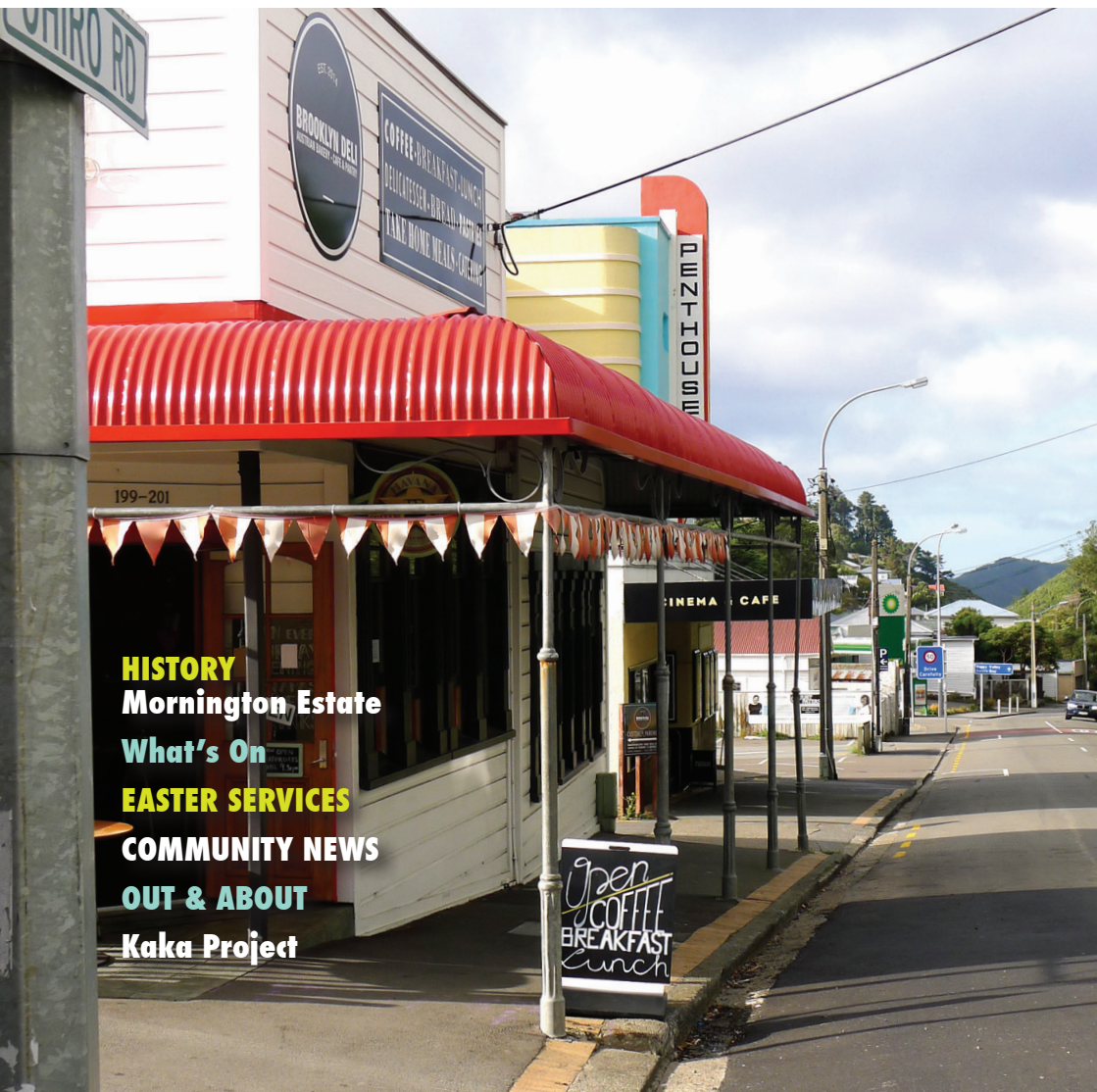


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The Tattler is blooming. Fabulous feedback about the new look continues to pour in from all ages in our community. New business advertisers are coming forward and we are well on our way to making it a break even publication. Huge thanks to Jenny Ralston, Karen Pinnell and Kay Miller for bringing us into the present age so colourfully. The transition from the past to new format has been a marathon. We will continue to fine tune things until June. Your feedback is welcome, email brooklyntattler@gmail.com

Thank You! Our cover photo this month is from Jenny Ralston

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Hi Everyone,

We hope you enjoy reading this month's Tattler which has been home delivered to your mailbox. Hard to believe that we are already into March and that Easter is coming up at the end of the month.

