

## 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
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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: <a href="mailto:liling@nihaocc.org.nz">liling@nihaocc.org.nz</a>
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:30 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 and 10am Contact Beth via email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>
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PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Susan on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:susan.rudd@porse.co.nz">susan.rudd@porse.co.nz</a>
REMBUDEN KARATE	<b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm <b>Adult Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm <b>Evening Kardio Power:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm <b>Stretch &amp; Tone class:</b> Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 4 April - 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 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: <a href="mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz">codwg@paradise.net.nz</a>
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: <a href="mailto:ferne.david@xtra.co.nz">ferne.david@xtra.co.nz</a>
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 28 March - 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](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)**

# Brooklyn Tattler

## What's happening in your Community

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## Your Feedback is requested on the Kaka Project

People living in Panorama Heights, Kowhai Park, Brooklyn, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston, are invited to offer ideas and suggestions for projects, facilities and events to help form part of a submission to Wellington City Council's Long Term Plan in May. *This will have impacts on the future of where you live.* Please visit [surveymonkey.com/s/KakaProject](http://surveymonkey.com/s/KakaProject) to have your say by Friday 27 March.



**ABOVE:** Members of the Kaka Project steering group meet outside the Brooklyn Community Centre after completing their Community Wind Walk on 28 February to encourage local people to get involved in community planning.

*The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly by the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn.*

## Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

We hope you enjoy our special extended colour edition of the Brooklyn Tattler which has been delivered to your mailbox. You can also pick up copies each month from local community facilities and retailers, plus read each monthly issue online at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

We had great turnout of stallholders for our recent community market which has grown to 26 stalls in just over a year. The market was made even better on Saturday 28 February, with the Kaka Project Wind Walk people coming together in the Brooklyn Community Centre playground at 10:30am after setting off from different locations earlier to 'Walk the Talk'. Soon after up to 45 people including Councillors Paul Eagle, David Lee and Nicola Young gathered inside to discuss ideas for the Brooklyn area community planning project. Kaka Project is the name given to the village plan steering group, which is a joint initiative between Council and community to consult and produce a draft community plan for wider consultation during April 2015, to be included as part of a submission to the Council's long term plan in May. Feedback forms covering topics such as a hub in Brooklyn Village and the development of a precinct around Vogelmorn Hall are currently available from the Library and the foyer of the Community Centre. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Library or sent via freepost. Your views are important, so please make time to collect and fill out a

form. Feedback closes on Friday 27 March. More details on: [www.kakaproject.org](http://www.kakaproject.org)

Our next market is on Saturday 28 March, and will feature the usual variety of stalls, plus some extra produce to tie in with the change of seasons. It was great to have local children sharing tables with their friends in February's market. We welcome stallholders of all ages. To book your table please contact me on 384 6799 or [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

Easter is earlier this year, and will be followed by the start of our April School Holiday programme. Brochures and enrolment forms are currently available on our website or at the After School Care office in the Community Centre. Enquiries to 385 0089 or [brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com)

Planning is currently underway for the annual ANZAC Day ceremony in Brooklyn, which will take place on a bigger scale this year to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW1. On Saturday 25 April, thanks to the generosity of the Principal and School Board, the service will be held under a marquee in the Brooklyn School grounds to accommodate the extra people expected to attend. A giant screen will feature with relevant images and music. After the service, people will march down to the Community Centre for the traditional morning tea in the main hall. Wreaths will also be laid at the WW1 memorial off Mitchell Street and a bugler will play the last post. More details in the April Tattler.

Have a great month

**Euan Harris - Coordinator  
Brooklyn Community Centre &  
Vogelmorn Hall**

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Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Cres (off Ohiro Rd), Brooklyn. [www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz](http://www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz)



**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 29 March 2015**

Email: [niccitong@gmail.com](mailto:niccitong@gmail.com) with your contribution.  
The Brooklyn Community Association members accept no liability  
for the contents which have been prepared in good faith.



