

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
NI HAO CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY	Fun friendly classes for young children to learn Mandarin Chinese Thursdays & Fridays 9am - 2:30pm Email: liling@nihaocc.org.nz
BROOKLYN WALKERS	We meet outside the Brooklyn Library on Monday mornings. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054 for weekly walk details.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:45pm to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am, 10am and 11am Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
THE EKKALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship & service, Sundays 10am to 12pm. Email: tec.wgtn@gmail.com or phone Robert on 027 858 9916
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Susan on 801 6814 Email: susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm or Thursdays 5:00 to 5:45pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm or Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm (pad work with a partner) Strengthen & Tone: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm (gentle toning class) Call Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 or visit www.brooklynrembuden.co.nz
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 13 June - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9:30am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
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 27 June - 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 266

June 2015

You can use the Vogelmorn Green

The Vogelmorn Green is owned by Wellington City Council and managed by the Brooklyn Community Association together with the Vogelmorn Hall and Brooklyn Community Centre. The 1100 square metre perfectly flat Green is fully enclosed and can be accessed via gates on Vennell Street and Mornington Road next to Vogelmorn Hall. The Green (used by the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club) is regularly mown and is suitable for low impact activities like children's play, lawn tennis, croquet, exercise, dance, yoga, martial arts, wedding receptions and community gatherings. The Green can be hired in conjunction with the Vogelmorn Hall or separately. For more details please contact the Coordinator, Euan Harris on 384 6799 or at brooklynca@paradise.net.nz



ABOVE: Members of the local community enjoying each other's company on the Green next to Vogelmorn Hall.

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Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

I hope you are managing to keep warm during these cold winter months. Luckily Brooklyn is up on the hill, so no issues with flooding to worry about, just the rising dollar signs on the energy bill. Fortunately the weather held out for our May market on the last Saturday of the month. Once again we had a great turnout of stallholders, up 50% on this time last year. We have been advertising our markets on the Wellington Eventfinda site and have received over 14,000 hits since February, which has really helped increase our profile, plus we are on the Wellington Market Stallholders Facebook page. All our stallholders are looking forward to the next market this month on Saturday 27 June from 9:30am to 1pm. Please come along and support your local market at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

Places are filling fast for our next School Holiday Programme which starts on Monday 6 July and features a range of activities including Shadow Puppets, a baking day and Lego Land, plus day out trips to Kilbirnie Rec, Inflatable World and Laser Force. Brochure and enrollment forms available from the After-school Care office in the Brooklyn Community Centre or view online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

It's great to see increased use of the recently upgraded Krull Street Park in Vogeltown, which is proving a popular play area for families. Kids love the newly installed flying fox, plus sliding down the hill on large cardboard sheets.

The redesigned seating, picnic tables and tree plantings make for a more pleasant environment to spend time in, one that can be enjoyed by all.

We have been busy sorting through a big trunk of archives and photos that have been kept in the Brooklyn Community Centre store room for many years. Recently the Brooklyn Historical Society met at the Community Centre to look through the archives. One of the more interesting items discovered was an A5 booklet that was produced especially for the Brooklyn Community Association's 40th celebration that took place over the last weekend in October 1989. The then Governor-General Sir Paul Reeves was part of the celebrations. The booklet makes interesting reading as it covers the early history of the BCA and the key people who were involved in the establishment of a local community centre, including the then local MP Peter Fraser who was also Prime Minister at the time. In 2017 the Brooklyn Community Association will turn 70, and talk is already beginning about celebrating this milestone.

A date has been set for the next Brooklyn Community Association AGM. It's Sunday 20 September in the Brooklyn Community Centre lounge. Normally we hold AGMs in late April or early May. However, a decision to change our financial end of year from 31 December to 30 June has pushed the AGM date further back.

Have a great month

Euan Harris - Coordinator
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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 30 June 2015

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

Hello Brooklyn!