MARKET Our monthly market will be held during the long Easter weekend, so if you are staying at home over Easter drop in to our friendly market on Saturday 26 March from 9:30am to 1pm. New stallholders are always welcome. Phone me on 384 6799 or email brooklynca@paradise.net.nz with any enquiries.

DAYLIGHT SAVING finishes on 3 April followed by the end of the first school term a couple of weeks later. Adam Hendry, the Childcare Programme Manager tells me that he is already getting enquires for our next school holiday programme which runs from 18 April. We will upload the activities brochure and enrolment details onto our website as soon as they are available at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

ANZAC DAY Planning has begun for the for the annual ANZAC Day ceremony in Brooklyn. This is always a well-attended local event involving many different community groups. After the traditional service, morning tea will be held in the Brooklyn Community Centre as in previous

years. Last year attracted a record number of people who gathered to commemorate the 100 anniversary of WWI. A large turnout is expected again this year. More details in next month's Tattler.

FIRE SAFETY George Mihailoff, Station Officer at the Brooklyn Fire Station recently contacted me regarding Free Home Safety Checks that the NZ Fire Service is providing to people. You can book a check for your home by calling 0800 693 473. You will be given advice on where to place smoke alarms and the number of hot points recommended for wall plugs, plus much more. In some cases a smoke alarm may be provided at no cost.

WIND TURBINE Meridian Energy are busy preparing the Polhill site for the arrival of the new wind turbine expected to take place either late this month or early April. The site of the new turbine has been excavated and a concrete foundation has been laid to accept the larger turbine. For updates on the new turbines progress go to: <https://www.meridianenergy.co.nz/about-us/our-power-stations/wind/brooklyn>

FOOD FESTIVAL Keep Sunday 13 March free from 4 – 6pm for the Brooklyn Kindergarten Food Festival to be held this year at St Bernard's School Hall in Taft Street. Lots of great food will be on offer with something to suit a wide variety of tastes.

YOGA Two yoga teachers recently enquired about starting regular classes in the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelhorn Hall. If you're interested in joining a yoga group please contact me on 384 6799 or email brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Have a great month.

BCA COUNCIL NEWS

Our most important task this month is to complete our applications to the WCC for the 3 year funding contract for the community centre and Vogelhorn Hall and Green. This provides vital funding for the Coordinator's salary, maintenance and utilities.

WCC requires a three year business plan, financial projections and a one year budget as well as an audited set of accounts. It all seems simple but it has required many hours of work by volunteer Council members. We have sought support for our application from Councillors Eagle, Free, Lee, Pannett and Young.

MURAL Mural project begins soon! Diary in **Saturday 26 March at 11am** to attend the opening of the mural project at the community centre. Ellen Coup will be joining us for an hour to share her project plan and talk about how the community can be involved in the two week project.

HEALTH & SAFETY New health & safety laws from 4 April 2016. Council members have a 'due diligence' responsibility so there is training ahead to ensure we know what is expected of us.

VOGELMORN GREEN The Green was over-sown with grass seed earlier this month. It is closed until about 1 May when it should be ready for general use.

Kay Miller

On behalf of the BCA

from the MAYOR

CELIA WADE-BROWN



Kia ora Brooklyn. The new and improved Tattler looks very stylish! Congratulations to everyone who put in the hard yards to make this happen.

2016 is a busy time for Councillors and Council Officers. We have been preparing to launch a formal consultation and engagement for the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2016/17 which starts at the end of March.

Locals telling us what they want is hugely important when we're deciding what our spending priorities are for the year ahead. Council have to balance competing demands and keep rates affordable. More urgently, have your say on our Movie Museum and Convention Centre proposal. Public Consultation ends 15 March.

Recently I spoke at the Pacific Climate Change Conference hosted by Victoria University. It was very moving to hear Pacific leaders and experts on Climate Change. I spoke about the Climate Change Action Plan that WCC are developing, which identifies our aim to reduce Wellington's emissions by 80% by 2050 and discusses challenges facing Wellington's biggest contributors – transport and sewage sludge.

Another opportunity for reducing emissions that we've identified is incorporating green space into urban design. A great example of this in Brooklyn is the community gardens base at Tanera Park run by Mokai Kainga. Community gardens are such a great way for the community to bond, and they're important part of keeping our city biodiverse and beautiful.

