

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



Community
Market

23 June 2-5pm

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This month's cover photo is of Hannah Barker from Ridgway School who came along to the March market here at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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MARKET The next quarterly market is set for Saturday 23 June from 2 – 5pm rain or shine. The first market in March was a huge success and we were ecstatic to see so many local people come out to support us. This time we have a “Winter Wonderland” theme and we have lots on offer to entice you down here to the Brooklyn Community Centre on a wintry afternoon.

Favourite stallholders returning include Alex from Crumb with her delicious locally made bread and buns, Marcela from Underground Soapery, Lea McDonald and Chloe Boonstra with their stunning jewellery collections and local landscape designer Ingrid Gotlieb.

Ridgway School will be selling books, Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre flower posies and other goodies, and Brooklyn Scouts will be setting up some outside games for children with a marquee on standby should it rain. Other entertainments for the children include a bouncy castle, face painter, and there is even talk of a fairy visiting us to tell some stories.

New stalls include vintage clothing, baby accessories, Sweetly Vegan, and locals: interior designer Christina Litris and knife sharpener Andrew Bennett.

Food wise we have Brandie returning with her delicious sweet pies, Indian and Greek food trucks, hot soup and cakes from the kitchen, BBQ, hot chocolate, ice cream sandwiches, cookies and more!



March Market at the Brooklyn Community Centre

Huge thanks go to local resident Steph McGruer who has been busy making some amazing bunting for us. She and her team of helpers have done an awesome job to help make this upcoming market even bigger and brighter. Steph will have a stall here on the day, Chirpy Handmade, selling her beautiful handmade crafts.

TATTLER As regular readers may be aware, in April our Tattler management and layout team was replaced at short notice. One of our biggest concerns was finding someone to do the layout and to keep the Tattler looking as good as it always has. Olly Johnson who works here at the community centre with the Childcare team, and graduated last year with a degree in Media Design, was the perfect candidate. Olly has done a superb job and has some great ideas on how we can improve the Tattler going forwards.

We would like to thank Jenny Ralston, a local designer who worked on the original Tattler revamp, who has mentored Olly recently. We are hoping that Olly's role in the Tattler production will help launch his career in media design. In the meantime, if you have any ideas or feedback on how we can make the Tattler even better, please email us at the address on page 2.

DANCING IN THE DARK After a break of several months, Kanikani Wellington is back at Vogelmorn Hall for a winter series! Free form dancing in the dark will now be held monthly on the last Wednesday with doors open at 8pm followed by lights out and music on at 8:15pm. Entry is \$5 at the door, so come and boogie the winter blues away. For more details go to the Kanikani Facebook page and suggest your favourite song for their next playlist on 27 June.

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A great turnout at the March Market

from the COUNCILLOR

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As I write this column, councillors are considering ward boundary changes that will see all of Brooklyn move out of Lambton due to increasing numbers in the CBD. Thank you to all of you who talked to us about this proposal. If the vote goes to shift Brooklyn to Southern, it will be sad. It has been a pleasure to work with you all over the last decade as we have dealt with issues ranging from infill housing to landfill management to protection of Brooklyn's special character.

Thank you to those people who have continued to work with council on making the road safer around the Southern landfill as the community deals with heavy and fast moving trucks. We had a productive meeting to look at some solutions a couple of weeks ago and will implement as many as possible.

On the subject of the landfill, I continue to advocate for a step change in the way we manage waste or resources. Land filling is likely to stop in the next decade or two as the city and country moves towards recovering more resources. I hope to see a trial of an organic waste service trialled in the next year as well as building a case for a proper resource recovery centre. I look forward to working with you on both projects.

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OUR FIRST SCHOOL

With an ever increasing population, especially children, the first step towards establishing a school took place in the Education Board offices at 10am on Wednesday 2nd August 1882.

Vogeltown residents John Collins and Charles Agate attended, supporting an application from the people of Vogeltown, Pohill Gully and Ohiro, for a school housing up to 100 children.

