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Thank you! Our cover photo of the Dark Chocolate Jazz Trio at Brooklyn Community Market is from Nick Ruane.

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Hi Everyone

TERM 2 The second term of school is almost over and we are looking forward to our next holiday programme at the Brooklyn Community Centre starting on Monday 10 July and running until Friday 21 July. There is a variety of fun activities to choose from including several day trips to the museum, ice rink and Laser Force. Places are filling fast so don't miss out. Enrolment forms available from the foyer of the Brooklyn Community Centre or you can download a form online by viewing www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz and clicking the 'What's On' tab. Contact Adam Hendry our Childcare Programme Manager for details on 385 0089. Adam has a new email, so please update your contact list to include childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

YOGA with Ming Janssen at Vogelhorn Hall has shifted to a new day and time. Previously held on Thursday mornings from 11am – 12:15pm, yoga classes will now run on Tuesday mornings at the earlier time of 9:15am – 10:30am which Ming feels will suit parents dropping off their kids to school.

Classes are open to all levels of experience. Yoga mats and bolsters provided, however you may like to bring your own as they can run short on busy days. Ming says "My Yoga classes are inspired by various yoga styles, mostly Kundalina and Vinyasa flow. The classes are a combination of

stretches, flowing movements with breath and strength development". For more info contact ming.janssen@gmail.com

AGM The local Cats Protection League at 29 Vancouver Street, Kingston is having their AGM at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Sunday 16 July from 1pm in the main hall. For more details on this and anything regarding the Protection League, visit their website at www.cpl-wellington.org.nz or follow them on Facebook. You can of course visit in person as they are open to the public on weekends from 12 to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays, with a variety of cats looking for new homes.

ELECTION The general election is coming up in September and planning is already underway. Recently we had a visit from Serena, a Wellington Central Returning Officer who confirmed that once again the Brooklyn Community Centre will be a polling station and also an advanced voting venue for two weeks prior to Election Day on Saturday 23 September. It must be election year as we have had 3 political parties take a stall at our monthly markets over the past 3 months. I'm looking forward to attending meet the candidates' evenings throughout Wellington, especially in Aro Valley which is always a fun night complete with water pistols and good natured heckling.

NEIGHBOURLY Brooklyn Community Centre is now on Neighbourly which is a great way to connect with people in your suburb and street. Best of all it's free, quick and easy to join and you are made to feel welcome from day one, plus you have instant access to what's going on locally from community noticeboards to classifieds. To find out more go to neighbourly.co.nz

Have a great month.

BCA NEWS

I'm Nick Ruane and am the incoming President of the BCA. I've been a BCA Council member since 2016 and lived in Brooklyn since 2011. I love Brooklyn and consider it my home.

Thank you to Kay Miller for her hard work as President over the last four years, leaving the BCA in a strong position financially and as an organisation.

To the Presidency of the BCA Council I bring my skills from many governance roles, as well as from my day job working in Business Development for Workbridge. I'm very proud of the staff at the Brooklyn Community Centre. They do a great job and I want to develop the tools and structure for this to continue. The role of the BCA is to serve the Brooklyn community by running the great programmes they want. We clearly have that with our successful Before and Afterschool Care and Holiday Programmes. The BCA is also guardian of several of Brooklyn's community assets such as the Community Centre and Vogelhorn Hall. I see part of my role as fostering positive and mutually beneficial relationships between those that serve the community here in Brooklyn. A focus for BCA will be community development through a reinvigorated monthly market, with opportunities for BCA to develop new initiatives to engage with our small business community and promote the great products they produce, or the products they sell through our monthly market. Any ideas or support offers would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Nick Ruane, President, BCA

from the COUNCILLOR

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Work on strengthening Wellington's Town Hall will begin next year, and should be completed by June 2021 when it will become a national music hub – and will, once again, be used for civic ceremonies and council meetings. The building was closed in late 2013, so the majority of councillors (10!) have never experienced life in the lovely old council chamber.

This exciting project has been agreed by a three-pronged partnership between Wellington City Council, Victoria University and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and the



building's world-class acoustics will be a real asset for its new role.