Have a good autumn and a wonderful Easter. Make sure you make the most of events on in the city like the NZ Festival, CubaDupa, Fringe Festival and Parks Week.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Brooklyn Kindy Food Festival

Sunday, March 13th, 4-6pm,
St-Bernard's School, Taft St

Brazilian, Indian, Cambodian, Mexican, Cajun, Russian, Filipino, Samoan, Iraqi, plus Vegetarian options and baking

THE VOGELMORN PRECINCT has continued momentum with workshops #3 and #4 in February. The third was an exposition of images and views of the site displayed in the beautiful Vogelhorn Hall. These reflected the ideas, precedents and aspirations which have been voiced during the Kaka Project and

We talked near future to “six generation thinking” and while everyone continued to vigorously exercise their imagination muscles the outcomes remained grounded and realistic as to what can be achieved. The result was a collective prioritisation of the ideas that will be taken forward to form the core of a Precinct proposal.



the previous workshops - see <https://vogelmornprecinct.wordpress.com>

The visual stimulation and conversations showed what has been visioned and what other community-led projects have achieved, whilst also bringing us all up to speed on Vogelhorn thinking leading into the fourth and **final workshop on Sunday 28th February.**

The fourth workshop was ably led by experienced facilitator Anne Cunningham from Christchurch. Having worked on the interface between communities and architecture in several countries and in a variety of community settings Anne was well placed to help the group of attentive locals pull together the visions, and to explore how the ideas may play out in various future scenarios for the Vogelhorn Precinct.

Throughout this process strong community, occasion and connection were clear themes. The architectural framework and proposition to Council will now start in earnest and a draft concept plan will be presented at Vogelhorn on Sunday 3rd April - with a party! A volunteer sounding board will continue to check in on this work as it progresses.

Come along on the 3rd April - there may still be sun... but we're certain there will be good food, company and a picture of what's shaping up to be a vibrant and exciting Vogelhorn Precinct!



VOGELMORN PRECINCT

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We advocate for all residents of Brooklyn (and surrounding areas) on matters where we feel there is the opportunity to improve the suburb.

Currently, we are involved in / focusing on:

- Work related to the Brooklyn wind turbine (work is continuing for several months)
- Road safety
- The possibility of re-establishing bus stops at the top of Brooklyn Road & Ohiro Road
- The monitoring of the Southern Landfill (in particular about the sewage plant and general traffic issues)
- Lowering of aircraft flight paths using new technology)

- Civil defence / community resilience work
- Kaka Group community rebuilding and growth.

To be clear, the Kaka Group has now evolved into two groups focusing on the central Brooklyn precinct and the other in the Vogelmorn / Kingston area, particularly around the Vogelmorn Hall and the former bowling club.

We also look to later this year with the proposed, hopefully, revamp of bus services by Go Wellington buses and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

We receive updates from Meridian regarding wind Turbine work. Want to be included? Email brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com or carl.savage@paradise.net.nz.

Katie Underwood, Sam Donald Carl Savage
(on behalf of the BRAI)

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Fridays: 4.30pm–5.30pm	Fridays: 5.30pm–7.30pm
Saturdays: 9.00pm–10.00am	Saturdays: 10.00am–11.30pm

Contact: Scott Willson 021 187 5006 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or just come along to try a free class – wear a T shirt and long trackies.

Venue: Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Crescent (off Ohiro Road), Brooklyn.

www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz



MORNINGTON ESTATE

BY CHRIS RABEY

Further to my story in the last Tattler, in 1929 construction of the new streets began in the 'new' suburb of Mornington. New streets were named Beaumont, Wentworth, and The Ridgway Extension.

Width of formation was to be 26 feet, consisting of a 20ft roadway including water table and a 6 foot footpath

including kerb, to be laid true to line, and A-grade Blocks to be made with concrete consisting of 5 parts clean approved shingle and sand to one part approved Portland cement, and to be at least two months seasoned before being used.

... IS AN ACRONYM FOR
VOGELTOWN/MORNINGTON,
HOWEVER THERE IS NO ACTUAL
AREA CALLED VOGELMORN

This process, albeit with more up to date machinery, is still being used on road building today.

Another snippet of information for readers, we often hear of the Tennis Club, Bowling Club, and Hall at Vogelmorn. This is an acronym for Vogehtown/Mornington, however there is no actual area called Vogelmorn.