## Friends of Owhiro Stream

Well the year is now in full swing - working bees, meetings, submissions, social events, and more, all wanting your attention - and attendance. We hope though, that in your busy life, you had time to support two community events earlier this month: the Kaka Project's wind walk, and the Harvest Moon Festival at Vogelmorn hall.

Working bees might sound more like hard work than the last mentioned events but we can assure you they are actually quite social, and the results very satisfying. Last month's efforts were concentrated on removing new blackberry growth, re-growing from remnants of old roots. Although this might seem like trying to clean the Augean stables, it actually was quite satisfying to realise how much smaller and less vigorous the growth was than previously. But only if we keep at it! So maybe you could roll along and help us on a second Saturday of the month sometime during the year. Our next working bee will be on Saturday 14 March, starting at 10am and finishing around 12.30 pm. Site to be confirmed, but probably just past the old Bagel factory, or just drive down Ohiro Rd until you see our banner.

On the submissions front, Martin has been busy as ever, having just completed a written and oral submission on the draft Suburban Reserves management Plan, in which he emphasised the importance of urban reserves in the overall ecological and environmental well being of the city. Next on his list is Council's Biodiversity Action Plan, which is looking at updating existing plans on biodiversity and pest control. So if digging out blackberry is just not your scene - maybe you would like to help with submissions? Or publicity? Or build-

ing a web page? Or general planning? Just ring Martin on 389 8995; he would love to hear from you if you are willing to commit a few hours to helping.

As I write this, it is turning into another lovely Wellington day. As gardeners know, with continuous sunny days, comes very dry ground, and stressed plants. Unlike Hawkes Bay, from where I have just returned and where golden brown pasture is the norm at this time of the year, Wellington plants are not used to this weather. But luckily, while a few have succumbed to the heat, those in the shade house are thriving.

**Janet Campbell**  
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



## Councillor Corner

The Council is considering the Mayor's Long Term Plan, which sets out her priorities for the next ten years and has a focus on economic growth.

The Mayor is proposing an average annual rates increase of 3.9% over the next 10 years, with the first three years at 4.7%. This is your money, so it's important you have your say! Public meetings will be held through Wellington (Lambton, March 19 at 6pm in St John's in the City; Southern, March 31 at 6pm at the Newtown Function Centre).

Council officers are now working on a cycling master plan, which the Government requires from local authorities that want any of its \$100m cycling fund; the Government is offering \$2 for every \$1 we spend. I have been calling for a cycling master plan for months, rather than ad hoc decisions, so this is a major step forward. Cyclists need to be safe, and proper cycle lanes will encourage the non-lycra brigade to get on their bikes. I will continue to pester officers about the paucity of bike racks, as locking points are an important part of cycling infrastructure.

I popped into the Brooklyn Community Indoor market recently, to do some shopping and hear the update on the Kaka Village planning project – the brainchild of Southern ward councillor Paul Eagle. It will be a terrific scheme for the Brooklyn community!

Please contact me to discuss any issues.

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## Brooklyn Resident's Association Inc. (BRAI)

We are having our first meeting in March to get the formal part of the year going. That being said, matters have been moving along. Here is a quick snapshot of some of the activities and concerns we are involved with:

The ongoing consultations and discussions with the Kaka Project Group a mixture of local groups, schools, residents associations, and interested parties looking to collect, gather and move forward ideas to promote and encourage growth and community engagement in conjunction with the Wellington City Council. The BRAI and Kaka project have identified a number of 'wants' and suggestions of more amenities that locals would like to see and some ideas of better uses of existing ones. We will wait and see as to whether these ideas come to pass and in what form.

Increasing concerns over a perception of aircraft flying lower over Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs;

The amount of debris and rubbish coming off vehicles coming up Brooklyn Road;

Concern over proposed WCC rate rises and asset sales, as well as the forthcoming GWRC / Go Wellington bus service route changes citywide (despite, as is our understanding) that West Brooklyn, Panorama Heights and Kowhai Park are likely to be better off with partial weekend services.

Enough to start the year off with!