The Board was in favour of having a school to serve the area, and within a few months, Vogeltown resident Reginald Martell offered a site on a rise opposite what is now the Vogelmorn Bowling Club. Once the site was approved the Education Board classified it as School District 71, Melrose Borough. Martell had a small shed on the site he used for storage, and this became part of the school buildings. At that time this area of Vogeltown was very sparsely inhabited. It was mainly farmland and bush, with little stock, the settled areas being on the eastern side of EW Mills Road, and at Ohiro to the north. The new school would serve the needs of the Vogeltown/Goathurst/Ohiro communities.

Access to the school was not easy. Children from Happy Valley had to trudge up the steep slopes to the school, which in winter would prove nearly impassable as the tracks were still rough clay and very muddy in rain. Even in settled areas to the north and east, getting to school on wet and cold days was a real challenge.

In June 1883 a building was erected by Stephen Corrigan, costing 244 pounds. Floor space was 615 square feet. The building, known as the Vogeltown School, opened on a wet Monday, 3rd September 1883, at 9.30am. Nine children enrolled this day, all from Happy Valley.

The children were:

James Short
Charlotte Short
Henry Short
Daniel Hendricksen
Emmanuel Hendricksen
Annie Hendricksen
Ernest Hendricksen
Annie Fryer
Henry Stockbridge

Miss Ada Warren was the Board appointed teacher/headmistress, on a salary of 120 pounds per year. A few months after the school opened, the Board allocated ten pounds for Stephen Corrigan to erect fencing around the grounds.

However Vogeltown was not the first school that local children attended. Back in 1882, Laura Fitchett began attending Miss Coleman's School for Girls run by Miss Winifred Coleman. It was located approximately on the site now occupied by Te Aro School. She taught girls from 5 to 14 years. In her mother's diary, it is noted Laura attended for only a short time, so it is assumed once the new school at Vogeltown opened, Laura was sent there.

Vogeltown's pupils excelled, with a near 100% attendance each year. It lasted for 15 years at this site, and then relocated to Brooklyn in 1898, once the township was established.

Chris Rabey

OUT & ABOUT IN VOGELMORN

This month Evan Harris talks with Jo Randerson Founder and Artistic Director of Barbarian Productions

Mornington Street resident Jo Randerson has been described as one of New Zealand's most gifted writers and performers in contemporary theatre.

Born in Auckland, Jo moved to Wellington in 1977 with her older sister Rebecca and younger brother Jeremy when her father was appointed as the priest of St Peter's on Willis Street. Jo's early education took place at Clifton Terrace School and then Wellington Girl's College where she was Head Girl. At Victoria University Jo majored in English, theatre and film and was a writer, director and performer for the VUWSA Drama Club.

Jo founded Barbarian Productions in 2001, and now runs it with partner Thomas La Hood. Barbarian Productions is a Wellington based Theatre Company housed at the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club. The name Barbarian was inspired by Jo's Danish heritage in particular the Vikings rough, strong and fierce demeanour, hence the name Barbarian. The company has written and performed plays in NZ and around the world. Jo graduated in 2012 with a Masters in Theatre Arts from Toi Whakaari, The NZ Drama School and Victoria University where she now also teaches.

Jo and Thomas's two sons attend Ridgway School and Jo is a trust member of the Vogelmorn Community Group (VCG) that was first formed back in 2013 to oppose the proposal by Wellington City Council to sell Vogelmorn Hall. When the Vogelmorn Foundation Bowling Club Trustees decided to close the neighbouring Vogelmorn Bowling Club at the end of June 2014, Jo and the VCG banded together with local residents to take over the management of



the Bowling Club in late 2014 to be a shared community space. Eventually the ownership of the Bowling Club transferred to the VCG Charitable Trust in September 2016.

Since then lots of initiatives have taken place, everything from mushroom and bike repair workshops to community dinners and public consultation meetings. More great events are planned including the annual Spring Uprising later this year, bringing creative projects and social outcomes together. During public surveys about what residents would like to see in their community, being able to buy a good cup of coffee came up frequently, so people are looking forward to the opening of The Green Café on 7 June.