These clubs and the Hall were given this term, as they are all midway between Vogehtown and Mornington, and the

other reason was to avoid confusion with the Vogehtown Bowling Club in New Plymouth, Mornington Tennis Club in Dunedin, and one can assume both places have a Hall.

Sewer drains were to be of earthenware design, stormwater drains were to be second quality glazed earthenware. Once formed, a coat of first grade blue metal broken to a 2 1/2 inch gauge, was to be spread evenly the full width between water tables, and rolled to a thickness of 4 inches to conform with a typical cross-section. Then it was to be rolled by a second coat of top quality blue metal broken to a 1 1/2 inch gauge, which when well rolled was to be 4 inches thick to conform with typical cross section.

A one inch coat of blinding material was then evenly spread and rolled. The Wellington City Council steam roller was then used to complete the seal process.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for ANZAC Day



We are looking for volunteers who would be keen to assist at the Brooklyn Community Anzac Day celebrations on 25 April 2016.

If you are interested please contact
BCA volunteer coordinator Leonie Flint
on 389 6381, 022 0855 400 or email
flint@actrix.co.nz

Thank you!

Leonie, on behalf of Brooklyn Community Association

SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

The new school year is well underway with lots happening already. All our schools are lucky enough to be sharing a Mandarin language teacher this year who will be teaching students about the Chinese culture as well as the Mandarin language.

As I write this Brooklyn School students are looking forward to their whole school picnic at Wainui Pool on 1 March. They are also practicing for their school athletics day which will be held on 18 March.

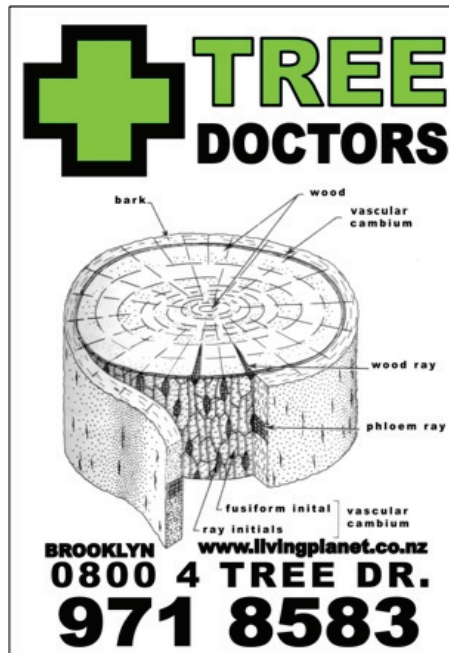
Year 5 & 6 students are busy preparing for their camp at Palm Grove and the Year 7 & 8 students for theirs at Teapot Valley. Over at Ridgway School the Year 7 & 8 classes recently had a week long camp at Blue Mountain Adventure Centre.

The younger Ridgway children are enjoying swimming lessons and planning is underway for the School Gala, to be held in Term Four.

St Bernard's children started the year with their updated school uniform and have been busy with first aid training from St Johns. Younger children learnt how to use the 111 emergency services and how to apply bandages while the older students were taught recovery positions and CPR.

Students in Room One planted zucchini prior to the summer holidays and enjoyed making fritters with the resulting crop. Finally, Rooms 2 and 4 enjoyed a trip to Te Papa to see the Dreamworks exhibition.

More news next month.



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BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Come along to the Brooklyn Food Groups Neighbours Day shared meal to celebrate local community and local food. We'll be firing up the BBQ in amongst the fruit trees of the Brooklyn Community Orchard. Will you join us?

Last year, our Neighbours Day shared meal was a huge success. We had sausages from Island Bay, apple sauce made from apples grown at the orchard, zucchinis from local gardens, homemade tomato sauce and more. Plus James the Baker from Gramercy in Berhampore kindly donated some delicious bread. This year looks set to be just as delicious so bring along your whanau and friends and some food to share. We'd love you to join us.

See you, rain or shine, at 5pm on **Saturday the 19th of March** at the **Brooklyn Community Orchard, Harrison Street.**

Neighbour's Day

Barbeque sizzle
at the community orchard



*Come and enjoy a shared meal
at the neighbourhood orchard.*

Hosted by The Brooklyn Food Group

Saturday 19th March 5pm
Brooklyn Community Orchard
Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

(Sun. 20th if raining)

thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com

Get in touch if you have any questions.
thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or
facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ.



