talents, commitment and achievements. Jules Lovelock spoke frankly about the Resource Centre and it was inspiring to feel energy behind getting this Centre sustainable again. Liz Rhodes, Mary-Ann Butterfield and I presented back on the Hub findings. See articles later in the Tattler. Special thanks to Iona Pannett who took a personal interest in some of the BCA budget detail and proposed BCA receive an additional \$6000 in funds which all Councillors supported. Seeing Paul Eagle in the Chair of the committee showing humour, while being purposeful was entertaining. Thanks for a great meeting Paul.

*Kay Miller*

On behalf of BCA Council members

# from the COUNCILLOR

**NICOLA YOUNG**  
**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCILLOR**  
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Wellington's rates are too high, with Council's decision to increase domestic rates by 5.4%, and 2.7% for commercial; an average 3.6% increase across all properties.



I was the only councillor who voted against this increase.

Rates are becoming a real burden, especially for Wellingtonians on fixed incomes and, in particular, retired people living on their savings when interest rates are so low.


Many have had rate increases of 20 % over

the past four years, on properties that haven't leapt in value. The city-wide re-valuations will exacerbate these increases, especially for properties that have increased dramatically. The average house value (\$600,000) will now have rates of \$2,791 (including GST).

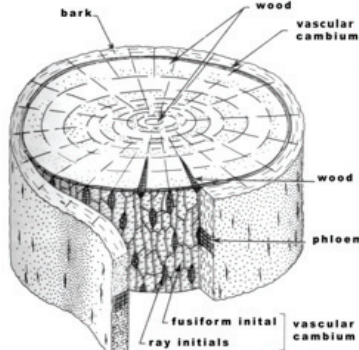
Some projects are expensive, but will help bring economic growth (the convention centre, for example) but we need to spend ratepayers' money frugally.

Core services like the Brooklyn library must be protected. So much money is wasted on expensive, sham consultations (rebuilding the Island Bay seawall, when there was only one affordable solution) and vanity projects like the Island Bay cycleway (which I fought from the start) which the Mayor has now admitted was a mistake.

Wellington is a very liveable city, but it must be affordable too.



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# BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We had a healthy turnout at our recent AGM with Katie Underwood elected Chair, Perry Aspros Vice-Chair, Carl Savage Secretary, Sam Donald Treasurer and Sophie Jolliffe elected to the Committee.

Along with other topics discussed, GWRC Councillor Paul Bruce updated us on proposed bus changes, including a new 'hub' arrangement with Saturday and Sunday services from/to Kowhai Park planned for 2017. GWRC are currently seeking feedback on a proposed additional bus stop to the North of the island in front of the Library. We have safety concerns about

people getting to and from that location.

Sam Bridgman was there to represent a new group A2B (Active to Brooklyn) focused on improving walking and cycling in and around Brooklyn. There are a number of initiatives under discussion with WCC and others. If you would like to be involved let us know.

There was quite a bit of interest expressed in a renewed Kaka Project Steering Group to provide a community wide forum for discussion, with requests for BRAI to help initiate it and be involved.

Get in touch here to join our email list: [brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com) You can also find us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington>

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# BROOKLYN HUB UPDATE

In last month's Tattler we covered the community meeting on the Brooklyn Hub Master Plan Report.

On 15 June the Hub steering group reported back to the WCC Community, Sports and Recreation committee and advised them that combining the school hall/gym and community facilities into a single building is not feasible and that we will return to a community-led visioning project for next stage. (See Brooklyn School Board of Trustees message on page 7).

We committed to run a community workshop to complete a stock take of Kaka Project phases 1 & 2 information, explore questions raised by the Master Plan Report & community meeting and agree the formation of a new project team for the next phase. Rather than focus on a single building we will consider all options and be looking forward about 25 years.



# VOGELMORN PRECINCT UPDATE

Following the Vogelhorn Precinct Steering Group and Co-op Cooperative design team's submission to the 2016/2017 Annual Plan, WCC have now resolved to retain the Vogelhorn Hall as a community facility and open public space! Not only that, but they have allocated some funds to allow for a Developed Design stage for the Precinct. So congratulations to all involved!

It is envisaged that the next stage will continue it's participatory nature with open workshops to further the ideas outlined in the concept plan. Keep an eye later in the year for announcements about further gatherings.