It's officially winter and the weather is behaving accordingly. The library gets pretty quiet over the colder months, probably because less of you are willing to venture out of your warm homes. I understand this completely; but it might be worth your time to come in for a visit. Reading and watching are two excellent indoor activities that the library can conveniently cater for all year round. Whatever you are looking for, whether it is a gripping novel or a new television series to binge on, we can help. If we don't house it in the Brooklyn library we can easily request it from one of the other Wellington branches, so you don't even have to leave the suburb.

It is also the time of year for the LIANZA book awards. This is an annual event where children and young adult books published in the last year by New Zealand authors are submitted and judged in the hopes of winning one of the six categories.

"The awards, encompassing New Zealand's longest-running book prize, celebrate excellence in children's books and the unique contribution New Zealand children's authors and illustrators have made to build our national identity and cultural heritage."

We have copies of many of the finalist books at the Brooklyn library including the Junior Fiction Finalist, *The Volume*

of Possible Endings written by Barbara Else. It is a wonderful fantasy novel perfect for kids aged 8-12, in saying that I have also read it and loved it.

Another Junior Fiction Finalist that we have at Brooklyn is the illustrated novel *Monkey Boy* by Donovan Bixley. It is self-described as "Part novel- part comic- full action".

I couldn't even choose between the two I just mentioned so I am very glad it is not me who has to pick the winners. The results will be announced on the 15th of June and the winning author's will be awarded a medal and \$1000 each.

The standards are very high and each finalist certainly deserves a read, so I urge you to come in and request one no matter what age you are.

The full list of finalists can be found on the LIANZA website or you can copy this address to get there directly: <http://www.lianza.org.nz/article/lianza-childrens-book-awards-2015-finalists>.

I hope you all have a wonderful month and I will see you soon at the library.

Hannah Gorman

Councillor Corner

Long Term Plan signed off

As I write this, Council has just signed off our Long Term Plan for 2015-2025 and there are some good initiatives included.

The most important one for Brooklyn is probably the \$65,000 approved to do some feasibility and design work for Project Kaka which is really exciting.

A special thanks to the mayor and councillors David Lee, Paul Eagle and Sarah Free for leading on the project from the Council end. The community have done a wonderful job on this project and it is important that council continues to support these efforts. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to seeing the next stage of the project completed so we can get building.

The budget also sees plans for the extension of the Southern landfill to be scaled back saving ratepayers \$5m in the process which is fantastic. There will also be a small fund set up to fund waste minimisation and work will be done over the next year on treatment of sewerage sludge which is holding back our waste minimisation efforts.

Other positive initiatives include \$43m for cycling, extra funding to make it safer for kids to walk to school, an extension of the Living Wage scheme, money brought forward to assist with managing stormwater and recreation

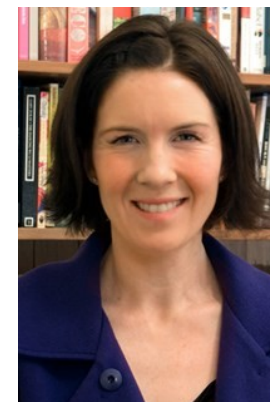
and social facilities.

Millions have also been allocated to big economic projects like the Film Museum, the airport runway extension, a tech hub and convention centre.

I am sceptical on the benefits of some of these projects, time will tell as to whether their benefits will even-tuate.

The other side of the programme needs to be more balanced with money put aside to deal with the significant impacts of climate change. This will hopefully be a stronger focus next year once work is completed on our Climate Change Action Plan.

Iona Pannett
Wellington City Councillor
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Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

A very successful and enjoyable working bee was held last month, with the weather being kind to us for a change - such a different atmosphere when the sun is shining! This was not at the Bagel factory site where we have worked for the past several years, but at Murchison St on the north side of the bridge. This is a site that has been planted in the past, but is in need of some serious weeding, mostly of blackberry. The aim is to have the ground prepared for interplanting later this year, maybe in August, to provide more varied species and denser ground cover. As well as our usual crew, we had the welcome addition of the Britannia Sea Scouts, whose cheerful enthusiasm for the job on hand lifted everyone's spirits. We are very grateful for their continued support - it is really heartening for us to have groups returning more than once.

