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**COMMUNITY MARKET
COMMUNITY DINNERS**

Wellington Water

School Tips for Parents

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School News

Brooklyn History

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Thank You!

To Sam Donald for our cover photo this month: The launch event for the Vogelmorn Community wood-fired outdoor oven.

Next month there will be a new team producing the Brooklyn Tattler. Thank you for your support over the last two+ years with the new look Tattler. Kay, Karen and Jenny

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The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) who maintains the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall also run the markets held at the community centre.

For years these have been run on a monthly basis but due to falling attendance levels and lowering awareness, the decision was taken late last year to revamp and rebrand them.

QUARTERLY FORMAT

After lots of discussion and feedback from local residents it was decided to change from a monthly to a quarterly basis to allow for the best possible event and to keep it fresh and fun.

The time has also been changed from mornings to afternoons to allow for a wider number of people to attend, including families with children involved in Saturday morning sports and those who are lucky enough to enjoy the luxury of a well-deserved lie-in on the weekend.

We have had amazing support and help from local residents and we would like to extend a huge thank you to them. We are always happy to extend our numbers though so if you would like to help out in any way or have any great ideas on how we can grow the markets, drop us a line at the address below.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

As part of the changes we have rebranded with the help of local designer Jenn McEwan. Jenn and her husband, photographer Jeff McEwan, run *Capture Studios* here in Brooklyn so it was great to be able to tap into some local talent.

There are loads of people like Jenn & Jeff running successful businesses from home here in Brooklyn and the surrounding area and one of the things we would like to do is give them the opportunity to bring greater awareness of their products and services via the markets.

CAKE COMPETITION

We want to make the markets a truly co-operative affair combining yummy food and coffee, funky stalls – including space for kids' stalls at every market rather than just once a year – showcasing local groups and activities available here in the greater Brooklyn area, and highlighting local businesses. We also thought a competition each time would be fun too. This quarter we are focussing on our budding young bakers with a cake competition so start thinking of something yummy for our judge to taste and see if you can win a prize!

FIRST MARKET

The first market runs from 2pm – 5pm on Saturday 24 March so mark it in your diaries now. To kick things off we have a bouncy castle and face painter booked, live music, yummy food, and great goods for sale including our ever popular fresh produce and farm eggs. There is still space available so if you or someone you know would like to book a stall contact us now.

BOOKING

To book a stall or demonstration time for your group, or just to find out a bit more how the market could be beneficial to you, please contact us or pop in and see us for a chat. *Hope to see you there!*



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MARKET DATES

24 March
 23 June
 22 September
 08 December

from the COORDINATOR

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ANZAC DAY As we move into autumn plans are well underway for the Brooklyn ANZAC Day remembrance service which this year falls on a Wednesday. As in previous years the service will start at 10:30am but will be held on the Brooklyn Community Centre grounds instead of Brooklyn School, followed by morning tea in the Community Centre hall. Afterwards the traditional wreath laying ceremony will take place at the WW1 memorial on Sugarloaf Hill just off Mitchell Street where a bugler will play the last post. Please join us for this annual event which attracts up to 500 people and involves many local community groups including the Brooklyn Scouts, Guides, Brownies, St Johns and Salvation Army.

Special thanks to Phillip Bolton for his work in coordinating this event and to Mark Farrar and the funding team at Wellington City Council who made our grant possible.

YOGA We now have regular weekly yoga classes in Vogelhorn Hall and Brooklyn Community Centre. Ming Janssen runs her Koha Yoga group on Tuesday mornings from 9:15am to 10:30am at Vogelhorn Hall. Ming's teaching is inspired by various yoga styles, mostly Kundalini and Vinyasa flow. Her classes are a combination of stretches and flowing movements with breath and strength development. Email: ming.janssen@gmail.com

If you prefer a weekend session, then try Jenn Thompson's Vinyasa Yoga class on Saturday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am in the Brooklyn Community

Centre hall. Jenn is an accredited yoga instructor and runs a gentle but strong class, guaranteed to get you moving. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com

WILD WORKOUTS are after a new fitness tutor to run their twice weekly boot camps at Vogelhorn Hall. If you're an early riser the 6am starts on Mondays and Wednesdays could suit you. Contact Duck Patten on 027 528 6833 for details.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wow, what a fantastic summer we've been having compared to last year. It's great that our kids are getting so much outdoor time with just a bit of rain now and then to cool things down and it's lovely to hear them out in the playgrounds having lots of fun. This term is a long one but with Easter being early this year there is a break in the second half of term with schools taking an extra day off on the Tuesday to ensure everyone gets a rest.