We note the success of the latest businesses to set up in Brooklyn village – the Brooklyn Deli and the Salty Pidgin Bar &

Bistro. All this is adding vibrancy to the village.

We are also keeping a watching brief on the plans to move the bus stop outside the Khana Khazana restaurant (a small distance back down Cleveland St) and the proposed removal of the two smaller bus stops at the Ohiro Road - Brooklyn Road for safety reasons. While we see the logic in these three decisions, we also note there will inevitably be some disruption.

Meridian Energy still intends to rebuild the current iconic Brooklyn wind turbine. It will be a substantially larger wind turbine, generating more electricity, but we are told it will be quieter due to technological improvements. There are also still proposals (in the background) for more wind turbines to the south of Brooklyn / south coast, as there have been for several years - but whether the project happens is another matter.

We invite you to attend our next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Resource Centre, Jefferson Street, at 7pm (unless we have an extra meeting before that). We look forward to seeing you there.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our new mailing list [brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com), Facebook page [www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington](http://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington), and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn\\_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington.

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Parliament Buildings, Wellington



ABOVE: Brooklyn School Kiwi Syndicate visits Upstream Arts Trail at Central Park



## UPSTREAM - Friends of Central Park

Wellington Central MP, Grant Robertson presented **Upstream – Friends of Central Park** with a **Community Champion** award at their working bee in February, in recognition of the work undertaken in Central Park since the group's formation in 2005.

Improvements include planting trees, ferns and native plants, clearing rubbish, making the park a safer and more attractive place for individuals and families to spend time and maintaining the stream area, with **The Jetty** proving a popular place to pass a sunny afternoon.

The park and stream environment have changed dramatically since the group started, thanks also to improvements by the City Council, such as redeveloping the playground and building a new track with bridges along the stream. This is a lovely walk, especially at night in the damp weather when the banks light up with glow-worms.

However there is always so much more to do!! Tradescantia remains a major challenge and I hope that some of you will have seen our installation of "Beetles" as part of the Upstream – Art Trail. The beetles represent our forlorn hope that a real tradescantia beetle trialed in the park would decimate that plant population but so far it looks as if the beetles took one look and decided to go elsewhere for an easier life!!

## Working Bees

Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees which are supported by **Supreme Coffee** – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

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.

**Our next Working Bee is Sunday 29 March.**

For more information, contact Lynne at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz) or 384 5249 or email Debbie at [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)



**ABOVE:** Preparing for the Art Walk

## BROOKLYN ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Saturday 25 April  
10:30am  
Brooklyn School  
under the marquee,  
followed by a march to  
the Brooklyn  
Community Centre  
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## Lines from the Library -

Hello Brooklyn!

As you may have heard, this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World War and the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. There has been a lot of renewed interest on the topic of WWI and New Zealand's involvement in the conflict.

The library is the ideal resource for researching all things WWI. Aside from our collection of books we also have fantastic online resources for those seeking specific information. There are also New Zealand history specialists at the central library who are available to help with any reference enquiries.

Brooklyn Library even houses its own local history documents including some relating to the Brooklyn War Memorial on Todman Street. The memorial was first built in 1922 and was recently restored in 2003. The WWI memorial has a list of the 48 Brooklyn soldiers that died during the conflict.

Many of you will have connections to those who fought in the First World War and the library is very interested in any stories or information you might like to share. There is a scrapbook of memories at the Brooklyn library for the purpose of recording anything related to New Zealand and WWI, so if you have any stories to tell please come in and if you have photos or treasures we can photocopy them so that they can also be included.

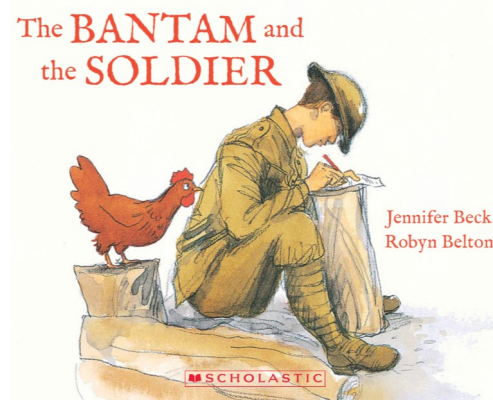
The school holidays are coming up and the library activities planned are also focusing on ANZAC day and WWI. There will be holiday events at many of the branches intended to explore ANZAC history through stories and activities.