Since the Kaikoura quake, resilience has been a top Council priority; particularly water supplies. Wellington has only one day's water storage, and that's the driving reason behind Wellington Water's proposed Prince of Wales/ Omāroto Reservoir. The 35 million-litre concrete reservoir is intended to supply the CBD, Newtown, and Mount Cook. If approved (and that's a complicated process, partly because the site is on the Town Belt), the reservoir would be landscaped and, eventually - almost undetectable, even on Google Maps.

Wellington Water is also drilling exploratory bores in the harbour because, if the Waiwhetu aquifer is as big as hoped, under-harbour bore water would be cheaper (and decidedly more resilient) than a cross-harbour pipeline. And, once again, I implore everyone to get an emergency water tank!

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READY TO LAUNCH

The team behind Predator Free Brooklyn are now seeking to extend their backyard trapping initiative to 1000 properties across Brooklyn, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston.

You're invited to the Official Launch Event at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd on Saturday 5th August 1-4pm.

The group was formed at the end of September 2016 in response to the Predator Free 2050 goal. It was brought together from those who were following the work of the Polhill Protectors extending the halo of native birds around Zealandia through trapping in Polhill.

The premise is simple and proven in Crofton Downs - giving out free traps to householders, in return for them keeping them baited, monitored and reporting activity. Getting to a critical mass of one trapper per five households has seen Crofton Downs become New Zealand's first predator free suburb. Can Brooklyn be the second?

Traps are now available thanks to a very generous grant from Transpower New Zealand which has enabled the group to fund their expansion toward the 1000 households needed to rid Brooklyn of rats and other predators.

Kelvin Hastie, who established the model in Crofton Downs provided initial guidance, and a small supply of traps. With Kelvin's help, there are now 128 traps deployed in the suburb; and almost 400 rodents have been removed from circulation, tipping the odds a little toward our native birds and reptiles.

Join the Predator Free Brooklyn launch event, to be held at the Vogelmorn Bowling Club on Saturday afternoon, 5th August.

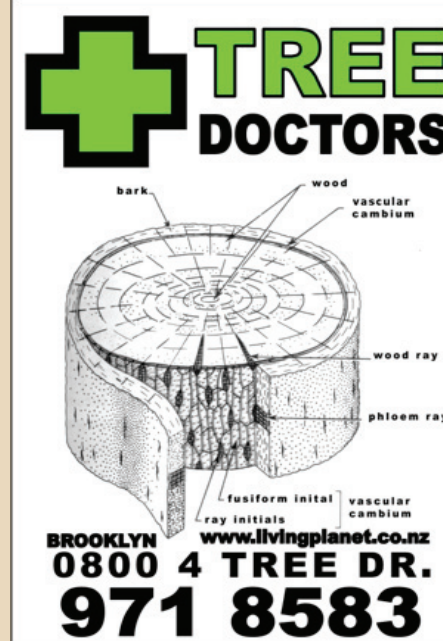
Get your trap; your questions answered on backyard trapping; join our existing trappers and celebrate the success already achieved.

There will be stalls with information, food and kids' activities – so come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

For more information about Predator Free Brooklyn visit their Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NoRatsBrooklyn>

Check out who is co-ordinating efforts in your part of the suburb via their map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1iqEs44QsO5KGitqNZAomYsKpZ48>.

And if you're keen to get involved, email them at PredatorFreeBrooklyn@gmail.com with your street address, and come along to the launch event to collect your trap. Let's extend the halo and rid Brooklyn of rats.



Patricia Fry, a Kingston resident, has been a painter for the majority of her 93 years. She has exhibited with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and was represented by Christopher Moore Gallery for 14 years. The Alexander Turnbull Library, the James Wallace Arts Trust and Te Manawa, in Palmerston North also hold her work.

A View to Life celebrates the life and work of Patricia, an exemplar of personal dedication to the research and practice of painting and drawing over a 70-year period, rare in today's art world.