The highlight of this term for older students at Brooklyn and Ridgway is the school camps in March. Years 5 and 6 at Ridgway are off to Forrest Lakes at the end of the month and are currently busy fundraising. Over at Brooklyn the Year 7 and 8s ferry down to Teapot Valley at the beginning of the month where they will do a walk of the Abel Tasman. To prepare for this they have been going on some lengthy walks on Fridays during February. Once they return it's the turn of the Year 5 and 6s who are off to Palm Grove camp in Paraparaumu.

Brooklyn School are undergoing final designs for their building renovations and Ridgway School are currently in the consent and licence phase for their sandpit upgrade. Tem One finishes on Friday 13 April for all our schools.

from the COUNCILLOR

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Planning for the Long Term

One of the (many) things I like about Zealandia is the bold scope of its vision. Zealandia doesn't have a five, ten or even twenty year plan. Their goal stretches an ambitious five hundred years into the future, meaning everything they do and every decision they make is measured against this extremely long yardstick. At council our stick isn't anywhere near as long. While we are currently looking at our Long-Term (meaning ten year) Plan, in reality we focus on a maximum of three

year blocks. Not coincidentally this is also the length of the elected members' term. There are huge complexities in the running of a city, and it's unlikely we will ever be able to look hundreds of years ahead with any degree of confidence, but we must be prepared to set aside politics at least occasionally and attempt to stretch our vision far more afield than is usually the case.

Some recent processes have tried to do that. Let's Get Wellington Moving is one example (although how successful it is has yet to be determined) as is the Our City Tomorrow process coming from council. The task however is for us all.

So what is your vision for Brooklyn in a hundred years? In fifty? Looking well beyond our own lifetimes invites us to put aside our personal self-interest (and maybe even our biases) and think about the world our grand and great grandchildren will inherit. I encourage us to make the effort.

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HELPING KIDS GET INTERESTED IN SCIENCE

If we want our children to understand the world, then understanding science is very necessary.

Ideally children should become effective and critical thinkers, and there is no better way to achieve this than having them participate and engage with and discuss concepts and ideas developed by scientists to help us understand the world we live in. Science boosts children's curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

At St Bernard's we have positively encouraged science learning over the last year (and will continue for two more years) by participating in Otago University's education support services which delivers first class professional development to our teachers. Since Otago University got on board, our children have been busting their guts to get into more and more science concepts through decent experimentation.

Some great ways to bring science to life for your kids are:

► Cooking with them: it's science in action! You melt, change, mix things; use energy to cook and consume energy when you eat; the food affects your body and your brain..... talk with your kids about what's going on – and discover together online. MentalFloss.com has a roundup of 10 edible science experiments.

► Playing lego and technical lego and meccano with them. We all use physics to hold stuff up and physics explains why

stuff falls down. LEGO also has its own robotics and coding kits, including a new WeDo 2.0 line for primary school kids.

► Talk about and test your bodies – how strong are we? How do our muscles work? Why do we need a skeleton and bones? Have a look at the My Incredible Body app.

► Let them play (educational) games on the computer - Google's Made with Code, for example, has a project where your budding fashion designer can design a dress with LED lights.

► Watch TV together - Bill Nye, the Science Guy, and Mythbusters are on Netflix and YouTube. Common Sense Media has a list of science shows for kids of all ages as well.

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

Family Open Day

Saturday 24 March
10am – 1pm
All welcome

- » Bouncy castle
- » Sausage sizzle
- » Fun activities
- » PLUS the Brooklyn Fire Service are coming to visit!

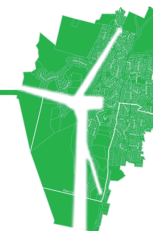


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LOTS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Wellington Water are seeking feedback on a new water reservoir to replace the one on Bell Rd. We had a meeting to discuss consultation with our community and there will be an info session at the Brooklyn Community Centre on 25 March. We will also hold a workshop in April to discuss what could happen with the old reservoir site.

We received an email from WCC stating they have engaged consultants to prepare construction documents for the Cleveland, Ohio, Todman intersection. This contradicts

their previous offer to engage with the community on improvements to this intersection. We have asked for clarification on whether they are in fact open to the communities views.

