

## WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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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 4:15 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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INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am –11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:holly.cane@porse.co.nz">holly.cane@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	Monday 2 June from 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	<b>New!</b> Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm 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 \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. <b>New daytime class!</b> Fridays at 1pm in the main hall. 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 31 May - 9.30 to 1pm Tables only \$10. Phone Euan on 384 6799

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# Brooklyn Tattler



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### Vogelmorn Community Group Formed

Local resident, playwright, and Ridgway school parent, Jo Randerson initiated the first meeting of the newly formed VCG at Vogelmorn Hall on 14 April, following a meeting with local Councillors. The VCG aims to bring interested people together to share information regarding the future of Vogelmorn Hall, the neighbouring bowling club green and surrounding areas. Ben Zwartz of the VCG has been elected as a voice for Vogelmorn onto the Brooklyn Community Association.

### Outstanding Turnout to AGM Five new Council members elected

The Brooklyn Community Association welcomes five additional members to the existing council elected at our AGM on 4 May. Ben Zwartz, John Barnhill, Tania O'Connor, Vanessa Bidois and Jasyn Horan join the current council who have all stood again for the coming year. Kay Miller takes over as president from Scott Tingey and Philip Duncan remains as treasurer.

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## Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

The last month has flown by with many activities happening at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall. The Brooklyn Brawl at Vogelmorn Hall took place on 10 April, with wrestlers being thrown about a ring set up in the middle of the floor, a total contrast to the functions, piano recitals and dance practice sessions that are the norm.

Gwen Devereux celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12 April with an informal gathering of family, friends and members of the local community. Our next door neighbours, the Brooklyn Playcentre provided the afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all. The most interesting part of the afternoon, apart from the people, was viewing the display boards of photos put together to celebrate Gwen's 90 years, which included photos of her as a baby, at school, on her wedding day, then with her young family right up to the present. For me and many others it was the first time we have seen Gwen in her youth.

I was present at the first meeting of the Vogelmorn Community Group on 12 April at Vogelmorn Hall to share information and discuss the future of Vogelmorn Hall and the Vogelmorn Bowling Club. There was good representation from local residents and hall users. Well done Jo Randerson for initiating this.

The ANZAC Day Community morning tea was another success with over 300

people filling the Brooklyn Community Centre after marching down from St Matthew's after the 10:30am service. Luckily this year the weather remained dry, in spite of the dark clouds above. Thanks to Perry Aspros and Phillip Bolton for helping to organise this community gathering, and to Jenny Swan and the Brooklyn Resource Centre for the all the sandwiches.

The combination of an Easter weekend and Anzac Day in the same week made for a shorter than normal start to our popular school holiday programme. Adam Hendry our Childcare Programme Manager put together another fantastic fortnight of activities enjoyed by up to 60 kids per day.

We have photos from the holiday programme and Gwen's 90<sup>th</sup> online at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz) Just click on the gallery tab.

AGM's are never a big draw card, but we were pleased with the bigger than normal turnout this year to the Brooklyn Community Association AGM on 4 May which saw an additional five local residents join our existing council committee. Guest speaker, Cr. David Lee gave a very interesting presentation on 'A Village Plan for Brooklyn and a Community Hub' There were plenty of questions and comments from the audience, and David was well supported by his councillor colleagues, Paul Eagle, Iona Pannett and Nicola Young.

Have a great month

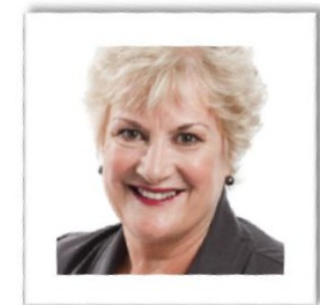
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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 28 May 2014**

Email: [niccitong@gmail.com](mailto:niccitong@gmail.com) with your contribution.

## Thanks Katie Underwood Welcome Nicci Tong

The Brooklyn Community Association Council would like to thank Katie Underwood for five dedicated years of voluntary work preparing the layout and editing the Brooklyn Tattler each month.

Katie took over as editor from Gwen Devereux, who had been in this role for 15 years. Each issue of the Tattler has required regular communication with contributors and advertisers, plus the ability to adapt content to the space available.