The collection at the shade house has been looking a little Spartan lately, due to a lack of seed collection on our part, which in turn is due partly to lack of time and partly to lack of knowledge. However because of the get together of community nurseries organized at the end of last year by Tim Park, WCC ranger, we had contacts for the Forest and Bird nursery in Highbury. The F&B nursery is a huge affair compared to ours, with many, many volunteers, and they gift some of their seedlings to various nurseries in the Wellington region. So one Sunday in May, after contacting Chris Streatfield, the man in charge of it all, we took ourselves to Highbury, and collected a tray of tiny seedlings; a mixture of pukatea, lemonwood, whau, matipo, and juncus pallida - a rush for our boggy bits. Tiny they may be, but we were assured there would be two to three hun-

dred plants in all - so hopefully we can look after them successfully until they are mature enough to plant out. At the shade house, we are constantly amazed at the growth made after plants are potted up into larger living spaces. Just like people, they appreciate a little elbow room, fresh air, and adequate nourishment, so we are looking forward to seeing them develop.

Janet Campbell



ABOVE: Children from the Britannia Sea Scouts helping out at a FOOS Working Bee recently.

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Mainly Music Classes Call for Volunteers

Are you a baker, lover of music, do you enjoy hearing young voices or want to connect with others?

Do you want to contribute in the Brooklyn community?

Would you like to be part of the team who enriches young children's and their carer's lives?

Yes... Great, we'd be delighted if you would come and try our "obligation free" chance to check out a Mainly Music Group which provides a 30 minute music session followed by morning tea.

Mainly Music is a thriving outreach for our community and we are fortunate to have two groups running in Brooklyn.

Each host team runs weekly sessions during term time. We have people who bake and don't attend the session, welcomers to greet people and sign them in, a hospitality team which prepares morning tea and assists in serving it at the end of the session as well as people leading the session.

The group running at St Matthew's is currently looking for people to help out our team which hosts Mainly Music. People help in a variety of ways and some assistance doesn't require you to be there on a Friday morning. You also don't need to be available every week, we are keen to have a roster of people who can assist on a semi-regular basis (as once a month) or fill-in when others -

are away.

St Matthew's group regularly has 30+ children and their carers at our lively sessions. Currently we are looking to expand our team and would love to hear from you if you would like to provide baking or like to be part of our on-site host team on Friday morning.

We are passionate about making this a great experience for you and the people we serve. Please contact Lynne Bremner to chat over your interests, phone 389 3424, email stmattsbrooklyn@gmail.com or check our website www.stmatthewbrooklyn.org.nz



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Nannying Work Wanted

I am an experienced, reliable and mature mother, looking to care for babies and children up to secondary school age. I am a qualified chef, willing to cater for the family. I also hold a current full NZ drivers licence.

* Flexible hours

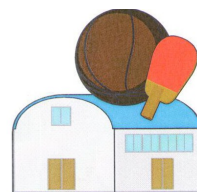
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UPSTREAM Friends of Central Park

Wellington City Council has put a Map Journal on their website showcasing some of the Treasured Spaces around the city – Central Park, Trelissick Park, Oruaiti Reserve and other areas supported by the WCC and volunteer groups.

Google Wellington's Treasured Spaces for a stunning photographic tour of Wellington – and maybe discover new places to visit.

Our next Working Bee is Sunday 28 June

We will be preparing two banks, one above the stream by the picnic table and the other on a stabilised slip for trial muehlenbeckia planting. In addition we will be working in The Jetty area so if you are not happy about climbing like a goat, there will still be plenty to do.

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!

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

Brooklyn Scouts

Scouting is about 'adventure plus' and in Scouting New Zealand's newly released 'Better Prepared' strategy, using the outdoors to develop life skills remains a major theme.

It's something Brooklyn Scouts have long been passionate about with regular camps, tramps and outdoor adventures at every level of the Group.

Photographed below is our hardy group of Venturers who set off from a flooded Wellington in mid-May to the Sunrise Ridge in the Ruahina Ranges in the Hawkes Bay.



After the first night at Triple X hut, the group walked up to the very modern Sunrise hut. Around half the group also chose to explore the Armstrong Saddle.

