

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community

A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a paved path that winds through a dense, lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the thick canopy of trees, creating dappled light on the path and foliage. The trees are tall and their branches are intertwined, forming a natural archway over the path.

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Thank you! Our cover photo of the Brooklyn greenbelt walkway is from Mark Dittmer

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Hi Everyone

TERM TWO has got off to a good start at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall with new regular activities coming on stream at both venues which I touched on in my previous column.

For more detail on these activities and all of our regular groups please see the middle What's On section of the Brooklyn Tattler each month, plus you can go online to www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz and click on the 'What's On' tab. There you will find activities listed for each day of the week including session times and facilitator contact details for further information.

We tend to keep a certain amount time free on weekends for kid's birthday parties, which are popular at Brooklyn Community Centre especially with the children's playground onsite.

Vogelmorn Hall is proving to be a great venue for concerts and performance evenings thanks to the stage and acoustics. The original stage at Vogelmorn Hall dates back to the 1930's and is rare in having a slope towards the front. It is generally thought that some stages were originally built with a slight slope to give the audience a better view of the performers.

DAVID FOWLER Dave to all of us, sadly passed away unexpectedly in late April. At the request of his wife Barbara and sons Derek and Glen, a gathering was held at

Vogelmorn Hall on Tuesday 2 May for family, friends and acquaintances. The big turnout was proof that Dave touched many people's lives and the speeches ranged from joyful to emotional as people gathered to remember and pay tribute to Dave.

I first met Dave back in November 2010 when I turned up at the Brooklyn Community Centre to be interviewed for the Coordinator's position. At the time Dave was president of the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) and was part of an interview panel of three, including Maani Kirby my predecessor and Jenny Devereux, Gwen's daughter.

Most people are usually a bit nervous at interviews, but I remember Dave put me instantly at ease with his friendly warm welcome and the interview was a pleasant experience. I must have made a reasonable impression because Dave rang me later that evening to offer me the position. I was immediately impressed with Dave as he made an effort to negotiate a higher than normal starting rate for me.

Over the next couple of years we worked closely together on all matters relating to the day to day running of the Brooklyn Community Centre. Eventually when Dave stood down as BCA president, to pass the reins over to Perry Aspros, I saw less of him, but he would drop by on occasions usually with some fresh produce from his garden on Farnham Street.

Dave was a skilled DIY man and the office I'm sitting in today was largely built with his input, as were many of the substantial upgrades to the Brooklyn Community Centre during his time.

THANK YOU DAVE

It was a great pleasure to know you.

BCA NEWS

We're coming to the end of our first full financial year operating July to June. Carol Bourn, our new Treasurer, has done a superb job refining BCA's financial reporting and a few more changes are in the wind. We're truly blessed to have Carol's skills in our team.

The HR committee of Carol, Nick Ruane and myself have been doing some long hours in recent weeks working our way through the changed employment legislation and meeting with staff to discuss the various new clauses in the BCA employment agreement as part of meeting our obligation to have up to date agreements in place (by 1 April 2017). Oops missed that deadline ... but luckily we are well underway with the consultation process. I have run through a couple of reams of paper and a set of ink cartridges along the way.

We're still seeking an experienced HR operations person from our community to act in an advisory capacity and if possible become a Council member. Once the new employment agreement is finalized, it will be mostly policy and maintenance work.

Researching and writing the Tribute to Dave Fowler for this edition has emphasized the importance and value of Brooklyn community members all playing their part in keeping the Community Centre in good health.

May the sun continue to shine in June!

Kay Miller, on behalf of BCA Council

from the COUNCILLOR

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This month I'd like to pay tribute to David Fowler who passed away recently. I first met David through the

Brooklyn Community Association. Hard working, committed to the community and plain speaking, David got things done. He was practical and was instrumental in the upgrade of the hall.

More recently, David assisted me with my local body campaign last year. I have worked with many volunteers over the years

and Dave was one of the best organised, highly skilled and willing to go the extra mile. David will be much missed. My thoughts are with Barbara and David's family and friends at this difficult time.

On council issues, consultation will soon begin on the construction of a new track in Polhill Gully. The Brooklyn trail builders have been working hard on the issue. Mountain biking is undoubtedly becoming more popular but there is a need to ensure that we manage user conflict so walkers can also continue to enjoy this space as well as the native wildlife in the area. Make sure you have your say.