GWRC are about to consult further on the proposed Brooklyn Bus Hub in Cleveland St. Those nearby considered to be immediately affected will be sent a letter with details of the proposal. Please contact us if you want details or have concerns.

We are seeking to have a mobility park added to Cleveland St and this is supported by the business owners.

Stage 2 of the bike track project at Vogelhorn Park needs your support. Head to <http://bit.ly/2GrIRdd> for details.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday March 6, 7:30pm at St Mathews, Please come and share your thoughts.



Wizz Theatre Academy is all about fostering a lifelong love of theatre in young people, developing the integration of dramatic skills and of course having fun!

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KEEN TO MEET A FEW MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We'd love you to join us for our upcoming series of five community dinners. Each one will offer a scrumptious affordable meal, and a speaker or activity.

The first one will be **Sunday 25 March 4-7pm**. We hope to see you there! Register your interest at vogelmorn.nz/whats-on. Thanks to Wellington City Council for their support to run the series.

THEATRE & MUSIC

Sign up for drama and musical theatre classes suitable for ages 5-18 with Imogen Prossor's Wizz Theatre Academy on

Mondays at 4.30pm. We're also hosting marimba classes on **Wednesdays at 5.30**, plus there'll be a Fringe Festival showing by Kosta Bogoiesvki on **21-23 March**.

For contacts and more info visit our website.

RIDGWAY BIKE TRACK

The project to build an asphalt bike track around the corner at Vogelhorn Park is taking a giant step forward as work begins on site. Stage 2 to build a pump track and skills area requires community support.

Head to <http://bit.ly/2GrIRdd> to see details of the Givealittle fundraising campaign. You can also email jasonedy@hotmail.com if you want to get involved in the project.



You're invited...

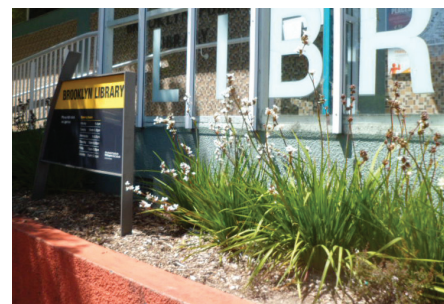
**Last Sunday of the month
Starting 25 March, 4-7pm
Vogelmorn Bowling Club
93 Mornington Road**

Come on your own, or with friends & neighbours, to share an affordable meal with new & familiar faces.

Visit vogelmorn.nz for more details.

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Tēnā koutou katoa

The afternoon rush can only mean one thing - school is back! It's lovely seeing so many familiar, young faces again and hearing about their summer holidays. Brooklyn kids are avid readers and we love being asked for suggestions for new books to read. Whether you have a child who's "read everything" or is in a bit of a reading lull, the Brooklyn team can help! With free reserves for children and young adults, it's no hassle to request books from the other branches.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH? It's a month of festivals! We've got the programmes for **Writers & Readers** and **Fringe** ready for you to browse.

WRITERS & READERS has an unbelievably amazing line-up of authors - Cory Doctorow, Paula Morris, Hera Lindsay Bird, and Bill Manhire to name just a few! From politics to poetry, there's something for everyone.

Works by the speakers have been flying off the shelves so you better get in quick if you want to do some pre-festival reading. Adult cardholders can place a reserve on an item for \$2 or \$1 with a Gold Card/Community Services Card. Not sure what to read? There's a gallery of selected works by the speakers on the new catalogue homepage.

FRINGE always offers something a little bit different. For the whole family there's Chalk the Walk at the Wellington Waterfront. If you like storytelling, give Eamonn Marra's show a go. I thoroughly enjoyed his story at last year's LitCrawl event 'True Stories Told Live'. Marra is a comedian so of course his story was funny but it also was a reflection on the way we treat others and what it says about ourselves.

TRUE STORY fans have got to read the books from **The Moth!** The Moth is a series of live shows in the US where people tell true stories. Selected stories have been published in 'The Moth' and 'The Moth presents All These Wonders'. You can also hear recordings of these live shows on their podcast, available on Spotify, iTunes, and any podcast app.