You can find out more about scouting adventures going on in Brooklyn at www.brooklynscouts.org.nz.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

36 Jefferson Street

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CONTACT US FOR;

MAH JONG;

Monday 1pm - 3pm

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SPEECH THERAPIST

Monday & Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Phone: 383 5415

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Tuesday 9am - 4pm

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SPINNERS and KNITTERS:

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PODIATRIST;

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9.00am - 11.30am

Ph. for an appointment on 384 4299

FRIDAY CIRCLE:

Cars will collect you if needed.

Programme

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

Friday Guest Speaker line up

12th June **Christian Jones**
from IBM. Topic will be revealed on the day.

19th June **Rex Jones**
Scouting Years

26th June **BINGO** (Bling)

3rd July **MID WINTER CHRISTMAS**
It's going to be a magical experience

10th July **Euan Harris**
Experience of a film projectionist

Winter is certainly here, so come along to the Resource Centre and keep warm Mahjong on Monday afternoon. Community lunches Tuesday & Friday.

Our AGM will be held at the Brooklyn Resource Centre on Sunday the 28th of June at 2pm. All welcome.

As of the 1st of July, we have an office/clinic/therapy room available for hire in the heart of Brooklyn. Main and side entrance on the sunny side of the building. Separate phone line/electricity included. Please forward any enquiries to Jenny on 384 4299.

Kirsty (our Podiatrist) will be here on the 12th and 26th of June. Please ring for an appointment.

Hope to 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	Awareness through Movement The first class is free for beginners Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:15pm to 8:30pm Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 5:30pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Alice at henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

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History

Few of you will know the source of our stream, known as the Happy Valley Stream, flowing from Brooklyn to Owhiro Bay. It has its beginnings from behind Sugarloaf Hill and flows down the north side of Todman Street to be joined by a small stream from Charlotte Avenue at the rear of No 10 Todman Street. Though the upper stretches are piped, at the turn of the century it was an open stream from the source.

From the foot of Todman Street it flowed across to about where the Fish & Chip shop is, then took a sharp turn to the right and continued down the east side of Ohiro Road. At the foot of McKinley Crescent there was a culvert and another small stream joined in. Still on the east side it meandered down to Taft Street, where another small stream added to the flow, and then on to Butt Street. From here it crossed to the other side of the road. From this point it was much as it is today, re-crossing the road several times before flowing into Owhiro Bay.

All the houses down the east side of Ohiro Road to Butt Street had bridges connecting to them from the road. Before the turn of the century, there was virtually no bridging up Happy Valley and the stream had to be forded nine times before the village was reached.

In the early days, the local people often caught eels and mountain trout in the stream, and one old identity, Reg Taylor, well remembers having to carry the water for the weekly wash at home, from the stream. This was, of course, before water was reticulated through Brooklyn.

Beyond the southern end of Karepa Street there is a stream called First Bush and over the next ridge was another called Second Bush (this was long before the Kowhai Park subdivision and the area was gently rolling hills). During the summer school holidays, local boys used to dam these streams and swim in the ponds thus made. At this time the only way down from Brooklyn into town was either down Ohiro Road, or down Bell Road, which had gates across it, one at the top near Heaton Terrace, and the other where the reservoir now is. There was a stream which ran down just below the Bell Road Reservoir, crossing where the big bend in Brooklyn Road now is, and down into Central Park.

What is now Nairn Street Reserve was then a cone shaped hill which was leveled off by a brick making firm which used the clay for their products.

That's all for now.

Chris Rabey



Brooklyn St John Youth

St John Youth program is for children aged 6 – 18 years, who are keen to learn more about first aid and general life skills. We meet weekly during term time, and also offer weekend camps and the opportunity to participate in First Aid competitions against other Wellington District St John Divisions and regionally.

At competitions they work in teams; are given a scenario, and have to work out how to safely assess and enter a scene, assess their patients & provide appropriate first aid treatment until other help arrives.

In May, we had 4 teams compete at District Competitions and our Intermediate Team placed 3rd overall, and our Senior Team placed 1st Overall. This means they have both qualified for Regional Competitions in Te Puke to be held in September.