On the transport front, it is encouraging to see light rail once again gain more traction through the Let's Get Welly Moving process and consultation continues apace on our cycling programme. I hope that we can soon start putting down the green paint for new cycleways.

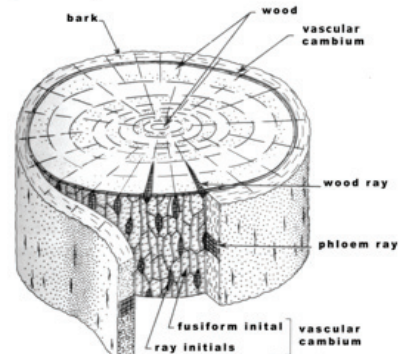
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Guadeloupe, Gisela and Shelby from Texas re-covering a chair back with Beth from Brooklyn

recover our old chairs. After an epic amount of work by local - and Texan - volunteers, our upgrade of the kitchen to commercial standard will finally be completed this month.

We were delighted to play host at the Bowling Club to a lively group of students on a leadership programme from Texas A&M University - Commerce.

Their tour of New Zealand included a day of community service, which they devoted to painting, carpentry and helping us

The icing on the cake will be buying a coffee machine and we've started a fundraising drive to that end - your contribution could bring Vogelmorn's first espresso that little bit closer!

To see upcoming events and how you can get involved, visit vogelmorn.nz

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BROOKLYN'S OLD FARM MACHINERY

On all the farming estates around Ohiro and Happy Valley, Goathurst and Wilton, one of the greatest difficulties was getting machinery repaired.

The tools used in the 1880's were of very poor quality. Breakages, failures, faults, and other problems were commonplace. Drills had to be made by hand, then tempered after grinding. Twist drills and hacksaws were unknown, and pipe tongs had to be made locally.

On one occasion, a chaff cutter on the Ohiro Farm stripped several teeth on one of the cast iron gears. A new gear would have taken over a week to be made. So, an axe head was used!! The head was removed from the handle, the teeth marked out on the cutting edge, the axe was heated in the forge, shaped up on an anvil, then riveted to the gear wheel. This repair was still in use 20 years later.

In addition to the various tools having to be made by the farmers, large buildings and equipment were also built on site.

In November 1883 Ashton Fitchett and his employees built a new silo for ensilage making. All freshly mown grass was cut by the chaff cutter to within 3/4 inch length. After being well trodden down in the silo it was sprinkled with 18 hundredweight of rock salt. Heavy boxes of earth weighted it all down.

As the top of the stack sank the covering was removed then more oats, grass and salt were added, then the weights.

This silo was 47ft x 18ft x 15ft width so was quite substantial.

When the silo was opened 6 months later the ensilage was all that could be desired. Over 100 tons of grass had been turned into silage, which was fed to the cattle, mixed with spent brewers grains, bean meal, oats, and it was money well spent.

20 sacks of ensilage mixed with 10 sacks of brewers grains were being consumed daily during the winter, whilst the cows were being milked.

Ashton concluded, the grass needed to make one ton of hay was making two tons of silage. He was very satisfied with the improved output of milk, and the good health of his cows.

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The Vogelmorn Precinct project has approached an exciting moment of design development. The steering group and co-designers updated the Wellington City Council on how the project is progressing by making a submission to the 2017-2018 Annual Plan.

This included a request for a further \$20K of funding to enable Wraight + Associates Landscape Architecture + Urban Design to contribute concept ideas for the landscape components and to develop the community's design brief for the Precinct.

The landscape aspect of the Vogelmorn Precinct has been a large area of focus throughout the project, and comprises a large part of the site. The community has recognised the potential for a really great reserve area in this newly accessible green space. This potential collaboration between the Co-op designers, Wraight + Associates and the community is an opportunity for high calibre and experienced landscape input with the objective of producing a developed design and estimated costing for a funding request for capital works inclusion in the WCC Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Design Review sessions have been taking place in the evenings at Vogelmorn Bowling Club and these have further refined the design direction. At the next Vogelmorn gathering we propose to present to the community a selection of design options that will support the intended uses and values developed throughout the project.

The date for the next workshop is Sunday the 2nd of July - times to be confirmed. Please put the date in your calendar - it would be great to see you there! As always the workshop will be catered and an enjoyable event for all ages, members of the family and of the wider Brooklyn area. Please make sure your neighbour knows it's happening too -- and come along to be part of community design in action.