Ngā mihi,
Alicia and the team at Brooklyn Library

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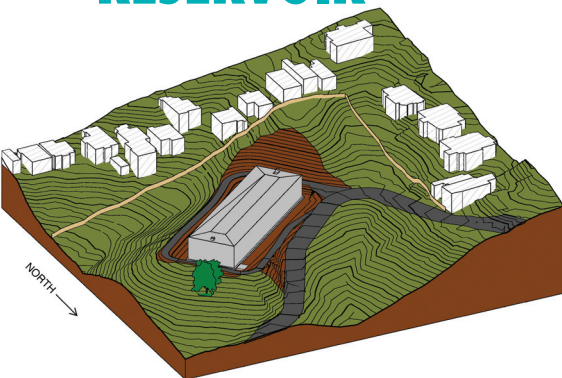
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REPLACING THE BELL ROAD WATER RESERVOIR



3D view of proposed final landform after backfilling and prior to landscaping

Like other parts of the Wellington region, the Bell Road water supply zone which serves parts of Brooklyn and Mount Cook is vulnerable to seismic activity. The Bell Road water reservoir, which feeds the zone, is more than 100 years old and no longer seismically resilient.

Working with Wellington City Council, Wellington Water is proposing to replace the existing reservoir with new seismically resilient structure and new, resilient pipelines.

The project also provides the opportunity to amalgamate with the Aro water supply zone, served by equally ageing and vulnerable infrastructure.

We want to ensure the water needs of both Bell Road and Aro zones can be adequately met in the case of a significant earthquake, and to reduce disruptions during network maintenance and repairs. Projects like Bell Road are also

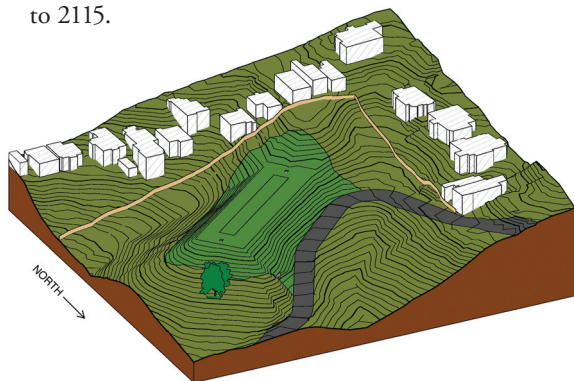


an important part of serving Wellington region's basic water needs after a significant earthquake. The region's water network is vulnerable and could leave parts of the city without water for up to 100 days after a big shake and needs to be improved.

Over the next 30 years Wellington Water is investing in infrastructure and initiatives to reduce water restoration times to 30 days. This includes Wellingtonians storing enough water to be self-sufficient for the first seven days.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE BELL ROAD PROJECT

The proposed new reservoir will be a fully covered 10 million litre capacity structure, sufficient to cater for forecast population growth and water demand out to 2115.



3D view of completed reservoir on the excavated site

The preferred proposed site for the new reservoir is at Upper Bell Road, near the intersection of Bell Road and Heaton Terrace within the Wellington Town Belt. We investigated a range of possible sites, selecting Upper Bell Road because it meets all criteria including the right elevation, available and undeveloped land, proximity to the water zones.

SO WHY NOT USE THE EXISTING SITE?

The existing reservoir needs to stay in service while we construct the new reservoir and there is no other water storage option for the Bell Road supply zone. The existing site is also too low to service the Aro zone.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE WELLINGTON TOWN BELT?

To build and operate the proposed reservoir in the Wellington Town Belt, we need approval from the Wellington City Council under the Wellington Town Belt Act – which involves public consultation. We will need to meet strict conditions, ensuring the Town Belt is protected and enhanced, carrying out detailed assessments of impacts and how we will mitigate them.

The main impacts will be temporary due to extensive earthworks required to position and cover the reservoir, truck movements on and off site and the removal of some of the existing vegetation. The reservoir will be fully covered and once completed the site will be landscaped and within five years, completely restored. Overall, we believe the project will deliver a net benefit to the Town Belt, with the removal of the old reservoir and working in collaboration with the community to restore and enhance the site.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT RESIDENTS?

The main impact will be noise and traffic from the earthworks and heavy vehicles

moving on and off site via Bell Road - and potentially other roads in the area. Measures will be put in place to manage and where possible limit effects as much as possible, such as restricted working hours and efficient loading and route planning.