For those who haven't seen the concept, it is focused around an open access 'village green' in place of the old bowling green with strong linkages with the Vogelhorn Hall to its North and the Vogelhorn (formerly bowling) Club building to it's South. To find out more about the vision for the Precinct check out [vogelmornprecinct.wordpress.com](http://vogelmornprecinct.wordpress.com) [padlet.com/vogelmornprecinct/hkzgui73ai78](http://padlet.com/vogelmornprecinct/hkzgui73ai78)

A presentation was also made to the WCC Community, Sports & Recreation Committee. The presentation included a short video made with the help of the crew from Film for Change and you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueWieL04E8k>

# BROOKLYN SCHOOL PROPERTY

We've made significant progress on property which we are finally able to share with you.

**BROOKLYN HUB** The Board has worked with the Wellington City Council (WCC), Ministry of Education and Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) to look at the possibility of a community hub: something bigger and better for both the school and the whole community.

We were keen to explore whether we could develop a combined school and community solution to the benefit of both parties. This Brooklyn hub project was based on the rich community input that was received from the Kaka focus groups and surveys. Last month we received the final feasibility report which was presented at a community meeting.

We then presented it to the City Council in conjunction with the BCA. We have reservations about several aspects of the proposal including its cost (\$5-6 million), traffic, parking, pedestrian access and timeframes. Finally, we also are required to spend our \$630,000 Special Property Grant within two years, which does not fit within the Hub timeframe.

Reluctantly we have concluded that the joint approach to community facilities is not feasible at this time, but we are committed to continue to work with the BCA and other community groups on future initiatives.

## SCHOOL'S MASTER PROPERTY PLAN (MPP)

Our school will now focus fully on its 20-year Master Property Plan (MPP) that was developed and accepted by the previous Board in consultation with the Ministry of Education. This work project was delayed while we investigated the Hub project but is now full steam ahead.

The school is meeting with the Ministry of Education to agree a timeline, budget and what work needs to happen first. We're really excited about this, the proposed redevelopment will be the most significant undertaken by the school in recent decades.

Once the Ministry has completed their reviews we will release the Plan to the school and community and let you know the timeframe and staging. We expect this to be in the next few months.

## WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us by email: [bot@brooklynprimary.school.nz](mailto:bot@brooklynprimary.school.nz) or via the school office.

*Brooklyn School Board of Trustees*



# Brooklyn School Est. 1833

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

# EARLY BUSINESSES & ADVERTISING

BY CHRIS RABEY

Here are more early Brooklyn businesses that were in business in the 1950's up to the 60's.

A (Buster) Topp, was a popular builder who did a lot of repairs on Brooklyn houses. He and his family lived in Mornington and were St Matthew's Church parishioners. Their children were at Brooklyn School when I was.

R G (Dick) Spratt, though the address shown was in Cleveland Street, this was his trade entrance only. His shop was around in the corner in Ohiro Road, just north of the present Deli.

The Cleveland Street entrance was down a sloping drive, where patrons from the Brooklyn Bar go down to the carpark underneath.

This was the trade entrance for Pickett's Store on the corner, and a coal merchant, Stewart was at the bottom. Spratt worked on a number of local upholstering jobs over the years.

Herb and Bev Daw ran their General Store/Grocery on the corner of Washington Avenue and Dorking Road for many years. Both later retired to the Kapiti Coast. The general layout of the store is still in evidence as little has been done to the exterior.

There was another grocer a short distance away, down Washington Avenue, so we always wondered if they made a profit. Before the Daws bought it, it was known as the Avenue Store.

Sunshine Store was a smaller grocery in Cleveland Street approx where the old laundry is. It didn't do as well as other grocers, it sold a lot of ice creams to the school children, and I remember you could buy one penny and two penny ice creams in tiny, miniature cones!

Brooklyn Motors operated in a garage away from the street in a driveway about where the back part of the Fire Station is now. They always had to compete with the ever popular Jim Simons Garage down Ohiro Road,

but I always remember seeing cars being serviced there. My parents never went there, always to Jim, as Mum always used to say 'he is much friendlier!'

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# from the LIBRARY



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My name is Louise and I'm the latest addition to the friendly team at Brooklyn Library. I've been enjoying getting to know the Library collection. It's been fantastic seeing the way it is treasured by the community, especially its children.

With winter underway it's a good time to hunker down with a library book, DVD, or CD. We have new items coming in every week so it is always worthwhile to check out our "New" fiction, non-fiction, and children's book displays when you are in at the library.

## Wellington City Libraries On-line

As well as using the library hard copy collection, winter is the perfect time to explore our Wellington City Libraries website, <http://www.wcl.govt.nz>

On the website you can find information about how to access a large variety of databases, newspapers, e-books, and

magazines as well as information about popular topics, library services, and stuff for kids and teens (including great blogs!).