I asked Jo how she came to live in Mornington, and she said it was through visits to her sister Rebecca living on Mornington Road that attracted her, so when the opportunity came up to buy a house, Jo made the decision to move for the special feel of the area and family reasons. Back then when Jo was searching for a performing arts space, she used to walk past the Vogelmorn Bowling Club most days and wonder "what goes on behind that wall?" She decided to call the phone number on the outside sign and eventually received a return call and invitation to a club meeting. Jo says the formation of the VCG in recent years has brought many local residents closer together with new lasting friendships being formed.



Beth and Isla welcome people to the community dinner

It's warmer in this little corner of Vogelmorn with ceiling insulation, better curtains and new heaters in our upstairs area. Thanks to the trusty team of volunteers that installed these (as well as Karori Brooklyn Trust/Lion Foundation for the heating funding).



Our community dinners have been selling out with nearly 100 locals each time enjoying a shared meal and conversation. Two more are scheduled - Sunday 24th June and Sunday 29th July - both from 4-7pm with dinner at 5.30pm. If you haven't been and are interested, we'd love to see you there. You can find a booking form link at www.vogelmorn.nz.

We recently made a submission to the WCC Long Term Plan in support of progressing the plans for the Vogelmorn Precinct that the community have been so generous in giving their time to.

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month for our "Beer & Brazier" BYO craft beer appreciation group.

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A selection of photos from the March Market at the Brooklyn Community Centre



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**Monthly update on issues
and projects impacting our
community**

NEXT MEETING: AGM - 7pm Wed 27 June at St Matthews, Washington Ave

Topical guest speaker. Topics for discussion:

1. Change of constitution rules to encompass Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston (copies available on request)
2. What are your hot topics for the year ahead?

Come along we'd love to see you

Bus hub Cleveland/Harrison intersection	Increased bus movements, 3 carparks lost, cycle and pedestrian safety concerns. New timetable with improved access to connecting suburbs effective July
Ohiro/Cleveland/Todman intersection	Safety improvements under review with outcome of onsite assessment awaited
Truck movements through Brooklyn	Ongoing engagement with Council seeking solutions to multiple safety and environmental concerns
Westpac ATM removal	Canvassing to retain – be heard if you want to keep it!
Mobility Parks	Relocate from Jefferson to Cleveland St – under review
Brooklyn School	Re-development starting July
Water Storage	Bell Rd reservoir replacement expected start date 2020
Ohiro/Brooklyn Rd intersection	Safety improvements – planning stage, suggestions sought
Victoria/Webb/Willis intersection	Safety improvements - planning stage, suggestions sought
Harrison St WCC flats	EQ prone - to be demolished, long term plan to redevelop as social housing
Email us with your queries, concerns and suggested solutions: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com	

SCHOOL NEWS

The days are getting cooler and the nights are getting longer. St Bernards pupils are now in winter uniform, a reminder that the lovely warm summer we had this year is now a happy memory.

Building works are high in the minds of Brooklyn and Ridgway Schools this month. The junior toilet block at Ridgway is in urgent need of rebuilding and the MoE have agreed that it needs to be a priority. Design work is nearing completion and the consent process is now underway. The hope is that demolition will commence in the next school holidays with building completed mid Term 3. The MoE have also agreed to provide temporary toilets until the new ones are ready to use.

Brooklyn School have sent out tender documents for the building contract. This follows the MoE increasing the budget following design and Quantity Surveyor reports. Tenders close on 18 June at which time the ministry will review them. It is now anticipated building work will commence towards the end of this year.

Cross country races are also a focus this month with the Central Zones being run in early June which Brooklyn and St Bernards pupils attend. St Bernards pupils have also recently been out and about visiting Brooklyn Kindergarten and Brooklyn Playcentre where they performed Kapa Haka for the littlies.

Term Two finishes on 6 July for all our schools.

Julie Seevens

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

We live in a technological society, and while this opens up exciting opportunities for knowledge-sharing and collaboration, we must recognise the associated risks of online abuse. Social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter encourage social exchange. Through this, it is important to maintain the mutual respect and understanding that we attempt to foster in the physical environment.