BROOKLYN KINDERGARTEN FOOD FESTIVAL SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

Venue: St. Bernard's School Hall in Taft Street, Brooklyn.

Sunday 13th March 4-6 pm.

Brooklyn Kindergarten would like to invite the whole community to come along and buy their dinner, listen to some music and get together with friends.

We will be selling a variety of multi-cultural dishes including, Indian, Filipino, Cambodian, Brazilian and Samoan.

Vegetarian options, baking and a sausage sizzle are also available. The Brooklyn Toy Library will be there with ride on toys.

Proceeds will go towards fundraising for new wall coverings.

We may also have a visit from the local fire engine and community police constable.



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SALON BELLA

BROOKLYN'S BEST KEPT SECRET

High on Karepa St a Tuscan-style tower overlooks Polhill Gully and Zealandia. Tui, Kaka, and Wood Pigeons cavort in the surrounding trees.

If they were to peer into an upper level window, they'd see an intimate but highly professional hair salon. Two or three relaxed clients, sipping espresso or green tea and reading the latest magazines, might gaze back at them.

This is Salon Bella, owned by Pauline Cain. She and Belinda (on the left) are highly skilled colour specialists and stylists. Brooklyn residents, they have worked together happily for 30 years.

The combination of professional salon services, serene atmosphere, personal attention and easy parking is irresistible

for Pauline and Belinda's loyal clientele, most of whom make the short trip up from the city.

"I have been a client of Pauline's for many years. I trust her completely to cut my hair in a style that suits me. She's skilled at finding the right shades for me, and many people comment on how natural my hair looks," says Rowena.

SALON BELLA

OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PHONE 384-2271

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 brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before and After School Care & Holiday Programs. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or Brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am-1pm Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS	4 th Wednesday of the month 6:30pm-8:30pm. Next meeting 23 Mar. Knitting, crochet, sewing. Contact Leonie Flint 3896381
EKKAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@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 3.15-6pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 26 March 2016, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners: Wednesdays 5.30-6.15pm & Thursdays 5-5.45pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6-7pm, Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm. Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7.30-8pm. Strengthen & Tone: Thursdays 6.30-7pm. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Pilates/Dance Thursdays at 9am. Contact Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com for bookings.
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Susan 801 6814 or susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm. Contact 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. Contact Phillip on 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@extra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! 3-5yrs 9:45-10:15am. 1-3yrs 10:25-10:55am (and potentially 11:05-11:35am). info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or call 976 8742 or 022 645 6943

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelmorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events
contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

AEROBIC DANCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15am-10:15am Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am-2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am and 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:45-7:30pm. 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
KID'S ART CLASSES	Thursdays 3-4:30pm for primary school kids. Contact Euan on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-12:45pm. Thursdays 4.45pm-8.45pm. Contact Louise 021 585 119 or louise@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 and Saturdays 3-5pm. Contact Cam 021 263 0361 or info@wellington-iaido.com www.facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Fridays 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
ZUMBA	Positively Zumba – Tuesday evenings 7:15-8:30pm Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE A BROOKLYN STORY OR PHOTO?

Submit your story and/or photo to brooklyntattler@gmail.com with name and contact details. All photos to be high resolution with a description of when and where they were taken. Visit www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz for more information.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

36 JEFFERSON ST, BROOKLYN
PHONE 384 4299
OPEN WEEKDAYS 9-4

18 March Louise Morley. Interesting Documentary of her choice

25 March HAPPY EASTER

1 April Iona Anderson. Cats Protection in our community

8 April Robbie Lowe. Me and my whanau

10 April Future uncertain for the Brooklyn Resource centre

Our venue at 36 Jefferson Street has several **meeting spaces available for groups to hire**. We also have regular programmes operating from the centre each week, which anyone can attend. *Jenny Swan*

**PUBLIC MEETING
SUNDAY 10 APRIL 3-4.30PM
BROOKLYN RESOURCE CENTRE**

Future Uncertain

Do you want the Brooklyn Resource centre in our community?

We are a non-profit organisation that has existed for over 30 years for the benefit of local residents. Our future funding is not secure forcing us to re-evaluate our role in the Brooklyn Community.

Our future direction depends on your support so we are calling a public meeting to discuss the future of our organisation.

We hope to see you there.

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Hello Brooklyn!

We've been feeling pretty productive here at the library and have had fun tackling some fun projects, so next time you come in, check out our wall decoration in the Junior Comics section, get inspired, and maybe check out a couple of our new nonfiction books.