For residents overlooking the site, views will be temporarily disrupted by construction. But, in the long-term the project will enhance their vistas. Detailed assessments of all impacts and how we'll manage them are being completed as part of the consenting process. And we are working closely with the community and residents.

NEXT STEPS In July 2018, Wellington Water plans to

lodge an application with the Wellington City Council for an easement under the Wellington Town Belt Act, which will be followed by a public consultation process including an open day, submissions and public hearings.

BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

recognise this as an opportunity to improve the resilience of Wellington's water supply system. We know that there will be impacts on the Brooklyn community during construction and there will be opportunities to express concerns through the consultation process.

BRAI are keen to hear your views about the proposed reservoir, the construction and about what will happen with the existing reservoir site. BRAI committee members will be at the info session on the 25th of March and will host a workshop in April to hear the community's thoughts. Get in touch by email to: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Wellington Water invites you to this special information session on the Bell Road Reservoir Replacement project.

**SUNDAY 25 MARCH
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 11AM-2PM**

This is an opportunity to find out more, ask experts questions and learn how to be involved.

WELLINGTONWATER.CO.NZ

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	Next monthly meeting Wednesday 7 March 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 24 March, 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
ROCKING POPPING BODS	Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 year olds. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@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 3:15-4:15pm. After-school music and motion for 5-8 year olds. Contact Moya on 021 050 3075.
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am & 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 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	Free form dancing in the dark! Koha entry. Wednesdays fortnightly at 8pm on 7 & 21 March, 4 & 18 April. Facebook: @kanikaniwellington
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am. 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
WILD WORKOUTS	A new fitness tutor needed for 6am boot camps on Mondays & Wednesdays. Contact Duck Patten 027 528 6833.
ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com



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WEDNESDAYS 9AM-4PM We had a great turn out to our first Wednesday Circle at our new venue, and a few new people. The space is warm and friendly with easy, flat access and parking close by. Thank you St Matthew's Church for welcoming us and for your support during our transition.

WEDNESDAY CIRCLE If you know anyone who'd like a day out, encourage them to come along. Nominal charge to cover costs depending on what you take part in.
10:30am: Morning Tea **Noon:** Lunch
1pm: Arthritic Exercise **1:30-2:30pm:** Speaker **2:30pm:** Afternoon Tea

SPEAKERS WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

7 March: Natalia's Quiz
14 March: Ashley Joy (from Zealandia): NZ's Wildlife History
21 March: Maya Hasan: Refugee & Searching for Employment
28 March: Please ring Jenny on 022 538 1030 if you can fill this slot

If you're able to assist as a guest speaker or volunteer driver please contact Jenny. Two elderly attendees from Ohiro Road and Irwell Rest Home (Island Bay) require transport to and from the venue.

We wish to broaden our programme of activities offered in the future to encourage more locals to attend. We'd love to see more new faces - anyone is welcome to drop by for any length of time.

Jenny Swan, Co-ordinator

"How can such small movements make such a big difference?"

Help yourself:

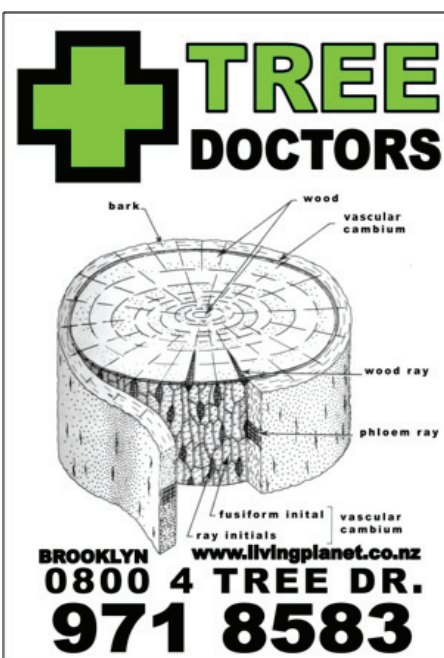
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NEXT WORKING BEE SUNDAY 25 MARCH

Upstream meets from 10am-12 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!

Where did my paint go? Moturoa Stream is home to native fish, koura (freshwater crayfish) and other freshwater life. So it's upsetting to occasionally see signs of pollution in the stream, such as the recently seen paint scum. Clearly, someone had cleaned out paint brushes into a storm water drain, which then discharged into the stream. That's bad news for the freshwater life because the oily residues can suffocate fish and insects and carry heavy metals into the system, perhaps all the way to the harbour, where Moturoa Stream eventually flows out.