Issues such as safety, privacy, professionalism and setting boundaries are areas of consideration when discussing social online settings. By establishing clear guidelines and expectations in the classroom and at home we are best able to deal with these issues.

Tell your kids that it's important to:

- Treat others with respect, never post hurtful or embarrassing messages and

tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others post.

- Think twice before hitting "enter." Avoid posting specific locations or phone numbers.
- Follow the "WWSGS" (What Would Grandma Say?) Rule. Don't share anything they wouldn't want their teachers, parents, future bosses — and yes, Grandma — to see.
- Use privacy settings. Go through them together to make sure they understand each one. Explain passwords are there to protect them and should never be shared with anyone, even their best friend.
- Don't "friend" strangers.

Consider making a "social media contract" with your kids. Help keep kids grounded by putting limits on media use. Keep computers and phones out of bedrooms and set rules on the use of technology.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal, St Bernard's Primary School, Brooklyn

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	
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	Meet in the RSA Room on the 4th Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm. Contact Jodie on 938 8943.
BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB	Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the RSA Room. Contact Barbara on 389 4307.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am - 1pm. Contact Louise email: louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com
INDIAN COOKING	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
JAZZ & HIP HOP	Jazz (Grade 3) - Tuesdays 4 - 5pm Hip Hop - Tuesdays 5 - 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
QUARTERLY MARKETS	Brooklyn Market Saturday 23 June, 2 - 5pm. Contact 384 6799 or market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS	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. Contact Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9 - 11:30am during school terms. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
PILATES	Mondays and Fridays at 9am. Contact Liz 027 503 0211 or birkettboys@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838.
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays 9am - 12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com .
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
GET THE BEAT	Music for under 3 year olds. Mondays at 10am in the RSA Room. Contact Lois McConnell on 973 1650.
KANGA TRAINING	Mondays 10am - 11:30am. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
VINYASA YOGA	Saturdays 10:30am with Jenn. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

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AFTER-SCHOOL ROCKING POPPING BODS	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm. After-school music and motion for 5 - 8 year olds. Contact Moya on 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com .
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 10:30am - 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 3:30 - 7:30pm during school terms. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40 - 6:10pm Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KANIKANI WELLINGTON	Back for a winter series! Free form dancing in the dark. Monthly on the last Wednesday. Doors open at 8 pm - Lights out at 8:15pm. Entry \$5 at the door. Go to our Facebook page for details. facebook@kanikaniwellington .
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9:15 - 10:30am with Ming Janssen. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Thursdays 4:45-7pm & Sundays 9:15-11:30am. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10pm - 6:40 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 0351 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
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Anyone in the community is welcome to pop in on a Wednesday to meet and chat with other people and to see what we have to offer. You can stay for any length of time. We would love a few new people to come and join us. Outlined below is our schedule of activities over the day.

WEDNESDAY CIRCLE PROGRAMME:

10:30 am	Morning Tea
Noon	Lunch
1 pm	Arthritic Exercise
1:30 – 2: 30 pm	Speaker
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea

SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

We have a great variety this month including an amazing choir – The Wadestown Singers. They have performed for us on several occasions and we're excited to hear them in a new space. Do come along and join us for an afternoon of music followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