Katie has willingly responded to an increasing number of contributions, always meeting deadlines for the proof-readers. Thank you Katie.

The ongoing work of Euan Harris, the BCA Co-ordinator and Adam Hendry, the Childcare Programme Manager, has produced an increase of people, families, community groups and businesses using our facilities, making the Tattler even more essential in promoting what is going on at the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall.

Nicci Tong is joining the Tattler team and will be 'cutting her teeth' as it were, compiling and laying out the May issue. She is a Brooklyn resident who specialises in room space design.

Nicci is a great asset with her creative skills and layout ability.

Welcome Nicci!

**BCA Council**

## New Tattler Policy

The Tattler policy has been updated. The full policy is available online at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz).

## A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who came to afternoon tea at the Community Centre to wish me well on my recent birthday, or who sent cards, flowers, emails and phone calls to me.

It was a great afternoon and one I will remember always.

Thank you all,  
**Gwen Devereux**

## School News

Our schools have all been enjoying a well-earned two week break after a busy first term so there's not much news to report this month.

Term Two is now underway with the children at St Bernards enjoying swimming lessons and the Kiwi syndicate children at Brooklyn School looking forward to a trip to the Carter Observatory as part of their Space studies this term.

In other news, Ridgway School made in excess of \$19,000 from their recent Gala, so a big thank you to everyone who supported them.

Term 2 runs from Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July.

**Julie Seevens**



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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**PODIATRIST**

Every second Friday  
9am - 11.30am  
Ph. for an appointment on 384 4299

**FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$5**

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

We have an amazing line up of speakers for May and June. Drop in on Friday from 2 - 3pm. You may like to be a speaker yourself.

## Speakers for May and June

16 May: Stan Hermansson (Shepherd)  
Happy Valley sheep station

23 May: Milookie Homer  
My experiences on becoming a Mechatronics Engineer"

30 May: Gary Haddon  
Ambassadors to Wellington

6 June: Thelma Gillespie  
Events in the life of a school secretary

13 June: Katie Underwood  
Little Barrier Island (How NZ used to be).

One of our oldest members, Kath Cunningham passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> May, three days after celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Our condolences go out to her family. We will miss Kath's wonderful sense of humour.

We had good response to our request for Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers. Welcome to you all.

Thanks Noeleen Furlong for showing and helping me plant a variety of bulbs in our back garden. We look forward to the colourful flowers in Spring.

Katie Underwood you have done a wonderful job as the editor of the Brooklyn Tattler. On behalf of the Brooklyn Resource Centre, we thank you for all your hard work.

Don't forget about our Tuesday Community Lunch from 12noon - 1pm. I hope to see you soon.

**Jenny Swan**  
**Co-ordinator**

## Bottle Tops for Charity!

Did you know that the little screw tops from your wine bottles perform an amazing contribution to charity?

Each of those little aluminium tops, I am told, can provide 1 second of dialysis for a child with kidney problems.

Local businesses have been doing their bit by saving those little tops and dropping them off at the Brooklyn Resource Centre for Min Janssen, so she can deliver them to a local Lions Club to pass on for recycling. There are several people involved in collecting from local and other businesses: Ruth Fitchett, Min & Toos. The businesses that I know who collect are:

- Penthouse Theatre: Brooklyn
- Rita Angus Retirement Home: Kilbirnie
- Island Bay Bowling Club
- Berhampore Bowling Club
- Manakau Levin RSA
- Brooklyn Resource Centre users
- Brooklyn Bar and Bistro
- The Realm: Hataitai

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## 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 021 272 1060  
or email: [louise@spirit.net.nz](mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz)
- FELDENKRAIS CLASSES** Awareness through Movement  
Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm  
Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am  
Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or 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: [positivelyzumba@gmail.com](mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com)
- FIONA HAINES DANCE** Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm  
Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020  
[f.haines.dance@gmail.com](mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com)
- KIDS ART** Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm  
During school terms
- WELLINGTON NAGINATA** Women's Martial Arts Group  
Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7pm  
Contact Alice at [henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk)
- IAIDO TRAINING** Non-combative Japanese Martial Art  
Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm  
Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or [cam@camfindlay.com](mailto:cam@camfindlay.com)