To get the cadets to Regionals we are fundraising by selling packets of **St John 'ambulance' themed plasters for \$2.50 per box**, and we will be having a cake stall at the Brooklyn monthly Indoor Markets in June, July and August. So come along and support the cadets and find out first-hand what being a St John cadet is all about.

For more information, please see the Group Round Up section.



ABOVE: the winning senior team with their gold medal.



ABOVE: Selling plasters to get Cadets to the Regional Competition.



ABOVE: Competing in the pairs first aid event.

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club for primary school kids (year 1 - 3)

The Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club started as a sports group set up by parents for new entrants at Brooklyn Primary School in Wellington in January 2014. It grew quickly and we decided to form a club in early 2015 which is now open to all primary school kids aged 5-8 (yr1-3) who want to play hockey.



Give it a go!


Just come along. Practice time is between 4-5pm on Fridays. During winter (term 2 and 3) we will mainly practice indoors at Bell Road 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

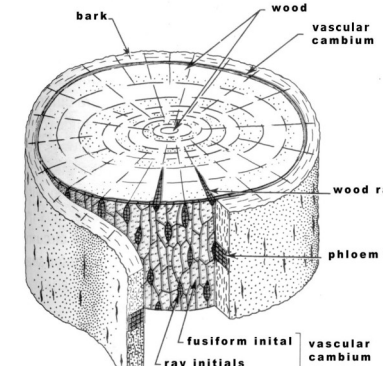
If the weather is really nice during the winter season (no rain, not too cold, turf not flooded) then we train at the old Brooklyn Bowling Club's astro turf at 8 Tanera Crescent (this is also our summer practice venue).

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



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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.bsrrc.org.nz.

Are you involved in a community group not listed in the Group Roundup section?

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For more information, please contact Euan Harris
384 6799

brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meetings:

7pm Sunday 14 June & 12 July 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.

15 June - Pencarrow Walk. 9:38am No 7 bus to catch 10:07am No 83 bus at Railway Station. Get off at Eastbourne Terminus and walk towards Pencarrow for 1 hour. Return to Eastbourne for coffee.

22 June - Ashton Fitchett Road, Zealandia perimeter, Mitchelltown, Aro Street. Walkers 9:10am start, others catch 9:25am No 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett.

29 June - City to Sea walkway, Bell Road into Prince of Wales Park, past Scottish Athletic Club and up Hutchison Road, turn right, continue 100 metres and left down the path through the pine trees...

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 contact Deb Lambie by 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 Ohio 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 4 July in the Brooklyn Library on the cnr 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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Selfie Breadstick

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers from time to time to help with different jobs and events at the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall.

If you can help with any of the following and/or occasionally have time available and are happy to be on a contact list, phone our **Volunteer Coordinator Leonie Flint** on 389 6381 / 027 631 1799 or [email: flint@actrix.co.nz](mailto:flint@actrix.co.nz)

Clean and tidy kitchen cupboards
Sew new bench cushion covers
Scrub down seating on the Green
Mend curtains from time to time

Kay Miller- on behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association.

Yoga for Nepal fundraiser

Saturday
20th June

The former Vogelmorn
Bowling Club rooms
93 Mornington Road

1.30pm
Beginners class

3pm
Open class

Suggested donation
\$20 per class.

All proceeds
go to UNICEF.

For more info or to book a
space please contact
Chandra on 022 066 7409
or email
chandra.littlewood@gmail.com

Brooklyn Resident's Association (BRAI)

The Brooklyn Resident's Association represents all residents (owners and tenants who reside within our area) and try and be involved in a whole range of issues and matters impacting on locals. For more information on this please look at our Facebook page or contact us directly.

We are approaching our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 24th of June and strongly invite you to come along and give your feedback. We really value community input – we are trying to do our best for our community - which means you. The AGM will be at the Resource Centre, Jefferson Street from 7pm. See you there!

This year is possibly one of the more important for the Association, hence we really would like members and other engaged citizens to come along and contribute as we really need to focus on where – or what or if – the BRAI should / can focus on.