6 June – Dorothy's DVD choice: No Ordinary Sheila

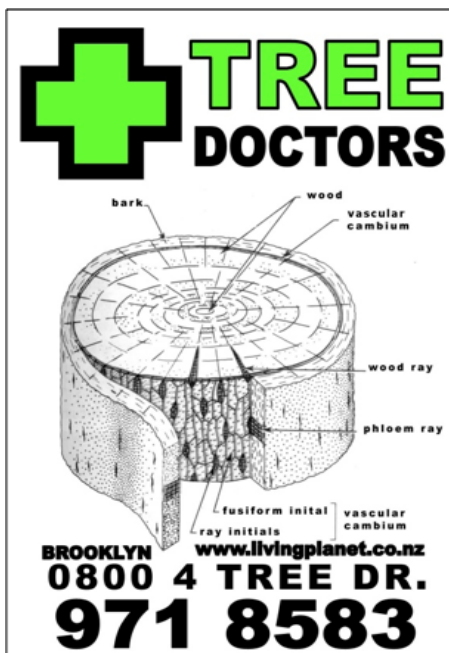
13 June – The Wadestown Singers

20 June – Bloom Hearing: Hearing check & hearing information

27 June – Heeni Collins: Te Awahou Niuewe Stroom (Maori/Dutch collaboration) – New Arts & Cultural Centre in Foxton

ADVANCE NOTICE OF AGM: note this date in your calendar. The Brooklyn Resource Centre Society AGM will be held on **Saturday 4th August at 2pm** at **St Matthew's Church**. A notice of the AGM and agenda will be sent out to members closer to the date.

Jenny Swan, Co-ordinator



NEXT WORKING BEE IS SUNDAY 24 JUNE

Upstream meets from 10am – 12pm 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 signs along the path leading upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

Back to our roots...I recently came across the original 'statements of intent' for Friends of Central Park which are as follows:

- The primary objective of Upstream: Friends of Central Park is to encourage people to visit and enjoy Central Park – even, perhaps, helping us with our projects!
- Our vision is restoring the Moturoa Stream environment to good health and enhancing the park's amenities to contribute to Central Park being a safe, accessible and attractive urban oasis for the people of Wellington.

It is fascinating to reflect on all the activities that have taken place in Central Park since this vision was instigated. I am sure there are some that I have missed out but here are those that spring to mind from my involvement over the past few years:

Art Trails, Bellbirds (pest control group), bird watching, children's parties, commuting, dog walking, fish monitoring (one eel and a few native koura), flying fox adventures, geocaching, glow-worm

spotting, jogging, kaka monitoring, Matariki tree planting (Brooklyn School), meditation, orienteering, paddling, picnicking, plantings, playground action, rubbish collecting (sadly), step building, volunteering (Upstream, many businesses and other organisations – thanks guys!) walking, weeding, working bees and yoga.

The park, and in particular the Moturoa stream environment, has benefitted from plantings of flaxes, ferns, native grasses, shrubs and trees and the human involvement and interaction continues to grow. Until the recent winds, the exotic trees provided a wonderful show of colour for park users and the fallen leaves scrunched and rustled deliciously underfoot. Upstream continues to work to fulfil the original goals – and welcomes all those who wish to be part of the action!

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- Adults and parents are great role models – be enthusiastic, show them that gardening is fun!
- Prepare the environment – have good quality child sized tools and a well-organised workspace.
- Keep tasks small and show your child what to do slowly e.g. how to plant a seed in the soil, water the plants, pull weeds, or cut flowers.

Using the example of cutting a flower, there are so many things a child can learn, including: the fine motor skills in how to use scissors to cut the stem, maths in counting the petals, studying and learning the names of the parts of the flower, and putting the flower into a vase.

Children love and connect easily with flowers of every sort, but especially smaller ones that are easy to cut with a pair of

scissors, like marigolds, lavender, poppies, sweet peas, jasmine, daphne, pansies and many more. They also love berries, fruit trees and vines, and enjoy growing and harvesting their own vegetables. Favourites are pumpkins, summer squashes, easy to pick salad leaves, corn and beans. Let them forage straight from the garden – sweet peppers, cherry tomatoes, radishes, celery and peas are all good for this.

Other fun activities are making seed pots out of paper, germinating seeds indoors and growing plants from cuttings. The garden is a great place to slow down with your child and just wonder together about the mystery of the natural world. Time in the garden together is a precious gift.

Capital Montessori preschool is having an Open Day on Saturday 23 June (10am-12pm) – all welcome!

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This year we aimed to start planting early to make sure that we actually get all the plants we have available planted before summer. This issue has caused us some despair in past years, with last minute plantings being done as late as November. There are plants in the shade house that really would like to try their chances in the big wide world. So last month's working bee saw us busy with our first delivery of plants from the Council and a pile of mulch.