There will be a further design review session following the 2nd July weekend event - focussing on the Vogelmorn Hall. Please keep an eye out on www.facebook.com/vogelmornprecinct or email vogelmornprecinct@gmail.com to sign up if you are not already on our mailing list.

Kia ora me ka kite ano
Your Vogelmorn Precinct steering team



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7pm Wednesday 21 June
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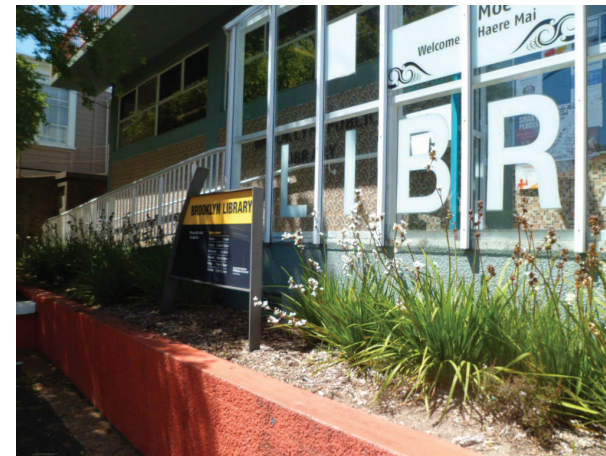
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Tēnā koutou katoa.
Ka kitea a Matariki, ka rere te korokoro.

When Matariki is seen, the lamprey migrate. (This whakataukī explains that Matariki's rising is a signal to commence certain activities, for example the preservation of food.)

Matariki Storytime at Brooklyn

On Monday the 19th of June at 6pm we will be running a Matariki Storytime for kids at Brooklyn Library.

Come along (in your pyjamas or starry clothes) and hear Matariki stories and songs. Matariki Storytime will go for about half an hour and although it will be aimed at 4 – 10 year olds the whole family is welcome!

Matariki is a small but distinctive star cluster that disappears below the horizon in April and reappears in the north eastern pre-dawn sky in late May or early June. It marks the start of the seasonal

change and a new phase of life.

Matariki is a time to prepare, share ideas and knowledge, remember the past, and celebrate and plan for the future. It is also a time to make resolutions and learn new skills.

This makes it the perfect time to visit your local library and find resources to help you learn how to do something you have always wanted to.

You can even use our online resource Mango to learn a new language – this is free for all Wellington City

Library members and you can access this through the library website.

Matariki Books for Children

The library has a range of books about Matariki including the following picture books for children:

- Stories from Our Night Sky by Melanie Drewery
- Matariki by Melanie Drewery
- The Seven Kites of Matariki by Calico McClintock and Dominique Ford
- The Little Kiwi's Matariki by Nikki Slade Robinson

Come and visit us in the Brooklyn Library during Matariki. If you are not a member make it your Matariki resolution to come in and join the library. All you need is photographic identification such as a Driver's Licence or Passport and proof of your residential address in Wellington.

We look forward to seeing you!

Ngā mihi, the team at Brooklyn Library.

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. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
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
EKKAALLAM 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 24 June 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 NEW!	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 NEW!	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

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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 NEW!	Wednesdays fortnightly 8pm sharp on 7 & 21 June, 5 & 19 July. www.facebook.com/NLNLWellington/
KOHA YOGA	Thursdays 11am-12:15pm. 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 10:30am-12:30pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
WILD WORKOUTS NEW!	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
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OPEN WEEKDAYS 9AM-4PM

Our thoughts are with the Fowler family after the passing of Dave. We will always remember the kindness and help he gave to the Centre with his carpentry skills, and as a Meals on Wheels driver. He will be missed. The Brooklyn Resource Centre is holding their **AGM at 2pm on Sunday 25 June.** Everybody is welcome.

Speaker Needed for Friday 30 June 1:30 - 2:30pm. Please phone Jenny at the Resource Centre on 384 4299 if you're available.

Get the Beat on Mondays at 9:30am have a great group of toddlers. If you would like to join, come along and meet Lois or contact her on 973 1650.

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

2 JUNE - Natalia's Quiz - Put your thinking caps on

9 JUNE - "Blingo"

16 JUNE - Jenny Swan: London & Mediterranean Cruise (Armchair travel)

23 JUNE - Margaret Austin: Dancing in the Folies Bergeres, Paris

PODIATRIST Kirsty is at the Centre fortnightly Fridays. Phone 384 4299 for an appointment.