Patricia's art career began with a chance meeting with Barc - Helen Crabb, an icon of the local art scene - who invited her to



classes run from her Hobson Street studio where the importance of drawing and study was established. It was there that Patricia met and sat for Joan Fanning, Betty Clegg, Helen Stewart, Louise Henderson, Sidney Higgs, Marjory Mills and Stewart MacLennan.

Using pastels and oils, Patricia has focused on the nude, drawn and painted. Here, as well as in her portraits and landscapes, she demonstrates an insightful eye for people, places and events from her life and the recent history of Wellington.

Her daughter Rowena Fry of Kingston has taught 'go KART' (Go KidsArt) after school, for five years at Vogelmorn hall. And two of her granddaughters have gone to Ridgway school.

PATRICIA FRY A VIEW TO LIFE

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BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE RECEIVES THE BEST POSSIBLE REVIEW



Brooklyn Playcentre is very well placed to promote positive learning outcomes for children says the Education Review Office (ERO).

ERO visited Brooklyn Playcentre in May to review the early childhood service and reported that "Children's learning is meaningful and responsive to their interests."

The report went on to say "Children's early learning experience is well supported by strong, effective leadership from the centre support person and duty teams."

Brooklyn Playcentre is a parent-led early childhood centre providing licensed, quality learning for children aged from 0 to school-age. The Centre philosophy is based on mixed-age, child-initiated play, supported and extended by parents. Parents learn alongside the children through a practical and free adult education programme. The ERO report noted that there is "a sense of collective

responsibility for children and high levels of community

involvement are evident. Members are a diverse group of enthusiastic parents and whānau who bring valuable skills and knowledge to their roles. Well-developed systems support the smooth day-to-day running of the Playcentre. Children have a positive platform for learning."

According to the report Brooklyn Playcentre also has "well-chosen age-appropriate equipment and effective session planning enables and supports children of all ages to play and learn together. The centre is responsive to and provides well for the up to two year olds and for all children."



Brooklyn Playcentre is located at 22 Harrison St and runs sessions Monday to Thursday 9am - 12.30pm and welcome new families through three free familiarisation visits.

The full Education Review Office report can be found here <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/brooklyn-playcentre-09-05-2017/>.

BROOKLYN

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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On Wednesday 21st of June we held our AGM. Thanks to all those residents and Regional Councillors Ponter and McKinnon who attended the meeting.

Katie Underwood (our Immediate Past President) gave her report for 2016-2017 and discussed ongoing priorities looking ahead for the association to be led by our new President Perry Aspros.

These include:

(a) Parking: Cleveland Street. Look to mark out car spaces within parking area allowing more economical parking. Adjusting parking around the Todman / Ohiro Road area to assist businesses.

(b) Bringing our 1972 constitution up to date by altering boundaries and changing various rules.

(c) The GWRC are going to give us an update on the proposed 2018 bus hub and routes etc. We will inform you all with an open invitation to this meeting. The new bus hub affects all residents.

(d) We will be keeping a watching brief on the traffic congestion on Ohiro Road going to the tip, the water storage tanks in Bell Road and above Prince of Wales Park and the Brooklyn School project.

Your new executive is Perry Aspros (President), Carl Savage (Secretary), Sam Donald (Treasurer), Katie Underwood (IPP) and Sophie Jolliffe.

The BRAI exists to represent local concerns with the WCC and GWRC so please do contact Perry by phone on 3842416 or email brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com to discuss any local issues.

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from the LIBRARY



Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.

We hope you are keeping warm over the winter season and have been using Wellington City Libraries to keep yourselves entertained and informed during the longer nights.

New Picture Books We have received lots of great new picture books over the last month. Our favourites include: Slow Down, World by Tai Snaith. How often do we stop, look, and appreciate the world around us? This book for younger children explores mindfulness in a beautiful, accessible way.

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts and illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. A warm story about being grateful for what we have rather than pining for the things we want.

Hooray for Birds by Lucy Cousins. The author of the Maisey books has written a colourful, wonderful read-aloud book that you can get active with – “stand very tall on just one leg” like a pink flamingo, and “stretch up your neck” like an elegant swan. Highly recommended for pre-schoolers!