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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View us online at: [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

## Brooklyn History

How many residents can remember the Brooklyn garage down Ohio Road, next door to the temporary Library, formerly Golden Lotus Restaurant, and a Milk Bar before that? It was demolished early in 1993 along with the neighbouring Central Park Delicatessen, to make way for the Theatre extensions and carpark.. The garage, known as Brooklyn Auto Repairs, was built in 1926, and had a forecourt with petrol pumps, plus a garage repair area, and many a local resident had their car serviced there. For most of its life it was owned by Jimmy Simons, and his brother Ray. Locals Hughey Beavis and Paul Simpson also helped out there back in the 1930's. By the late 1950's, Jim had decided it was too small for the amount of customers he had, so he established a larger petrol station and garage further down Ohio Road, which is still there to this day.. He sold it to Daniel David, who ran it until its closure in the 90's. Paul Simpson remembers him and his mates having their motorbikes serviced at the Auto Repair shop before World War 2. They rode Harley Davidsons, BSA's, Panthers, and

Rudges, but all were commissioned and used for the war. The boys were part of a larger group of local residents who called themselves the 'Milk Bar Cowboys', as they used to congregate outside the milk bar next door, or the one in Cleveland Street. Shell, Atlantic, and Big Tree were the fuels of the day and later the ones we know so well today came along. Texaco was another fuel, this changed its name to Caltex, though the original name for this, way back in America's colonial days, was "Caltexaco", and it was in America, that two petrol companies went independent and the two names Texaco and Caltex were formed. Europa is another old fuel brand which survived right up till the 90's. Jim Simons was a well known mechanic in Brooklyn, and everybody took their vehicles to him, and if he didn't have a part and had to get it up from town, no one minded waiting a day or two. On occasions when he was seen at social events he was barely recognisable in 'good clothes' as everyone knew him only in oily overalls, and oily hands!

More next month.

**Chris**

## Councillor Corner

As I write this, I have just been to the AGM of the Brooklyn Community Association and it is great to see the Association in such good heart with an enthusiastic committee and in a strong financial position.

We have now nearly gone through our Annual planning process and are beginning on preparation for our Long Term Plan which we must do every three years.

This is the city's big opportunity in the triennium to think about what we want to achieve over the next 10 years. I have many ideas but would also like to hear from you. There will be plenty of opportunities to share your thinking. More details in next month's Tattler.

One of the big issues for Brooklyn will be future community facilities. My colleague David Lee has some interesting ideas about what that future could look like and your ward councillors will be working in with the community and David to plan for the future whether it is a hub or a number of facilities around the Brooklyn/Vogeltown/Mornington area.

On the environmental front, I'm pleased at the progress the Environment Committee is making on the bill to protect the Town Belt.

Oral hearings will begin soon and I hope to see the Bill handed over to Parliament in the next few months. The vexed issue of whether we should extend the landfill continues.

More discussion on this topic will continue as we develop our Long Term Plan.

**Iona Pannett**

**Ph. 384 3382 Mobile: 021 227 8509**

## Exciting plans for Term 2 at Brooklyn Scouts

Over the last few months, the Brooklyn Scout Hall basement has been undergoing a transformation.

The official opening will be coming soon, so look out for notices around the community and come check out our exciting new space and store room on the Brooklyn Scouts Basement Open Day.

Plans are now well underway for Term 2 activities. Off-roading and a ski trip will be among the 'extra' activities, in addition to the ongoing weekly meetings.

During Term 1 we were pleased to welcome a number of new Scouts many of who have moved up from Cubs. This now leaves space in our Cub Pack and Kea Club to take on new members, so if your 5 to 11 year old child has finished their summer sports Term 2 might be the perfect time to try out something new.

Remember we welcome both boys and girls.

Check out our website for more details about our free initial visits. [www.brooklynscouts.org.nz](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz), or call Gavin on 934 5442.



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Nicci Tong  
Interior Stylist

## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah phone: 384-7412 or Clare phone: 384-9054.