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

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The second school term is under way with lots of learning and of course lots of fun and friendship happening in all our schools. The wearing of the winter uniform this term at St Bernards is a reminder that even colder weather and longer nights are not far away.

A big focus this month has been on the school cross country competitions. Due to the inclement weather it has been a trying time getting the races in but luckily they have now all been completed in time for the Central and Southern Zone races which are both coming up soon.

St Bernards school pupils have had an exciting start to the term with a visit from Animal Services to learn about dogs and dog safety, a planned visit by Wellington Saints players for a basketball session, and

receiving a box of brand new books for the school library as part of the Kelloggs "Back to School" promotion last term.

Year six pupils at Ridgway are running a PALs programme three lunchtimes a week where they set up different physical activities for the younger children to participate in.

Brooklyn School have had Harold from the Life Education Trust visiting this month. The Board of Trustees are working on draft preliminary drawings for the Year 3 and 4 class room area, the administration block, and the extension of the school hall. Two school community workshops were held to brainstorm ideas into how the new classrooms might look, and to assist with the overall development of the school grounds the Board is looking into possibly engaging a landscape architect.

Term Two finishes 7 July for all our schools.

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First there is good news: And the good news is that T&T landfill have actually set out a timetable for remedial work on their site, and that, if they keep to the schedule, work should be finished by the end of the year. This work entails diversion of the two tributary streams, so that stormwater does not travel through the contaminated site, and wetlands planted on the bottom, eastern, and western swales, to absorb pollutants and silt.

According to Greater Wellington's latest release, "The construction of the stormwater diversions is a substantial undertaking and requires the construction of two dams in the headwater streams (to ensure the downstream flooding effects are not exacerbated).

All works on the stormwater diversion system are scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2017." GW also say they will be checking on the site at least once a month to check progress, so

hopefully these checks will be rigorous enough to keep them to their timetable.

And then there is the bad news: It is looking very likely that myrtle rust has come to stay. Project Crimson has just sent out an update of confirmed sightings, one at least on private property. Project Crimson are of course concerned about the effect of the disease on pohutukawa and rata trees; can you imagine the beaches of Northland not being fringed with these characterful trees, with their gnarled, twisted trunks providing shade to those lucky enough to nab a spot underneath them. A disaster as great for us as Dutch Elm Disease was to the English. Even community groups like FOOS are being asked to check their nurseries; and in the Taranaki and Northland regions, groups are told myrtaceous plants should not be planted at any planting days coming up.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



In early 2016 Upstream established Bellbird Central, a small team of people who monitor and re-bait pest animal traps in Central Park. The purpose of trapping pests is to enable native birds and insects to breed and use the park as part of a bird corridor stretching from Zealandia to the south coast.

We have three trap runs in different parts of the park, each consisting of six traps, to trap pests that like different environments. The traps include DoC 200s for larger beasts as well as smaller Victor and Snap-e traps all of which are in wooden boxes to avoid accidental injuries to non-pest people!

We have sometimes noticed that the bait can be taken without the traps being sprung which we put down to creatures like wetas also being partial to the same bait as pests but being light enough not to activate the traps.

Success! To date we have a total of 133 pests - two weasels, 38 rats, and 93 mice. Rats breed very quickly, females becoming

sexually mature at five weeks and having up to five litters of seven or more each year. So for every rat we catch, many more are prevented.

Want to help? We would like to lay more traps along the border with Brooklyn Road to prevent pests migrating from the residential area to the park. Monitoring one trap line would take less than an hour a month. Please contact Lynne White at all.whites@xtra.co.nz if you are interested in helping or want to know more – full training given!

Next Working Bee is Sunday 25 June

Upstream meets from 10am to 12.00 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



Active community member, enthusiastic cyclist, extraordinary handyman, true friend to many, and to quote Perry Aspros, “a gentleman’s gentleman”.

In early May, at a community gathering held at Vogelmorn Hall and Green, we farewelled Dave Fowler, past President and past committee member of Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) which runs Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall & Green.