New Board Books Our board book

collection always gets a good workout from our younger library users. New additions include:

Rainbow by Jane Cabrera. Rainbow shaped pages reveal different objects and creatures that are all the colours of the rainbow.

Playtime with Ted by Sophy Helm. Lift the flaps to find all the imaginative ways Ted uses a cardboard box while he plays.

Macavity's not there! by T.S. Eliot and Arthur Robins. Where is that ginger cat Macavity? Lift the flaps to see if you can find him.

More New Books! We also have lots of new fiction and non-fiction for kids, young adults, and grown-ups arriving every week. Come in and check out our new book displays to find the latest releases.

Much more And don't forget we also have DVDs, CDs, and magazines!

So come and visit us at the Brooklyn Library to find something to enjoy over the colder months – you never know what you will find!

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what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7:30pm during school terms. Call Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & Afterschool Care & Holiday Programmes. Ph Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgt@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 4pm-5:30pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 29 July 2017, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners Wed 5:30-6:15pm & Thurs 5-5:45pm. Adult Beginners Wed 6-7pm, Thurs 5:30-6:30pm. Kardio Power Wed 7:30-8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30-7pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
ROCKING POPPING BODS	Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 years. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays in school terms 6:30-8pm. Call Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! Tuesdays 9:30-11am. info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or phone 976 8742 or 022 645 6943
KANGATRaining	Mondays 10:15-12. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
ZUMBA FITNESS	Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15am. Contact Leia on 020 41109308 or cohenleia@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelmorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am-2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am & 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:30-7:30pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
GO KART (KIDS ART)	Go Kids art and craft classes for 7-12 years Thursdays 3:15-4:45pm. Contact Rowena at: rowena.fry@slingshot.co.nz
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA	Wednesdays fortnightly 8pm sharp on 5 & 19 July, 2 & 16 August. www.facebook.com/NLNLWellington/
KOHA YOGA NEW TIME!	Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-11am. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Aidan Mason-Mackay 021 0232 4773 or aidan@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10-6:40pm. Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Saturdays 3-5pm. Cam 021 263 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 9am - 11am. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
WILD WORKOUTS	Boot Camps 6am Tuesdays & Thursdays for all fitness levels. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or www.wildworkouts.co.nz
ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

36 JEFFERSON ST, BROOKLYN
PHONE 384 4299

OPEN WEEKDAYS 9AM-4PM

Thank you to Margaret Austin who gave a wonderful energetic and engaging talk on Friday about being a dancer in the Folies Bergere and other parts of her life. Got an interesting story? Come & share it as a speaker on Fridays 1.30-2.30.

We'd like to welcome Gemma O'Sullivan. The Wgtn womens writing group will be starting Sun 23rd July 10.30-12. For more information call Gemma on 021 183 5812.

Our AGM was held on the 25th June. A new management committee was voted in and are due to meet in early July.

Thank you all who attended our mid winter Christmas party. It was so nice to have a party with great company and yummy Christmas treats. Big Thank you to our amazing Dorothy for making the Christmas cake.

We look forward to seeing you at the centre. Jenny

MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies. Contact Lois Ph 973 1650

1-3pm Mah Jong

6-7pm Yoga

TUESDAYS 9am-1 Melanie Roskam

Integrative nutritionist ph 0273508787

12-1pm Community Lunch.

Inexpensive lunch, everybody welcome.

WEDNESDAYS Garden club

1st Wednesday of the month

THURSDAYS Wgtn Handweavers & Spinners Guild Thursdays (1st & 3rd) 1-4pm
2nd Saturday 10.30-4. Val 389 7516 or 0274 364 741 or laybourns@clear.net.nz

FRIDAYS Podiatrist Ph 384 4299

9am-11.30 Every 2nd Friday

FRIDAY CIRCLE If you know anyone who'd like a day out we'd love to have them join us, only \$15.