The Brooklyn library has many children's fiction and non-fiction titles relating to WWI, including classics such as "The Bantam and the Soldier" by Jennifer Beck and Robyn Belton. This book is a childhood favourite of mine and was always read to me on ANZAC day. It is a lovely story of a New Zealand soldier who befriends and cares for a lonesome bantam whilst fighting in France. The book was inspired by the author's great uncle, Arthur Brewer, who was killed in action in 1917.

On the 25th of April we will remember and honour those who fought and died for New Zealand 100 years ago and stories such as "The Bantam and the Soldier" are insightful resources for those who want to learn more about the conflict and the New Zealander's involved.

See you soon at the library.

**Hannah Gorman**



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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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

13th Mar Jean Kehoe  
88 Temple Pilgrimage  
walk (Japan)"

20th March Maria Schuch  
Talk on the  
submissions received  
by the Kaka Group

27th March Natalia Roschina-Hood  
Renaissance Women

3rd April "Good Friday"  
Happy Easter

10th April Ann Locke  
"Being a Speech &  
Language Therapist

It was with great sadness that we farewelled one of our members, Sue Sharp who passed away after a short illness. Sue will be missed for her kindness and support of the Centre but most of all her amazing friendship to us. All our thoughts are with her family.

We have been asked by Meals on Wheels if there are any drivers willing to do the Aro Street run? If you are interested please give me a call.

Do you have any craft or activities you may like to share with us on a Friday from 9.30-11.30am?

We have some great speakers lined up for the month. Please call me if you can spare an hour on a Friday afternoon. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mah Jong players are needed for our Monday afternoon games from 1-3pm. Beginners welcome.

See you soon  
**Jenny Swan**  
Co-ordinator

## WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

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: <a href="mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz">louise@spirit.net.nz</a>
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Contact Toni on 475 3355
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: <a href="mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com">positivelyzumba@gmail.com</a>
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 5:30pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 <a href="mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com">f.haines.dance@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk">henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk</a>
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm <b>New!</b> Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or <a href="mailto:cam@camfindlay.com">cam@camfindlay.com</a>

The Vogelmorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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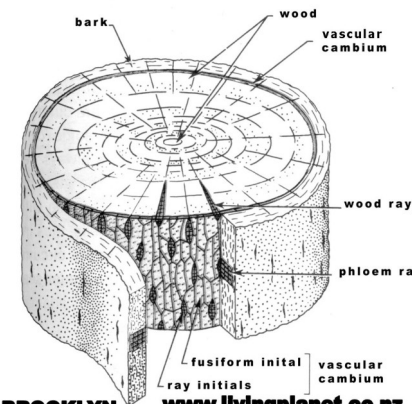
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## Easter Services



### St Matthew's Parish 96 Washington Avenue

April 3  
Good Friday at 10am  
Contemplative service with  
music and silence.  
Hot Cross Buns to follow.

April 5  
Easter Sunday at 10am  
All age celebration with bubbles  
(to blow) and bubbles (to drink).

### St Bernard's Catholic Church 37 Taft Street Brooklyn

Holy Thursday 2 April - 7pm Mass  
of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3 April - 11am  
Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 3 April - 3pm  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4 April - 7pm  
Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 5 April - 9.30am  
Easter Sunday Mass

## Brooklyn Scouts – Having a ball

All the Brooklyn Scout sections (Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers) have now kicked off their Term 1 activity plans. The theme is 'Let's have a ball' and activities this term range from pioneering in the Keas to paddle boarding in the Venturers. The Cubs are planning to get back on the Silverpine Cub group who 'raided' them late last year – our photo shows Brooklyn cub Daniel Ewers battling it out in the ensuing sponge war across the road at the school.