**19 May:** Ashton Fitchett Rd, Polehill Walkway, Aro St, Abel Smith St, Inverloch, Buller St, Ghuznee St (walkers start 9:10, others No.8 bus to Ashton Fitchett).

**26 May:** Walk through High School, Wellington Hospital grounds, Alexandra Rd, City.

**2 June:** Queens Birthday

**9 June:** Wallace St, bus to Karori, Friend St, Homewood, Flers St, Burns St, Ponsonby Rd, (down walkway at end, through Northland tunnel, Kelburn, City (9:15 start, 9:35 No. 18 bus at Wallace St.))



### Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

Small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have 3 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.



### Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas 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, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan [gavin@mcglashan.co.nz](mailto:gavin@mcglashan.co.nz) phone: 939 3222



### 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.



### 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 on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Caroline 971 8494



### 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 The Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049



### 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:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



### Central Park Care Group

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 times.

Email: [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)



### Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is on Saturday 17 May at 2pm. Due to the relocation of Brooklyn Library the group will meet at one of the members houses.

Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 Daytime 387 1487 or Chris on 384 9293.



### Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

Brooklyn Junior CC welcomes all junior cricketers for the current season. Contact Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com](mailto:Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com) 027244 4325 or Matthew Roche [matthew@zooter.co.nz](mailto:matthew@zooter.co.nz) 021463432



### St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 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)



### Brooklyn Food Group

The Brooklyn Food Group have a passion for local food and community. We run workshops, shared gardens and a community orchard.

Join us for a working bee amongst the fruit trees and wild flowers at the orchard on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

## Medical Notes

### The Shared Care Record

In early April the Shared Care Record was officially launched.

This is a shared health care record for patients enrolled with most general practices in the Capital & Coast area and also operates in the Wairarapa and Mid Central DHB areas.

This electronic health record allows authorised health professionals at after hours providers and hospitals (particularly emergency departments) to access a summary of medical information from your GP. This information is available any time, even when the medical practice is closed.

This is an improvement on the way care is able to be delivered because in an emergency recent health information is available and it means that the treating medical staff will be able to check recent health information such as lab test results or medication changes.

The information that is shared includes test results, a list of prescribed medications, allergies, and names of medical conditions.

The information is stored securely in New Zealand and there is a robust audit process for this with all access to the information recorded.

If you have concerns about this speak to your medical practice or ring 0800 727 664 if you want to discuss this further.

The medical practices in Brooklyn (and almost all of the Wellington area) support the shared care record because we think it will lead to better care and integration for our patients especially in emergency situations.

**Lynn McBain**  
**Brooklyn Medical Centre**

### St Mark's Preschool



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## Brooklyn Residents Association

We hope you are wrapping up warm for autumn and winter. The Residents Association represents all residents (owners and tenants who reside within our area) and try and be involved in matters impacting on locals around a range of issues. For more information on this you can look on our Facebook page or contact us directly.

We are approaching our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 June and invite you to come, engage, discuss and meet us in person. Rest assured, we will not try and press gang you onto the Committee. However, we really value community input – we are trying to do our best for our community: which means you.

The AGM will be at the Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson Street from 7pm. See you there!

We have been involved in discussions relating to the Brooklyn Library, currently moved to 199 Ohiro Road for several months (due to earthquake strengthening of the existing library building); the ongoing discussions about "Village Planning" for Brooklyn, the various landfill extension applications and other matters.

We are also involved in discussions around the proposed changes to the Jefferson St / Cleveland St intersection, next to Khana Khazana takeaway, due to concerns of the proximity of the bus stop to the pedestrian crossing and

potential risks to pedestrians and flow through traffic. This is an important matter for Jefferson Street residents.

We sadly note the demise of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club and wonder aloud what is to become of this facility and it's use for the public – retained or potentially sold off by WCC?

Bus services - Greater Wellington Regional Council's ongoing proposed changes to the city and region wide bus services, timetables and reorganization of bus routes. We note this has now been postponed to 2015.

Eventually, we look forward to the proposed local service expansion of the Kowhai Park / Panorama Heights full weekend bus service and how they join and meld together.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our mailing list:

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Facebook page [www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington](https://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington), and Twitter profile [@Brooklyn\\_NZ](https://twitter.com/Brooklyn_NZ) or by post to PO Box 6332, Wellington.