We actually had two working bees as we also had a contingent from the Ministry for the Environment working away at the site opposite 305 Happy Valley Rd. This was the second time the Freshwater Management Team have worked for us, and they were just as enthusiastic and hardworking this time round, pleased to have a day off from the office to do something practical for freshwater, instead of setting policy.

The next day our regular volunteers arrived to do more planting and mulching; the aim on this site being to have a wider planted strip beside the stream than we presently have, which will hopefully

- help prevent rubbish from being blown into the stream,
- help prevent silt from being washed into it, and
- provide a habitat for the sort of creatures we would like to encourage.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

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BIKE TRACK OFFICIALLY OPENS



Lewie Osborne from Ridgway School trying out the track

The Tawatawa-Vogelmorn Bike Track was officially opened on Friday 4 May 2018 by Ridgway School with a ceremony attended by the entire school, along with a group of students from Brooklyn School, the Mayor Justin Lester and Wellington City Councillors, local MP Paul Eagle, and representatives of the Police and other community groups.

Ridgway School did a fantastic job of putting on the opening event on a stunning

Wellington day, and it was truly thrilling to see children riding around the track en masse after the ribbon was cut by the Mayor. Nick Mouat, a member of the parent group driving the project summed it up perfectly: "The only thing better than seeing a whole school biking and scooting around the new track was the wonderful waiata and kapa haka beforehand!"

The opening was the culmination of a couple of years of hard work for all involved. It's been great to see another physical result of the Kaka Project community planning initiative that has allowed a partnership between the Council and local residents to achieve something truly special.

The next thing to look forward to is a future opening event for the Skills Track, for which planning and fundraising are well underway. The plan is to create features that will develop and test the skills of riders once they're comfortable cycling around the perimeter track. Ultimately the aim is to build a sealed pump track at the far end of the park.

For more information about the project and how you can help out, or to make a donation, email office@ridgway.school.nz



Mayor Justin Lester accompanied by cycling police officer

IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

Wellington Regional bus services change from mid July. We will have all the details on changes to the greater Brooklyn area in next month's Tattler. Visit www.metlink.org.nz/on-our-way



Next month marks the Tattler's 300th issue. We will have a special History article highlighting the beginnings of the Tattler, don't miss it!

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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS Pippins Nicola Burdon 971 1265
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BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP Local food and community. Working Bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm, at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October at Brooklyn Community Centre. 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 2pm Sat 9 June at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome. Chris Rabey 3849293 ships. pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

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. Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave. Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC Our winter season is currently running. Register online at www.bnujfc.co.nz

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 6.30pm-8pm 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-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 934 7445.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

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

11 June Brooklyn to the Zoo. Quite a few route options so whichever suits on the day.

18 June Crofton Downs, Trelissick Park, Kaiwharawhara, City. 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train

25 June Walk to Adelaide Rd via High School. No 1 bus to Island Bay, walk to Lyall Bay.

2 July Wrights Hill. 9.08 No 8 bus 9.29 No 3 from last stop Lambton Quay. Arrive Karori terminus 9.45.

CATS PROTECTION WELLINGTON Visitors are welcome to meet the cats at our friendly shelter from 12pm – 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove) in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.nz

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: owhirostream@gmail.com

LIONS CLUB Help build your community and make new friends along the way. Vicki 022 033 0031

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 Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Morning

sessions available at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Visit montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email rata@montessori.school.nz

SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC) Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Cres. 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 Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Caroline 027 229 3623, Christian 021 651 892 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org

UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK Working bees on the last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at the Jetty, a few hundred metres along the main path on the right, beside the stream - there will be signs at the gate. 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 Volunteer-run group based at Vogelhorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB Based at the Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Park off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicki Lamb, Head Coach. Phone 970 7496 evenings or email: president@fencingcentral.org.nz

EVERY GIRLS' & BOYS' RALLY Thursdays during school terms from 7pm-8:30pm at Ridgeway Christian Youth Centre, 117 The Ridgeway, Mornington for ages 8 - 12. Contact Evan Tyler 027 274 2631 or evanandrebecca@gmail.com

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