9am: Craft activities

10.30: Morning Tea

Noon: Lunch

1pm: Arthritic Exercise

1:30-2:30pm: Speaker

2:30: Afternoon tea

SPEAKERS - FRIDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

7 July - David Silva

My overseas experience in France & Spain

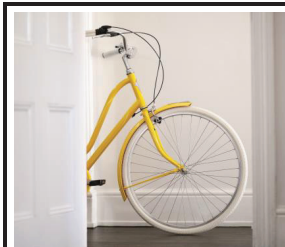
14 July - Sally Carman

Visiting Panang (Malaysia)

21 July - It's in the Bag "BINGO"

28 July - Movie of your choice

ROOMS FOR HIRE The Resource Centre has three rooms for hire, including a commercial grade kitchen. If you'd like to hire any of our rooms, kitchen, or the whole centre for an activity, event, small business or service, contact us on 04 384 4299 or brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com



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SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

The second term is flying by with less than two weeks to go which officially marks the half way point of the school year. Our schools are currently focussing on upcoming Matariki celebrations, fun evenings where teachers, students, and their families meet up to share kai and try out fun activities.

The Inter zone cross country races were held on 20 June; next term the sports focus moves from the running fields to the swimming pools.

Some exciting visitors have been at our schools this term. Students at St Bernards had a visit from Wellington Saints Basketball players who took the children for a coaching session and Brooklyn School students are due a visit from the Wellington

Hurricanes before the end of term. Year 3 and 4 students at Brooklyn are having a visit from two Gecko Press authors who will be reading their books and sharing pizza with them! Brooklyn School also played host to eight Hong Kong students who have been seeing how schools operate here in New Zealand.

Ridgway School raised over \$11,000 towards their outside shade development with the recent move-a-thon. They had good support from Wellington businesses including a few here in Brooklyn, great to see the community helping each other out.

Last but not least, St Bernard's celebrated the 182nd birthday of Suzanne Aubert, a New Zealand saint in the making. Upon her beatification her name will be taken up by the parish so it is a particularly special time for them.

School finishes up for the term on Friday 7 July with Term 3 starting on Monday 24 July.

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Planting time - or, at least, our main effort, will be on **SATURDAY 8 JULY from 10.00 - 3.00pm at the site by the Domanski Crescent bridge**.

We supply tools, gloves, drinks and refreshments, and a barbecue around 12.30.

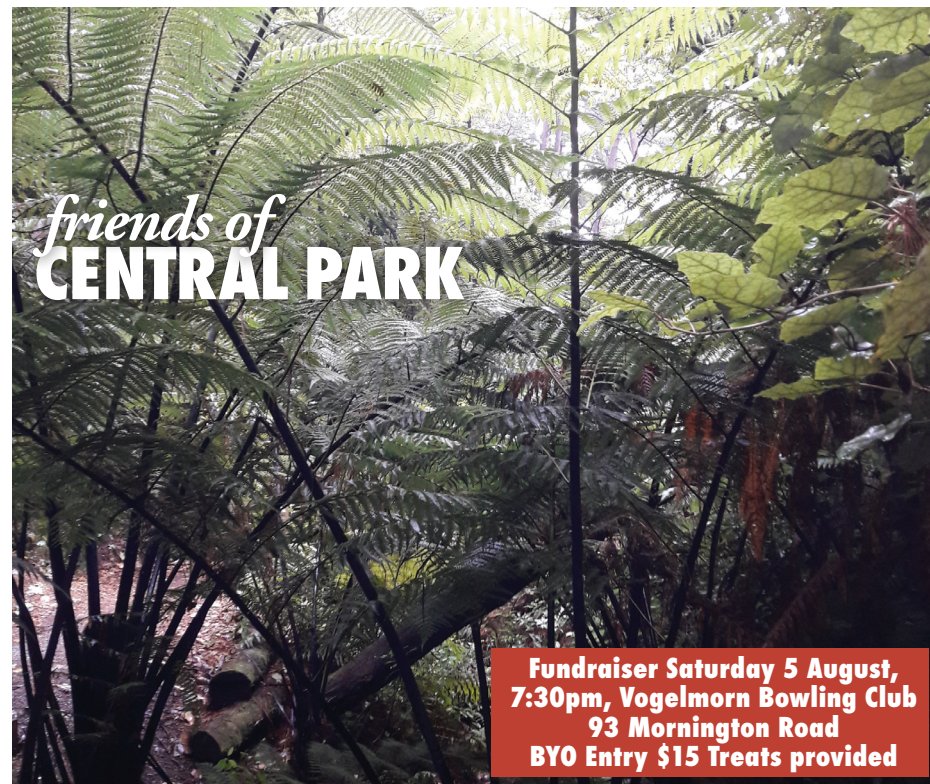
What more could you ask from a day out in the fresh air with your family on the first Saturday of the school holidays? In the unlikely (!) event that the weather is dreadful, we will reluctantly postpone until Sunday the 9th. The planting is