**Booklists** Every month, we also provide lists of new material in our libraries' collections on the "Booklists" page, and the "Who writes like..." page is a great way to learn about new authors. Because our website has so much to offer we will further explore it in future Tattler columns so keep an eye out!

## Great new books for kids!

Recent additions for junior readers at the library include *Raymie Nightingale* by Kate Di Camillo, the well-loved author of *The Tale of Despereaux* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. *Raymie* is a girl who learns a lot about friendship as the story in this book unfolds. We also have a new book in the *Clementine Rose* series by Jacqueline Harvey – *Clementine Rose* and the *Paris Puzzle*.

**The Bolds to the Rescue** is the second book in a series by Julian Clary. The Bolds are a family of hyenas who are living in suburban England and "passing" for humans. It is a fun chapter book with great illustrations and lots of laughs.

**5-Minute Star Wars Stories** is another new junior fiction book that is bound to be popular with younger Star Wars fans, and if you like to "choose your own ending" there is *Countdown to Danger* by Jack Heath – can you survive an encounter with the largest shark ever seen?

We look forward to seeing you at the Library.

Ngā mihinui, *Louise*

# what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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<b>CRAFT CONNECTIONS</b>	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am-1pm Contact Louise at <a href="mailto:brockway@paradise.net.nz">brockway@paradise.net.nz</a>
<b>CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS</b>	1st Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm. Next meeting is 3 August. Knitting, crochet, sewing. Ph Leonie Flint 3896381
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<b>HIP HOP &amp; DANCE ACADEMY</b>	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or <a href="mailto:stephanieamandalee@gmail.com">stephanieamandalee@gmail.com</a> Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 3.15-6pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
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<b>PORSE PLAYSCHOOL</b>	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Susan 801 6814 or <a href="mailto:susan.rudd@porse.co.nz">susan.rudd@porse.co.nz</a>
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*what's on at*

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<b>WELLINGTON NAGINATA</b>	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10:30am-12:30pm. Contact Alice at <a href="mailto:henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk">henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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# RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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My time at Outward Bound

**5 AUGUST** Speaker required

Winter is here and we have a number of people asking us to source wool. These keen knitters are desperate for wool for all sorts of projects. If you have any please drop it off at the Centre or give me a call and I can pick it up.

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Thank you Jo of Jo's Cafe for your wonderful support of our Centre - we really appreciate it.

Did you know all of Jo's pies can be bought frozen? Pop them into the oven for 30 mins and dinner is served. Not only the best pies in Brooklyn but great flavours as well.

Thank you also to Dana of Bidgood Plumbing for fixing our roof. It's great to have good trades in our street and community.

Our library at the Centre is now far too big so we are selling books for \$2 each. Come and have a look, I'm sure you will find something good to read over these cold wintery days.

Our AGM, held at the Centre on Sunday 3 July had a good turnout. Thank you to everyone for their support, including Nicola Young from WCC.

Take care, see you soon *Jenny Swan*

**MONDAY 11am-11.45** Get the Beat - music for babies and toddlers. Contact Lois McConnell Ph 973 1650

**1-3pm** Mah Jong

**6-7pm** Yoga

**TUESDAY 12-1pm** Community Lunch. Inexpensive lunch, everybody welcome

**WEDNESDAY** Garden club 1st Wed of month

**THURSDAY** 1st & 3rd Thurs each month. Wellington Handweavers and Spinners Guild

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**12 noon:** Lunch **1.30pm:** Arthritic exercise

**2pm:** Guest Speaker **3pm:** Afternoon tea

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# SCHOOL NEWS

**JULIE SEEVENS**

By the time you read this Term Two will have finished which marks the mid-way point of the school year.

As usual the year seems to be flying by. Hopefully all the students, teachers, and staff are enjoying a well-earned rest.

Brooklyn School celebrated Matariki on 23 June with an evening shared with family and friends enjoying some yummy kai and doing fun activities. There was also an awesome Kapa Haka display to start the festivities.

Ridgway School had their three yearly visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) who have helped to identify priorities for the next three years and the

next steps in achieving them. Their report is due back in approximately one month's time.

St Bernards' pupils have had a busy month, not least welcoming their new principal, Mr Pozniak with a welcome Liturgy. They also celebrated Suzanne Aubert's birthday on 19 June who is New Zealand's first saint in the making.