Our improved facilities are leading to increasing enquiries to rent the Scout Hall. We've already welcomed one regular booking and have had ad hoc enquiries



for one-off functions and events.

If you are interested in renting the Scout Hall at 24 Harrison Street, please contact our Committee Chair, Oliver Mander via email: [oliver.mander@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.mander@gmail.com).

## Looking for Leaders

Our other big focus for 2015 is increasing our number of leaders. While we have sufficient for our current numbers, we'd love to be able to explore options such as offering an after school Kea or Cubs group. We can only do this if we have leaders available to run a group during work hours. If you might be interested in becoming a leader we would be very pleased to talk to you. Full training is provided and you'll be part of a vibrant growing community group. Please contact Oliver on the email above.

## Meetings

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs, Keas and Venturers meet in the Scout Hall at 24 Harrison Street. For more information contact Gillian Boyes. Phone: 972 9904 or email: [gillianmay@paradise.net.nz](mailto:gillianmay@paradise.net.nz)

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## School News

Hello everyone and welcome to the first School News update for the year. After a great summer our schools are now all well underway in the new school year and the children are being kept busy with lots of fun activities to promote their learning.

At Brooklyn School the children are all working on the Key Competency of "Managing Self" to help them with their independence and awareness of personal responsibility. The Tui syndicate have had a busy start to the year with a picnic to Central Park, and a water play afternoon which involved some special visitors who brought along a fire engine to add to the watery fun. Another nice surprise for the Tuis was seeing that astro turf had been laid under their playground equipment during the summer holidays.

The whole school recently enjoyed a picnic to Wainuiomata Pool and they are busy practicing for the school athletics day on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Over at Ridgway School the children have been enjoying swimming lessons at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie each week, bush builder trips to Wellington Zoo as part of their study into "Shelter" this term, and various theatre trips as part of the Capital E National Arts Festival.

The first three new picnic tables have arrived at the school with more to come, along with other outside seating. St Bernards school children have also been super busy with golf lessons on Fridays, a scooter safety day where they were taught safety awareness and skills

to scooter safely, and a visit from some Firebird cricket players.

They also celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes. Shrove Tuesday is the day people traditionally ate food they would give up when fasting for Lent.

Last year the children in Room 4 made poppies in memory of the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli and sent them to the Waiouru Army Museum. TV One became aware of this and asked to come and meet the children. They visited the school at the end of February and filmed an item for the Sunday evening news.

Finally, all our schools have been involved in the Upstream Art Trail in Central Park which was held in early March. They have been working with visiting artists and the children contributed to the "super city" sculpture which was on display there.

Term One finishes for all our schools on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April with Term Two commencing on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

More news next month.

**Julie Seevens**



## History

In the closing months of the Second World War, young families began to swell the population of Brooklyn, and the hunt began for a place to make Plunket rooms for provision of infant care.

A public meeting in March 1945 set up a committee to investigate the construction of a community centre with provision for the Plunket rooms. By 1947 the newly formed Community Association had an intensive building fund campaign underway and selling annual subscriptions for half a crown (25c).

George O'Leary was Secretary at the time, and he was deeply involved with the building fund, as well as running his own electrical repair business in Cleveland Street. He remarked at the time, *"We set out to raise funds locally. We did a house-to-house canvass and got a lot of promises, but not much money"*.

The Association had about £500 (\$1000) when the War Assets Realisation Board called for tenders for a Salvation Army recreation hut or canteen from the military camp at Trentham. The Community Association put in a tender for a lot more money than it actually had and won the tender. *"We were young and silly, but full of optimism"*, recalled George.

The committee faced relatively stringent rationing of some building materials for new construction work, so saw the 7255 square foot "hut" as a cheap answer to their quest for premises.