We have quite a few books coming up for the crafty among you. There are DIY books, projects for the home, gift ideas, and plenty of others too.

Easy DIY Ideas for your Home: 59 Amazing Projects to Make Step by Step, by **Bauer Books** features inspiration and affordable projects for you to personalise your home and make it super stylish.

DIY Garden Projects: Step-by-step Activities For Edible Gardening and Backyard Fun, by **Mat Pember and Dillon Seitchik-Reardon** will give you plenty of tips for the garden, including recycling ideas and what to do with those Wellington-shaped backyard spaces.

A Year in Crafts, by **Clare Youngs** will bear repeat borrowings as it gives you seasonal ideas to make all year round.

Or maybe you'd like to try a new cooking skill? We've got new titles on fermented foods, sauces and wine, featuring **Beyond Canning: new techniques, ingredients, and flavours to preserve, pickle and ferment like never before**, by **Autumn Giles**. If you've already hopped on the fermented food craze, then this book might have some new things for you to try. **Mastering Sauces: the home cook's guide to new techniques for fresh flavours**, by **Susan Volland** is a comprehensive guide to learning the fundamentals of sauce-making, and after making your new sauce, try **Wine Folly: the essential guide to wine** to find the perfect drop to pair with it.

We hope you see something that strikes your fancy and see you soon at the Library!

OPEN DAY!

**Saturday 19th March
10am - 1pm**

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All welcome.

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love alongside teachers
who **care**.



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Last month saw the first working bee of the year; our WWOOS - willing workers on Owhiro Stream - doing a tremendous job tackling the weeds that had sprung up over the summer among last year's planting, and also attacking some of the rampant blackberry.

There have been some losses among the plantings, due to that lovely hot sunny summer weather we have been enjoying, and some plants are very obviously somewhat stressed; but according to our Council Ranger, we have not suffered as greatly as some other areas. We hope this is due to the serious mulching we did, first with layers of cardboard gathered from recycling collections, then with a generous layer of Council supplied tree mulch. Good work, you dedicated cardboard collectors!

Satisfactory as this is we have some disappointing news from the shade house. A goodly number of our rather special plants that we had been nurturing disappeared over the holiday period. Some well grown totara we had been saving for a special spot, quite a few ferns, and some nikau and rata have all gone. In all the years the shade house has been operating, we have never before had a problem with theft or any other form of interference, so this is rather upsetting. The only

consolation is, we understand we are not the only nursery to be targeted, so this is an organised operation, and not the work of some disgruntled or misguided locals.

This year, FOOS intends to do some more work with Owhiro Bay School. Last year we helped clear a large flat area of re-emerging blackberry. This year we will be working upstream of the school, planting the banks with carex and other riparian species to help protect stream edges.



Our vision is:

Restoring the Moturua 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.

Art Trail 2017

In the spirit of encouraging people to come and explore Central Park, we held the very successful Upstream Art Trail in March 2015. Having learnt that preparation is one of the keys to success, we are now planning for the next Upstream Art Trail to be held in March 2017. Keep an eye on the website <http://upstream.org.nz/> and our [Facebook](#) page for details.

Donations towards the 2017 Art Trail are invited. Support emerging artists and help make this fantastic community event a success! If you would like more information or to be involved in preparations for this event please email info@upstream.org.nz



Before and After: Weed clearing and mulching with Debbie Van Hamersveld

Picnic in the Park, Sunday 20 March

Another community event. All members of local care groups - Upstream Friends of Central Park, Friends of Owhiro Stream, The Tanera Gully Care group and Polhill Protectors are invited to a BYO picnic.

Meet at the main gate at 11.30 for a look at past, present and future projects in the park then wander up to the playground for lunch at 12.30 and an opportunity to share ideas, frustrations and successes of caring for our lovely city environment.

Our next two Working Bees are Friday 25 March 2016 and Sunday 3 April.

The date changes are due to the very early Easter this year and the likelihood of people being away for the last Sunday in March.

Upstream - Friends of Central Park invite you to join us from 10am-12 at The Jetty. Follow the path upstream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

For more information, contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz or 0274465837



MEALS ON WHEELS

Rex Jones has served the Brooklyn area with Meals on Wheels for nearly 20 years. I went on the route with him to discover how things worked and why he does it.