on relatively easy ground, filling in and extending the area we did last year, so we would love to see you there for at least part of the day.

This week the shade house workers are going to collect some plants from Barbara Fowler that had been grown by Dave. He was a tireless propagator of plants, many for the Makara bike park that he did so much work for, but he thought that the smaller ones might need the tender care the nursery could provide.

So, thank you Dave; although he had no patience with ecological correctness (i.e. only planting things sourced from the planting site, or very close), whatever their provenance we will plant them in his honour; depending on the species - maybe a memorial grove?

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



**Fundraiser Saturday 5 August,
7:30pm, Vogelmorn Bowling Club
93 Mornington Road
BYO Entry \$15 Treats provided**

On Saturday 5 August at 7.30pm

Upstream is having an evening of 60's and 70's music with local band 'No Principals'; a group of staff from Wellington High School who, as well as being teachers, are talented musicians and wonderful performers. It will be an evening to remember! The venue is the newly renovated Vogelmorn Bowling Club. Come and enjoy this great local facility.

Entry is \$15 paid into 38-9014-0012663-00 (put your name as the reference). The event is BYO and we will provide delicious savoury and sweet treats (a bit like our working bees!)

Funds raised will go towards signage in the park to tell people more about its fascinating history and a notice board at The Jetty for

information to provide a link between our group and those who use the park.

Last month I asked for volunteers to help with our trapping programme. Thanks to all those who volunteered, we now have a new team of trappers, soon to be checking a new trap run.

Next Working Bee is Sunday 30 July

Upstream meets from 10am to 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 on 027 6311160 or at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

HISTORY - ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH



St Matthew's Church, on Washington Avenue, has come to a crossroads. Owing to a dwindling congregation, and having no minister, Sunday Services will cease on July 9 this year. This is a sad time for Brooklyn as it is the last but one of our traditional churches (St Bernard's is functioning, but is in a similar situation).

St Matthew's has been surviving during this year thanks to the assistance given by a retired couple, Rosie and Ted Newport, who stepped in to help with Sunday services when the last regular minister departed.

However the church will not close, as a number of outside groups continue to utilise it, and the BECC (Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre) use the downstairs area regularly.

St Matthew's has occupied this site since 1909, though its 'mother church', St Peter's in Willis Street, purchased the land over ten years earlier, and are believed to still own the land.

When churches in suburbs were first created in the 1890's and 1900's, they were given financial and spiritual assistance to get themselves established by the larger city churches. St Peter's assisted St Matthew's, St John's in Willis Street got Calvin Presbyterian set up, Vivian Street Baptist helped the Brooklyn Baptist, and so on.

The original St Matthew's Church was a quaint wooden structure, with a hall

erected next door during the war. Both survived until 1969 when they were found to be infested with borer, so had to be demolished. The present building was erected a year later, then shortly after, the minister and wardens at the time suggested it become a Uniting Church, encouraging the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations to join the Anglicans.

Both the other churches had been suffering from falling numbers of parishioners, though the Methodist Church, in Cleveland Street (now part of the Fire Station, who bought the site) had the same borer problem as St Matthew's.