Key roles were played by association president Jack Ackroyd-Kelly, who worked at Trentham, and Charlie Greaves, who chaired the building subcommittee. Mr Greaves did a deal with a demolition company at the top end of Cuba Street to cut up the building and move it to Brooklyn. *"He somehow convinced the Trentham Camp Commandant that they had authorization to uplift it"*, said George O'Leary.

*"They were able to transport it up to Brooklyn before the Army woke up to the fact we didn't have permission!"*.

To find its way out of subsequent demands for payment for the building, the committee sent a deputation to their local MP, who just happened to be the then Prime Minister, Peter Fraser.

Within a short time a grant from the Internal Affairs Department materialized and with work by members of the Brooklyn community, it was enough to have the building re-erected on City Council land next to the children's playground in Harrison Street.

The site was originally part of the stables owned by O'Brien & Sons from the turn of the century, and the present path linking Harrison Street with McKinley Crescent was known as 'The Stableway'.



The new Community Association building was officially opened by the Prime Minister on 1 October 1949 then a week of celebrations followed. (Above).

More stories next month  
**Chris Rabey**

## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meetings:

7pm Sunday 15 March & 12 April at Brooklyn Community Centre  
Singing, meditation & medium  
All welcome. Donation.

Email: [goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz](mailto:goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz)

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### Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet at 9:30am 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 / Clare 384 9054.

**16 March** - Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens. (various routes) Viewing of rose garden.

**23 March** - Simla Crescent, Lucknow Terrace to Nairnville Park, Cockayne Road, Punjab Street to Odell Reserve, Old Porirua Road, Lower Ngaio Road. 9:18am - No 7 bus, 10:02am train.

**30 March** - Brooklyn to Wellington Zoo. Route to be decided on the day.

Detailed Walking Group programmes, available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

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### Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

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 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.

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### 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](mailto:gillianmay@paradise.net.nz)  
phone: 972 9904

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### 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.

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### 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 phone John on 029 771 3171.  
<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

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### Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro 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; Janet - 385 2077

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### 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](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

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### Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 11 April at Brooklyn Library cnr Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 or 388 8088 AH

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### 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. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds now meet at **St Matthew's Church Lounge, Washington Ave,** Mondays 3:30-4:45pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meet at Brooklyn Community Centre Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204 [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)

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### 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 every Monday evening from 5pm till 7pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

[thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com)  
and [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)



## Have you noticed increased plane noise over your house?

Residents are contacting us concerned about the marked and very noticeable increase in noise from low flying aircraft in recent months. Planes are climbing out of Wellington airport turning more sharply/steeply and flying at very low levels over our previously quiet suburb.

In a southerly, planes heading north turn sharply as they clear Lyall Bay, then fly Island Bay/Owhiro Bay towards and over Brooklyn. Sometimes slightly further west over the wind turbine, other times between Mornington and Washington Ave.

In a northerly, planes going south turn sharply and steeply at the end of Evans Bay, fly over the central city, then over Brooklyn along the turbine ridge. Both wind directions mean an increase in noise over Brooklyn.

During weekends, smaller planes, fly east/west and north/south over the suburb leading one resident likening "it to being in a war movie." There seems to be no specific flight path or height.

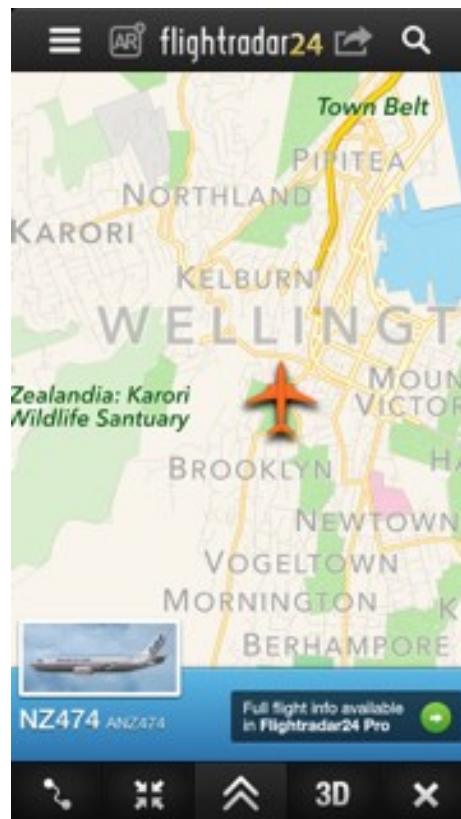
An Airways Corporation spokesperson has stated that 'this particular flight path has been used for many years (under visual flight rules).' However, in the past the aircraft have been at such a high level that it hasn't been noticeable. One Brooklyn resident says 'I have lived here for more than 20 years and have never