It's easy to avoid this kind of water pollution by cleaning paint brushes in the laundry sink (which will be treated because it drains into the sewage system) or in a bucket that you tip onto or bury in your garden. See more at gw.govt.nz/the-problem-with-stormwater or gw.govt.nz/save-the-drain-for-rain or gw.govt.nz/easy-steps-to-keep-the-water-clean

Absolutely, positively re-purposing
Our creative brains kicked into action with

the prospect of a long dry summer and a host of recently planted trees and shrubs to nurture. The trees were numbered and a group of enthusiastic water bearers each took responsibility for a particular batch.

Plastic bottles, normally destined for recycling at best, were put to very effective use by cutting the ends off, punching holes in the lids and upending them into small hollows dug out just above the trees. The water poured into the cut end filtered straight down to the roots rather than running off down the slopes. We also made sure the plants were mulched to shade the ground. If bark mulch wasn't available, we simply placed long grass cut from nearby around the plants. The technique was so successful that some of us started bottle planting in our home gardens as well!

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Goodness me - March already - summer seems to have only just begun, and soon it will be planting season again!

Every year, FOOS volunteers struggle to get all the plants we have available into the ground, and inevitably end planting the last of them in October, which, when we get a hot dry spell as we did last year, can be a bit disastrous.

THIS YEAR, however, we intend to start earlier - maybe April - so as to get everything off to the best start possible. In the meantime, we will be doing our best at our second-Saturday-of-the-month working bees to save previous plantings from various rampant weeds which will have inevitably sprung up over this warm summer. **This month's on Saturday 10 March, 10.00 - 12.30** at an as yet to be chosen site somewhere down the stream.)

There are restoration groups all over New Zealand, all doing their best to improve the water quality of streams and wetlands, and habitats for birds and insects, and they have collectively been working and gathering knowledge for many years, but there is still much to learn about the best route to restoration. Only this morning,

on Nine to Noon, a young woman being interviewed was doing Masters' research into why some older restoration plantings were failing, suffering 'canopy collapse', i.e. older plantings all dying at once, before the under planting was ready to take over.

This is not canopy collapse as the result of possum browsing, as reported by Forest & Bird in 2015, but as a result (possibly) of one species being planted all at

once, with not enough supporting species. Plants do like company, and maybe, like people, it is better if varied!

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



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MORIAH KINDERGARTEN JOINS ENVIROSCHOOLS PROGRAM

Local preschool, Moriah Kindergarten, has recently joined the Enviroschools program and is on its way to becoming an Envirokindy.

Enviroschools' stated aim is 'to foster a generation of people who instinctively think and act sustainably' - an honourable goal, but how does it play out in the day-to-day reality of a kindergarten? 'It affects everything,' explains teacher Chandra Littlewood, Moriah's Envirokindy lead. 'Planning, purchasing, teaching - everything is done with the goal of guiding the children to connect with their environment, learn about it, consider impact, and make changes.' She says a huge benefit of the program is the way it ripples out to kindy families, the immediate community and the wider world as children become kaitiaki of their own environments.

Launched in 2001, Enviroschools is described as a kaupapa, a program, and a movement for change. It is grounded in Maori perspectives and follows a whole-school/centre approach in which the children

themselves help plan, design and implement sustainability projects.

The program has five theme areas: Living Landscapes, Zero Waste, Energy!, Ecological Building, and Water of Life.

As a city kindergarten Moriah focused on Living

Landscapes first, connecting children with the natural world and exploring urban sustainability. Children now separate waste, feed compost worms, take out recycling, and plant gardens.

Natural materials like shells and plants have been incorporated into play. Plastic bags are gone, creatively replaced by Hoki Mai Peke - fabric bags made by the children. They have also visited Central Park to plant new trees, and Oriental Bay for a beach clean-up.

Head teacher Heidi Greenwood says the program has had an immediate impact; she hears it in the children's conversations. 'When you have kids talking to each other, not just to adults, about changing their environment, you know the teaching is really working,' she observes.



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EXHIBITION COEXISTENCE

Two years ago, local Brooklyn resident, Jill Oakley initiated a unique project - to bring an inspiring international outdoor art exhibition to Wellington.

Exhibition Coexistence, curated by Raphie Etgar from the Museum on the Seam in Jerusalem, promotes the message of peace and tolerance between people around the world.