Over the last two years or so, much of what the BRAI has traditionally advocated on has / is being covered and discussed within the framework of the KAKA Group – an umbrella organization of Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston residents, local groups and

representatives of Wellington City Council. Most of the BRAI Exec have been to many of the Kaka Group meetings and engaged as part of this reference group.

At the same time, the Vogeltown/ Mornington community has established a separate organisation – the Vogelmorn Community Group, who are running local community events to bring the neighbourhood together and are also looking to run and manage the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club rooms on Mornington Road as a community building.

There are numerous ideas how this proposal will work out with the Foundation that has taken over the old bowling club (a privately owned property not a public asset). The management of the Vogelmorn Hall and Green on the corner of Mornington Road and Vennell Street is currently undertaken by the Brooklyn Community Association on behalf of Wellington City Council.

Within the other activities that the Brooklyn Residents Association Inc. is involved with - advocacy on local / Wellington wide issues, traffic problems (bus stop car park issues within Cleveland St), speeding vehicles going to the three southern landfills / Owhiro Bay and Island Bay through the Brooklyn village,

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submissions on greater environmental protection for Owhiro Stream in conjunction with Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS), etc. – our big question is: are we relevant?

Locally, we have a small Kingston Residents Association; a new Vogel-morn Community group – which for some of our current BRAI members is a more “local” residents/community group fit – and another active Brooklyn group that is better funded and has paid employees able to focus more time and effort into projects: Brooklyn Community Association. So with the BRAI having a small (but dedicated) volunteer group within the BRAI, we need to step back and assess our relevance. We need to look at the big local picture and what we can contribute.

Much of our past recognition was with the annual community cleanup (in conjunction with WCC) – which WCC cancelled several years ago. Our advocacy efforts have continued strongly, but perhaps it is time to look candidly as to whether the community needs can be served as well with our group remaining a standalone group, having a closer association with a larger better funded and staffed organisation or whether the BRAI remains relevant -

at all.

At the core of this is our relevance and in this time where more and more is being done by less people, the clear overlap of objectives from various groups and where to from here. We urge you to come along and contribute to what and where we go now and in the future.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

To join / renew your membership please connect through our new mailing list brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com, Facebook page www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington, and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington.

We welcome all Brooklyn residents to make contact extend an invitation to our next meeting which is our AGM which is on Wednesday the 24 June 2015, 7pm at the BRC.

Simon McLellan - Chair
Hm 972 5102

Carl Savage - Secretary
Hm 934 9348 or 027 2808934

Sam Donald - Treasurer
021 0231 3939

brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com

School News

Some extremely wet days in May have resulted in cancellations and postponements of some school trips and activities but others have still managed to go ahead.

St Bernards School children walked to the Brooklyn War Memorial where they laid a wreath and stopped off at the Brooklyn Kindergarten for morning tea. The kindy is planning on making a return visit to St Bernards soon.

Ridgway School is planning a trip to Te Papa at the start of June with the focus being on Matariki. Older students at the school are combining the trip with a visit to the Museum of City and Sea.

Over at Brooklyn School the Year One and Two children managed to go ahead with their trip to see the NZ Symphony Orchestra perform at Rongotai College. It was during one of the recent downpours so the children were extra excited as they got to see the flooding around the Kilbirnie area.

In May St Bernards School had a visit from a dog safety officer who taught the children all about being safe around dogs. They were also visited by Anthony Coomer who is part of the FIFA U20 World Cup team.

Ridgway School has started a Kapa Haka group this month with the aim being to strengthen the use of Te Reo across the school.

Brooklyn School is focusing on science this term with the older students in the Moa syndicate undertaking a science fair project.

Brooklyn School are also very pleased to see the installation of two new flashing school zone signs on Washington Avenue which were funded by the WCC. Our schools are now busy preparing for Matariki celebrations in June.

Term Two finishes on Friday 3 July for all our schools.

Julie Seevens



ABOVE: An increased number of stalls at the local Brooklyn Markets. Next market is on Saturday 27 June, 9.30am - 1pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre.



ABOVE: 'Man's best friend.' Local resident Keith Flint and his dog Doug taking a break at the Brooklyn Market.