Keith Flint, another longtime member of our community, knew Dave for over 30 years. “He would often pop up for a cup of tea – and that was the essence of Dave. He truly cared about people”. Keith talked about all the work Dave did building the cycle tracks including Makara. “He did all he could through so many groups and at an individual level. He could see where Brooklyn was going, and talked from a place of knowledge. He



was a good role model”. This tribute to Dave focuses on his legacy to the Brooklyn community through his work at the Community Centre. Lorraine Paterson, BCA Secretary 2009-2011 and Brooklyn resident had this to say about Dave. “I used to take Phoebe to the playground at the Centre and one day Dave struck up a conversation with me. He was very amiable and approachable. I remember him saying to me ‘Do you want to join the committee?’

Dave was good at instilling warmth and confidence in people and I stepped into the secretary role as he believed in me. We were fund raising together, having a few events. I remember a children’s day with the kids doing the sausages on the BBQ. Dave built this sheet with holes in it which the kids could throw things into and if successful would get a reward. It was a great hit.

Dave was everywhere; on the roof, tapping away at the floor, sorting out mouse traps for the kitchen. He was also a real people person able to engage with everyone; nothing seemed to faze him. He wanted to know you personally; it wasn’t just about getting the building done. He appreciated other people doing a job well and he would tell them so in specific and genuine terms which engendered confidence.

Maani Kirby, one of our past coordinators, had everything stored in her office. Dave really wanted to make her new office something special. ‘You deserve this’ he would say to Maani. Dave was able to be on-side with everybody to keep it all working. The facilities are what they are today, largely due to Dave’s ability to turn the plans into reality”.

Dave regularly appeared at events including the monthly market where he always caught up with two of his longtime friends Gwen Devereux and Min Janssen who worked there serving hot drinks and scones. Most recently the new Jazz quartet attracted him to the market.

The Scouts Hall, just across from the playground also bears Dave’s handiwork.

Stepping down from the Council after the completion of the Centre upgrade, Dave continued doing the building maintenance for many years. This involved applying for grants for the bigger maintenance jobs which meant time consuming research and paperwork.

A common sight was Dave with his van parked close to the building, doors open, tools out, doing maintenance work, chatting with the community. The photo shown is from January 2013 when Dave provided a workshop for Holiday Program children.

The Brooklyn Community Centre has literally had Dave’s hands all over it. May we honour his work and memory by keeping it in good shape for many years to come.

Kay Miller on behalf of BCA staff and Council; Euan Harris, Julie Seevens, Adam Hendry, Phillip Bolton and Perry Aspros, Carol Bourn, Nick Ruane, Jeremy Chang, Dinesh Gupta, Jeremy Macey, Chris Rabey.



It still doesn’t seem real that our friend, Dave Fowler, is not cycling around the neighbourhood, greeting us with his smile.

Here at Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS), we miss you Dave. Generous and thoughtful, a man who loved nature and thrived outdoors.

With Dave, there was only so much talking before it was time for action. He liked to see things done right and often that meant doing it himself.

He could spot a spade with a loose handle at 100 meters.

Dave’s passing is a great loss to a multitude of community groups and individuals who call him a friend, a good friend.

Haere Ra Dave.
Aroha nui to Barbara and Family,
Friends of Owhiro Stream

BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins
Nicola Burdon 971 1265
Brownies
Margaret 389 3028
Brooklyn Guides
Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

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 10 June 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.bnujfc.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 bnujfc@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.bsrg.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.

5 JUNE Queens Birthday
12 JUNE Eastbourne to Days Bay 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus Railway Stn
17 JUNE Walk to Wallace St., bus to Karori, walk Karori Cemetery, Kaiwharawhara Stream, Otari Wilton Bush. 9.10 start for 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St.

26 JUNE Walk/bus to Quebec St., Wharangi Track starts at left of Maori

Memorial, follow unsealed track in series of loops to Happy Valley Rd., near Carlucci Land, walk to Brooklyn Walkers start 9.20, others 9.44 No. 7 bus

3 JULY Crofton Downs, Trellissick Park, Kaiwharawhara, City 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train

10 JULY Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro and Norway Sts., Kelburn, City

17 JULY Ashton Fitchett Rd., Zealandia Perimeter, Mitchelltown, Aro St. Walkers 9.10 start, others 9.25 No 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett Rd.

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

CRAFT CONNECTIONS
Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm Contact Louise brockway@paradise.net.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

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
Tanera Bowling Club
8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn
Venue hire: maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.



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