Spotless, based at Wellington Hospital, delivers the meals and distribution list to Rex waiting in his car outside the Resource Centre. That is the first Rex knows about how many meals he will deliver on his run.



Bruce from Spotless has been dropping off meals to delivery people in Brooklyn for 19 years, the longest he has been in any job. He joined Spotless as a filler job and has loved it ever since.

Once Rex receives the client address list, he works out his delivery plan and heads out. It's a Tuesday and we have five main meals and desserts to deliver to residents in Panorama Heights, Owiro Bay and Kingston. The run takes about an hour with usually around 8 meals each day, but it varies.

Why does he do this? He says "Indirectly because I may have to have the service myself. It gives me a sense of purpose". He loves being out in the community but is not into committees.

Our first call is on Kath Knights, my neighbour, who has been getting this service for 10 years since she had a heart attack.

Rex explained "Some people are referred by the hospital for a short period, others have it for years and then disappear. You only know by not seeing their name on your list anymore."



First delivery to Kath Knights a

Rex usually does this once a week, while other drivers do it twice a week or perhaps once a month. As we drive around the route, Rex pointed out various houses he has delivered to in the past. It is a unique round as there are so many hills. He has had to deal with cable car access, sometimes taking a meal up in the cable car and, at other times, put the meal in the cable car and send it up to the house.



His usual practice is to collect the mail, deliver it with the meal and then spend a few minutes with them.

Kay Miller

Penny Pruden opens her fish dinner and dessert.

Meals on Wheels

This service can only be put in place by either your Doctor or the Hospital.

If meals have not been delivered or if you are interested in becoming a driver phone Gabby Taylor the Coordinator on

027 440 9980

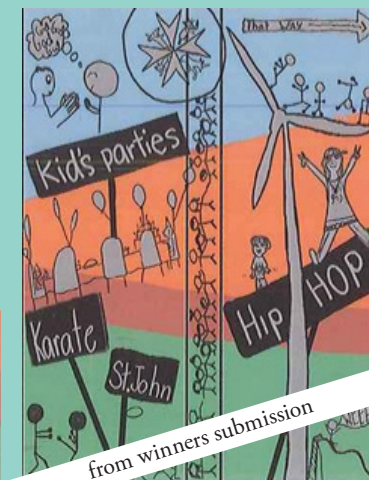
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE'S MURAL PROJECT LAUNCH

11am 26 MARCH AT BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come and meet Ellen Coup – Painter, Mural Artist, and Art Facilitator at 11am 26 March at Brooklyn Community Centre.

The winning design from competition is to be created on our entrance

Ellen will present the final design, talk about the project and how Brooklyn residents can be involved.



from winners submission

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BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE



Wouldn't you like the most important years of your child's life to be the most fulfilling of yours? Wouldn't it be great if having a young family expanded your social network instead of narrowing it?

I joined Brooklyn Playcentre in 2010 with three month old Freddie. We had no relatives in Wellington and no friends with young kids. I was missing the social life and sense of accomplishment that work life provided. Playcentre offered a



fun and inclusive community of parents who understood the challenges of parenting and provided me with support and encouragement. When Toby, our second child, arrived these lovely families provided home-cooked meals and looked after Freddie.

Playcentre is early childhood education run by parents for our own children. Through having fun in the sandpit and at the craft table kids learn to communicate, work together, and become curious about the world.

Our children blossomed alongside their friends as they grew up together. Freddie still plays with his Playcentre friends at Brooklyn School, and Toby is now enjoying his turn at being one of the big kids at Playcentre. I have completed Playcentre's free adult education courses and feel my parenting and life skills are much better for it.

We have made lifelong friends at Playcentre. We even go on camping holidays together. Playcentre has been the best decision we have made for our young family. Maybe Brooklyn Playcentre could change your life too.

Sonya Bissmire

Come along for a morning of fun at our early childhood centre. Find out what PlayCentre is all about at the Brooklyn Play Centre Open Days. Monday 14th to Thursday 17th March, 10am-12 noon, 22 Harrison Street, Brooklyn. All welcome.

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Gym for hire Bell Road Gymnasium is available for regular or casual hire weekdays, evenings or weekends. Having a sprung floor, it makes an ideal sports training facility. To check availability or for further information, contact Evan on 021 855 939.

Advertise in the new Classified section of the Brooklyn Tattler next month. You can use up to 35 words for just \$10 + gst.