A meteorologist visited as part of their studies on weather this term, and the children from Brooklyn Kindergarten came to try out some obstacle courses that had been set up especially for them.

Finally, some of the students went to Owhiro Stream to help the Sustainable Coastlines team plant new plants to help stop erosion.

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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

**Our next working bee is on Saturday 11th July.** With 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 for rare species in isolated habitats (or widely dispersed remnants) where the process can overwhelm the originally distinct population to the point that none remain."



*It is the  
fungi  
season at  
Owhiro  
Stream*





An astonishing 1.2 million Kiwis do some form of volunteer work. Volunteers were celebrated throughout Volunteer Week in June. We would like to acknowledge the organisations that have helped in Central Park over the last year:

ANZ, Aurecon, Bnei Akiva, Contact Energy, IAG, Kelburn Brownies, KPMG and OMD.

They have cleared enormous mounds of tradescantia and mulched alongside the stream and around the site of the caretaker's cottage. Thanks to their efforts we are now re planting these areas.

There has been a strong community response to the recent attack on a young woman in Central park. Amy Bardsley used Neighbourly to organise a walk through the park a week later to show support for the woman and to demonstrate people's right to use Central Park and other public space without fear. **The walk was well attended and will be a regular event on the last Wednesday of every month, meet at the main gates to the park at 7pm.**

Wellington City Council has also responded positively in having Local Hosts patrol the park between 4pm and 2am Wednesday to Saturday. This is a great initiative!

Upstream is determined to keep the park attractive and safe for everyone to use, day or night. The more who use it, the safer it becomes! Suggestions on how to make the park safer are welcomed, please email Wellington City Council at [info@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@wcc.govt.nz) (with **Central Park** in the header) or telephone WCC on 499 4444.

### Next Working Bee Sunday 31 July

Upstream meets from 10am-12 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 path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

For more information, contact Lynne at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz)



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Off the Beaten Track Answer:  
Brooklyn end of Moturoa Stream Track, Central Park



### **BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

#### **Pippins**

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

#### **Brownies**

Margaret 389 3028

#### **Brooklyn Guides**

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

### **BROOKLYN FOOD**

**GROUP** Have a passion for creating local food and community through workshops, shared gardens and community orchard.

Contact us to get involved or join our working bees from 3:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during Winter at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)

### **BROOKLYN GARDEN**

**CLUB** 1st Wednesday each month, Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St.

New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

### **BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS**

For years 1-4 and new entrants. Practice with us Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn. Just turn up on practice day and we will take it from there. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

### **BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

2pm Saturday 6 August at the Library. Contact Sharon on 027 634 4455 or 388 8088, or Chris 384 9293 or email [ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz)

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Rachel 022 407 9652

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### **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. Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or [gillianmay68@gmail.com](mailto:gillianmay68@gmail.com)

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### **BROOKLYN TABLE**

**TENNIS** 9am-12 Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. Small friendly group. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or [codwg@paradise.net.nz](mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz)

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Fortnightly on Thursdays  
10am-1pm Contact Louise  
brockway@paradise.net.nz

## CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS

Individuals helping their  
community one stitch at a  
time. 1st Wednesday of the  
month 6:30pm-8:30pm. Next  
meeting 3 August. Knitting,  
crochet, sewing. Contact  
Leonie Flint 389 6381

## BROOKLYN WALKERS

**11 Jul** Pencarrow Walk.  
(9:08 No 8 bus, 9:27 No  
81 bus) at Railway Station.  
Get off at Eastbourne.

**18 Jul** Walk to Adelaide  
Rd though High Sch, No  
3 bus to Kilbirnie, walk to  
city via Hataitai.

**25 Jul** Ashton Fitchett  
Rd, Zealandia perimeter,  
Mitchelltown, Aro St.  
Walkers 9:10 start, others  
9:25 No 8 bus to Ashton  
Fitchett Rd.

**1 AUG** Walk /bus to  
Quebec St, Wharangi  
Track starts at Maori  
Memorial, follow track  
either left to Happy Valley  
(Carlucci Land), Brooklyn  
or right to Island Bay.  
Walkers start 9.20, others  
9.44 No 7 bus.

**8 AUG** Mana, Acheron Rd,  
Mana View Rd, Penryn  
Dr, through reserve,  
Penn Dennis Pt, down

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Caroline on 971 8494 or  
Christian 913 5985  
chris.del82@gmail.com  
http://6879.  
toastmastersclubs.org

## UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

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debbie\_vanh@yahoo.com

## WELLINGTON SWORDS

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