heard or seen more than the odd helicopter.'

There has been a clear and obvious change in the height of aircraft (particularly Air NZ planes and smaller training type planes), to the point that it is possible in some cases to read their registration numbers as they fly over.

If you have noticed this please contact the Brooklyn Residents Association.

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027 280 8934 or 04 803 1767  
Katie Underwood  
[kt@danzat.co.nz](mailto:kt@danzat.co.nz) 027 248 2061 or 04 894 3717



## Brooklyn Kindergarten Driveway

As many of you are aware the driveway at Brooklyn Kindergarten (62 Todman Street) is situated on a blind corner and is difficult to see for road users coming down the hill towards the village.

We would like to remind the community to take care around the driveway between the hours of 8.00 – 9.30 and between 1- 2.30. Please slow down and brake as you approach and pass the driveway.

As the driveway is owned by Brooklyn Kindergarten, we would also like to send a friendly reminder that use of the driveway is for teachers, parents and caregivers of the children that attend the kindergarten. This includes the teachers carparks on the driveway.

Many thanks –  
**The teaching team at Brooklyn Kindergarten.**

## Call for Brooklyn Historical Information

Brooklyn Kindergarten teaching staff would love some information about the Brooklyn area, particularly the reo Maori place names, and pre and early European settlement uses of the area.

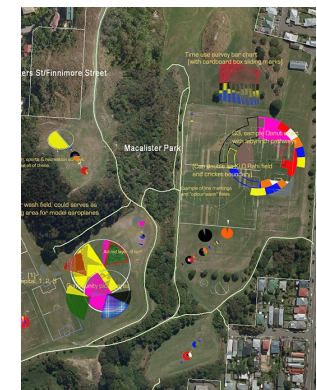
If you have any information of this nature we would love to hear from you.

## Play on a giant painting *Projected Fields - Community Picnic* 12-3pm - Sunday 19 April

Artists Siv B Fjærestad's giant artwork for Macalister and Liardet Street Parks in Berhampore will soon be painted on the grass.

Now all we need is you - to make a picnic! Contribute a game, performance, or group activity for the picnic to bring Siv's painting to life.

Let us know your ideas at [lettingspace@gmail.com](mailto:lettingspace@gmail.com)



See the sketch for the painting at <http://www.lettingspace.org.nz/projected-fields/>

The painting is inspired by field markings, and the stories and activity of the many communities who use the parks: and their dreams for its future.

*Projected Fields* has been funded by Wellington City Council's Public Art Fund.



**FOOD FIESTA**

**Sunday 22nd March 4-6pm**

**Ridgway School • Mornington Road, Brooklyn**

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**ABOVE:** The Brooklyn ANZAC Day march from 2014. A bigger turnout is expected this year for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WW1.

## The Kaka Project

Community Consultation on  
key initiatives

Help us develop a plan  
for the wider Brooklyn  
area

Community forum at St Matthew's  
96 Washington Avenue

**7:30pm Wednesday 18 March**

**All welcome**

Web: [kakaproject.org](http://kakaproject.org)  
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## A Call to Yarn

### The Last Post

Colonial Cottage Museum  
68 Nairn Street  
Sunday April 19th, 1 – 4pm

Join us for a crafty afternoon  
sewing and crocheting poppies  
requested by the National War  
Museum for its WW1 Exhibition.

Bring your own needles or hooks,  
all wool and instructions are  
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