BROOKLYN CLASSES

Thursdays 9am – DANCE AND PILATES

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for bookings and details



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■ During our glorious summer months many Brooklyn residents have been in touch about local issues.

Parking in central Brooklyn has come under increasing pressure. Is it time for a residents' parking zone? I'd be interested in your thoughts. My Annual Plan submissions include upgrading the dangerous pavement on the Todman St/Ohiro Rd corner – as requested by the Residents' Association.

■ I'm standing for the Mayoralty in this year's elections because Wellington needs change – and action!

We need to focus on economic growth, increased transparency for Council spending, a real drive to provide value for our rates, and a complete overhaul of the central city roading configuration as congestion is choking Wellington.

f NicolaYoungWellington
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NICOLA YOUNG **INDEPENDENT**
CITY COUNCILLOR

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Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

Brownies

Margaret 389 3028

Brooklyn Guides

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

has a passion for creating local food and community through workshops, shared gardens and a community orchard. Contact us to get involved or join our regular working bees from 5.30pm on Monday and Tuesday nights at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

Meets first Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

For years 1-4 and new entrants. Practice with us Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn.

Just turn up on practice day and we will take it from there. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2pm Saturday 2 April at the Library. Contact Sharon on 027 634 4455 or 388 8088, or Chris 384 9293 or email ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minute music group for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills through music, action songs and more in a loving shared family environment. Morning tea provided following the session.

Venue: Wellington Reformed Church

34 Harrison St. Wednesdays 10am. Rachel 022 407 9652

Venue: St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave.

Fridays 9:30am from 12 February Nicky 971 1265

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. Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Special \$20 Intro Package (firearm safety, range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition (2 rounds/13 shots per round). Sundays 4.30pm-6pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join the club contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

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

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

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

CRAFT CONNECTIONS

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

CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS

4th Wed of the month 6:30pm-8:30pm. Next meeting 23 Mar. Knitting, crochet, sewing. Contact Leonie Flint 3896381

BROOKLYN WALKERS

14 Mar Walk or bus to Quebec St, Wharangi Track starts left of Maori Memorial, follow track in series of loops to Happy Valley near Carlucci Land. Take alternative right at Memorial to Island Bay. Walkers start at 9:20am or catch 9:44am No 7 bus.

21 Mar Ashton Fitchett Rd, Polehill Walkway, Aro, Abel Smith, Inverloch, Buller, Ghuznee Sts. Walkers start at 9:10am or catch No 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett.

28 Mar Eastbourne to Days Bay. Catch 9:38am No 7 bus to connect with 10:07am No 83 bus at the railway station.

4 Apr Paekakariki to QEII Park and return via beach 9:08am No 8 bus, 9:44am train.

11 Apr Dorking Rd, Prince of Wales Park, Island Bay.

18 Apr Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Stellin Memorial, Northern walkway, Grant Rd, City 9:18am No 7 bus, 9:40am No 23 bus at Willis & Grand Arcade).

25 Apr Anzac Day.

2 May Seatoun, Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay, Lyall Bay. 9:57am No 11 bus from Wallace St.

9 May Titahi Bay 9:10am No 8 bus, 9:44am train. Arrive Porirua 10:05am, Bus to Titahi Bay 10:33am, (Gloaming Hill). Exit bus before it goes up Gloaming Hill beside sea. Walk around foreshore or over hill if energetic.

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

The vast improvement over the past years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs are achieved by this group. Martin 389 8995 Janet 385 2077

LIONS CLUB Make new friends and work together to give something back to the community. Join us as inaugural members and be part of this opportunity to shape our club to meet the needs of our community. lionsclubs.org.nz

Alice Dickson at alicedickson@hotmail.com or phone 027 725 4195

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 of Toastmasters International. Deb 027 444 9622 dlambie@live.com <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

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Tanera Bowling Club. Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings or 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.

EASTER SERVICES

ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

37 TAFT STREET

24 March Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

25 March Good Friday

11am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

26 March Holy Saturday

7pm - Easter Vigil Mass

27 March Easter Sunday

9.30am - Easter Sunday Mass

*For other services in Parish see
wellingtonsouthcatholic.org*

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

96 WASHINGTON AVENUE

27 March Easter Sunday

10am - All Age Celebration

For other services see

stmatthewbrooklyn.org.nz

WELLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

24 HARRISON STREET

27 March Easter Sunday Mass

10.30am to midday

*All are welcome to the special
service celebrating Christ's
death and resurrection.*



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