However in recent years the combined congregation has dwindled to the point of unsustainability, and with fewer younger members of the community attending services, the older stalwarts have slipped away. There are now only about 12-15 people coming to the church on any Sunday. While alternate services in nearby churches are being offered, extra travel does not suit older people who are within walking distance to St Matthew's, their beloved church.

St Matthew's Church has helped a number of organisations to become established over the years. In its earlier years, it was the meeting place for the Freemasons, while their own building, further down the road was being built. The church was



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH BROOKLYN: J. TERZE SERIES W.F.T. PHOTO.

the home base for Harrier Clubs, Music Groups, Dance Groups, and back in the 60's, 70's, and 80's, when Sunday Schools were at their peak, the number of children attending Sunday School was so great, St Matthew's had to create branches of their School to accommodate all the children. These were at The Ridgevay, and in Apuka Street.

The Anglican Diocese has no intention of closing the church completely, it is

hoping the community at large will offer a solution to get the church back on its feet, however it would be a purely Anglican facility.

St Matthew's was in fact the first church in New Zealand to become a Uniting Parish, much to the chagrin of the Diocese, however we have seen this innovation not being the success the church had hoped for.

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

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB 1st Wednesday each month, Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS
Years 1-4 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
Next meeting is on Saturday 15 July from 2pm at the Brooklyn Library. Enquiries to Sharon phone 3888088 or 0276344455.

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC Fun affordable 30

minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided.

Wellington Reformed Church 34 Harrison St. Wednesdays 10am. Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave. Fri 9:30am. Nicky 971 1265

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC
Season 1 April - 27 August 2017. Boys and girls ages 5-14. Register online www.bnufc.co.nz
1st kicks for those turning 5&6 in 2017 - Sundays 9-10am Tanera Park. Girls Only league for girls turning 7 & 7+ in 2017 - Sunday morning. Mixed Grades league - boys & girls turning 7 & 7+ in 2017 on Saturdays. Enquiries bnufc@gmail.com

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

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB Ages 14+ Sundays 4.30pm-6pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown.

To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

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

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz www.facebook.com/Brooklyn-Toy-Library-1413096478974 270

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

10 JULY Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro and Norway Sts., Kelburn, City
17 JULY Ashton Fitchett Rd., Zealandia Perimeter, Mitcheltown, Aro St. Walkers 9.10 start, others 9.25 No 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett Rd.

24 JULY Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt, via Shandon Golf course and Sladden Park. 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus from railway station

31 JULY Pencarrow Walk 9.08 No 7 bus, 9.27 No 81 bus at Railway Station. Get off at the Eastbourne terminus and walk towards Pencarrow for 1 hour. Return to Eastbourne for coffee

7 AUGUST Bell St., Nairn St. Park, Hankey St., High School, Basin Reserve, Ellis St., Brougham St., Majoribanks St., Waterfront to Railway Station

14 AUGUST Orangi Kaupapa Rd., Stellan Memorial, Nthn walkway, Grant Rd., City 9.18 No 7 bus, 9.40 No 23 bus at Willis & Grand Arcade

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

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM The vastly improved Owhiro Stream and its environs has been achieved by this group. Martin 389 8995 Janet 385 2077

LIONS CLUB Help build your community and make new friends along the way. 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, RSA room, Brooklyn Community Centre. Contact Nick Ruane at nick@ruane.co.nz or 021 100 2635

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com

RATA PLAYGROUP
A calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Sessions several mornings a week at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Visit montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email cmsplaygroup@gmail.com

SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC) Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Crescent. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION
Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Local chapter Toastmasters International. Meets Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Call Caroline 027 229 3623 or Christian 021 651 892 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz

<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>
UPSTREAM - FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK
Meet last Sunday of the month 10am-12 at the picnic table next to the big bridge. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP
Our volunteer-run group is based out of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club at 93 Mornington Road where we host workshops, rehearsals and events. To see what's coming up or enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB We welcome players of all ages and abilities to join our social, family-friendly club. Regular club days, opportunities for competitive play and professional coaching. Visit vogelmorntennisclub.com or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com or call in.

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz
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