COEXISTENCE runs March 1 - 22 at Waitangi Park, on Wellington's waterfront. It is a free admission exhibition featuring 44 individual panels 3m x 5m in size including a new artwork by a Wellington artist.

The exhibition serves as the focal point for other activities on the theme of coexistence; workshops, seminars, round table discussions and children's activities.

Come and hear Raphie Etgar speak about Coexistence Exhibition at 6pm on 6 March at St. Peter's on Willis. It's free admission. Be part of the conversation, engage with local art and artists of all ages exploring the way we can live together in our differences with peace and harmony. Come prepared to think about what you can do in the wider Brooklyn community around this important theme!

The Brooklyn Community Centre is keen to support and facilitate local initiatives that emerge from this event.

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Further to the Maori occupation from part 1 of last month's Tattler, the track connecting the top of Hargreaves Street to the sealed path between Dorking Road and Prince of Wales Park is the only evidence remaining of the original tracks the Ngatiawa hapu cut for better access to and from their mahinga-kai. This is the track outlined in the next paragraph.

It is still largely original and unmodified.

When the first white settlers arrived in the area in 1841, they cut a further path which descended a spur from the top of the eastern hills in a northwest direction to what is now Nairn Street park. This was practically the same route Bell Road takes today. The new settlers continued to use the "Native Track" (as they referred to it) from the Omaroro Gardens (this track is largely unchanged today since these times).

The three tribes became friendly with the new settlers quite rapidly, and the settlers utilised the tracks cut by the Maori to find land for themselves. Unfortunately relations soured when the hapu got wind of the land transactions the English Land Company

EARLY MĀORI IN BROOKLYN

made for new settlers.

For our readers information, here is how these transactions came to being. The New Zealand Company (who had no idea of what the country offered), held a Land Ballot Auction of 100,000 acres in London on 29 July 1839. Prospective

emigrants could purchase one acre sections, or more wealthier people could buy 100 acre sections. It is not known the price paid for these lots. When they arrived in NZ, the settlers approached Governor William Wakefield to lay out country sections, in this case, in Ohiro. When the white settlers first arrived, including Wakefield and his party, they had no idea the land was in Maori ownership, and simply staked their claim on land, causing resentment among the various tribes.

Footnote: As discussed in a past story, there are two separate localities, unrelated to each other, Ohiro, and Owhiro. The latter only encompasses the bay on the south coast and the part of Happy Valley northwards to the present school.

Next month's story will tell you more on the beginnings of the Community Centre, due to celebrate its 75th Jubilee in 2022.

PEA STRAW BALES - LAST CHANCE



Brooklyn Scouts has been raising funds through the sale of pea straw bales. We're now down to our last 50 bales! Sourced from the weevil-free Manawatu, pea straw is the ideal mulch for your thirsty garden. 2 bales for \$50; 4 bales for \$90, additional bales \$20 each. Pick-up and delivery options available. Email peastraw@brooklynscouts.org.nz



As many of you are aware Brooklyn School received \$3.5 million from the Ministry of Education for significant redevelopment.

Over the past year the Ministry, school and architects have been working through detailed plans. Although timing is still to be confirmed, we expect building work to start mid-year, and it will be in four stages:

Stage 1: An extension to the existing hall and an additional exit for the library

Stage 2: Takahe block increased by the equivalent of three to four classrooms, creating innovative learning environments

Stage 3: Replacing the current Kiwi village (the classrooms closest to Harrison Street) with a new block.

Stage 4: Repair and upgrading of the administration block.

Preliminary plans are on the school website, and displayed on a noticeboard outside Room 5 near the Washington Avenue entrance. We will use the Library and redeveloped Hall for classrooms during construction. Once contractors have been appointed we will be able to provide more details on timing of the phases and likely impact on the school and community.

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5 March Waikanae Beach to Waikanae via river walkway. 8.40 No 7 bus, 9.14 train, 10.18 bus to Waikanae Beach.

12 March Eastbourne to Days Bay 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07

No 83 bus at railway station.

19 March Titahi Bay. Exit bus before it goes up Gloaming Hill beside sea. Walk around foreshore or over hill. 9.10 No 8 bus, 9.44 train. Arrive Porirua 10.05. Bus to Titahi Bay 10.33 (Gloaming Hill).

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