We encourage all Brooklyn residents to make contact and invite you to our next meeting at 7pm Wednesday 21 May in the Resource Centre on Jefferson St.

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## Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn! As you may have noticed the Brooklyn Library has moved, if you have gone to visit the Cleveland Street location only to find yourself locked out in the cold you are not alone. Luckily your worst fears have not been realised and Brooklyn Library has NOT closed. Due to earthquake restructuring we have temporarily relocated to 199 Ohiro Road next to Penthouse Cinema. What was once a popular Thai restaurant is now a warm, cosy, fully functioning library. However we expect to be back in the regular building by June this year so you'll have to get in quick to experience the exciting new ambience of the temporary site. In the meantime, we will be open the same regular hours, Monday through to Saturday, including our late night Mondays for those that can't make it in during normal business hours. We have brought as much of the collection as we could. If there is anything missing all patrons are entitled to a free reserve on any items we would normally have available at the Brooklyn Library. We still have internet and printing facilities, however we did not

bring over the photocopying machine so we cannot help you with your photocopying and faxing needs until we are safely back in the original building. To make up for this loss the new site has 11 free car parks around the back of the premises for library patrons to use. We also have a promotion on at the moment with Hells Pizza. We are giving away stamp cards that offer a free kid's pizza at Hells Pizza after eight children's or young adult's books are issued. So come in and grab one or a few if reading and pizza is what you're into. The pre-schooler's storytime will also continue at our new location every Tuesday at 10.30am. It is a library favourite and is guaranteed to entertain all who attend. Yet another enticing feature of the new Brooklyn Library is that we always have the heaters going so we can guarantee a comfortable, welcoming environment as the weather gets significantly colder. If that's not enough to draw you in, the perpetually helpful and friendly staff you're used to will be there to aid you in all your literary needs. So please come in and familiarise yourself with our temporary home and make the most of what your local library has to offer.

**Hannah Gorman**



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## Friends of Owhiro Stream

Working bees continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month, with between ten and fifteen regulars attending. We must make special mention of Richard Noble, of St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Newtown, who arrives faithfully each month with his volunteer group.

During the year, we have had help from Mormon Helping Hands and the Britannia Sea Scouts; and we are tentatively planning to join forces with the Southern Environmental Ass. and/or Owhiro Bay residents for a large, joint planting day.

Between two and four workers continue to meet regularly at the shade house on Wednesday mornings. Our tenure seems secure for the time being, at least until the Council revues its position on selling Vogelmorn Hall and the Bowling Club land. The shade house is currently home to approximately 2000 ready-to-plant plants, made up of 1,000 carex, five finger and flax, and 1,000 more varied species and trees.

On 20 April 2013 the Catchment Community art installation was formally opened with a wonderful ceremony including speeches, music, and original poetry from St Bernard's School pupils.


June 2013 marked the end of our relationship with Greater Wellington under the Take Care scheme, which has been discontinued. This leaves us with no guaranteed income, and no support with advice, tools, etc. We still have the support of one WCC ranger, and a

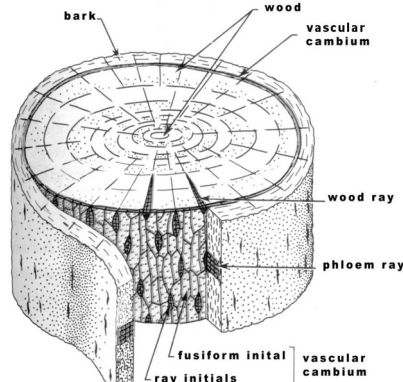
small amount of cash held in the BCA bank account.

Work on submissions re C&D landfill resource consents started last June, and is still ongoing. FOOS has been working with other organisations, including the Brooklyn Residents' Ass., on this matter. Some concessions have been won, but a larger battle is looming on the WCC Landfill consent.

Because of our very small manpower pool, and energy expended on Resource Consent hearings and submissions, our meetings are held 'on the hoof', as it were, during working bees and shade house hours.

**Janet Campbell, on behalf of FOOS**





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