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INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
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ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9:30am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 30 May - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.

Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday

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Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

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School pupils impress at Brooklyn ANZAC day

A record number of people gathered in the Brooklyn School grounds for this year's WW100 ANZAC Day Commemoration. A highlight of the service was readings and poems from local school pupils. Ridgway students Zoe Crane and Nadya Macey presented a selection of poems from room 8 followed by Rachael McCaw and Emma Gardiner of Brooklyn School. Rachael read excerpts from her Great-Grandfathers war diary and Emma spoke about her Great-Great-Grandfather who never returned. As both girls are descendants of Gallipoli veterans, it was decided to present each of them with a NZ Defence Force memento coin, which was carried out by Commander Duncan Fogg of the Royal New Zealand Navy in front of an appreciative crowd.



ABOVE: Ross McMillan of the Salvation Army introduces Brooklyn School pupils Rachael McCaw and Emma Gardiner at the ANZAC Day Commemoration.

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Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

We were fortunate to have fine weather for this year's WW100 ANZAC Day Commemoration service which was held in the Brooklyn School grounds to accommodate the extra people who turned out. Starting at 10:30am the service was led by Ross McMillan of the Salvation Army who took us through the booklet of music and hymns designed by Jenny Ralston of JR Design. After the service a brief march took place to the Community Centre for refreshments. Inside the main hall, Commander Duncan Fogg of the RNZ Navy presented local Brownies with specially made ANZAC badges awarded by Girl Guiding. Congratulations to badge recipients, Stephanie Shaw, Ashleigh Gore, Anna Kurzon-Hobson, Porshia McLean and Hannah Young.

Around midday approximately 40 people gathered at the WW1 memorial on Sugarloaf Hill for the laying of wreaths, while a piper performed a lament followed by a bugler playing the last post. Special thanks to Perry Aspros and Phillip Bolton for organizing this year's commemoration event, to the Resource Centre for sandwiches, to Wellington City Council for a grant towards expenses and to the Council Parks and Gardens team for the wine barrel of poppies they placed outside the entrance to the Community Centre.

Because ANZAC Day fell on the last Saturday in April this year, our monthly market took a break, but we are back this month on 30 May from 9:30am to 1pm in the main hall. I have already had

several stall holders contact me to book tables, including some new people with interesting goods for sale, so remember to come along to our friendly community market this month and support us.

For the second year in a row, our neighbours on Harrison Street, the Brooklyn Playcentre have held their annual fund-raising event at Vogelmorn Hall. This year featured Space Designer and Interior Stylist Nicci Tong speaking to an audience of over 100 people on 1st May. Outside Vogelmorn Hall the former bowling club green is looking immaculate after a recent mow and tidy up by Oliver Mander and his son Thomas on behalf of the Brooklyn Scout Group. The green is available for groups wanting to use an outside space in conjunction with their booking at Vogelmorn Hall. It's a wonderful flat grassed area suitable for picnics and community gatherings. Please contact me for details.

On 7 May the Kaka Project Steering group presented their submission to the Council's Long Term Plan. The feedback received from local residents in the recent Kaka Project survey was incorporated in the submission for inclusion in the LTP and covered several key areas, including a Brooklyn Hub, a Vogelmorn Precinct, Community Gardens & Orchards, Community Celebrations and how Council can include these in their future decision making. There was an impressive turnout of steering group members to speak in support of the submission which was well received.

Have a great month
Euan Harris - Coordinator
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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 31 May 2015

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
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Friends of Owhiro Stream

I hope you all adjusted to the sudden change in the weather last month - all of a sudden it was time to turn on the nightstore and the electric blankets, and dig out your serious jerseys. Actually, I am hoping that by the time you read this, nearly a month away, there will have been a miraculous change in the weather, and we will again be enjoying beautiful Wellington autumn weather, with crisp mornings and sunny days. You might gather that I am NOT a fan of winter, no matter how much I talk to myself about the joys of hot soup and warm fires while listening to the rain outside.

As we have been away a lot this month, I have to confess to missing a working bee, and not being very busy at the shade house. However - where I have been is at our bach, and I have been very busy there doing what we euphemistically call gardening, which really means hauling and digging out masses of pest plants - just like a working bee really. Agapanthus, morning glory, Japanese euonymous, wild ginger and cannas, among others, are all plants that can survive our harsh coastal conditions, and all have been planted by keen gardeners over the years to make their properties more attractive. Now, however, they threaten to swamp everything else, and along with wildling pines are invading the coastal banks and the sandhills, which were originally covered with native spinifex and pingao, I hesitate to use that overworked word 'iconic', but to residents of our little area of the world, these sandhills were, or for now still are, indeed iconic. So, I have been busy dead heading our agapanthus to stop the seeds blowing to anywhere they can get a foothold (or is that roothold?), and dealing as best I can to the rest.

I think what I am trying to get across is, that wherever you go and whatever your situation, there is always something you can do to help the environment and the local eco-system - it doesn't have to be a big project or within the boundaries of an organised group like FOOS. Even if all you do is take time to dead head your agapanthus.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

Planes coming to the skies near you

Have you noticed an increase in the number of planes flying low, loud (and late) over Brooklyn?

Thank you to those people who have contacted us so far with their experience of planes flying overhead. We'd still like to hear your thoughts, experiences and views if this is happening to you.

It would seem from comments I am receiving, that residents in other suburbs are also noticing the increase in low flying loud planes where there were none before.

At this stage we are collating material/information. If you are able to assist in any way, that would be great.

Please contact the following Brooklyn Residents Association people:

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Katie Underwood
kt@danzat.co.nz

Councillor Corner

Reintroduction of Coupon Parking in upper section of Brooklyn Road

Recently I received representations about the reintroduction of coupon parking in the upper section of Brooklyn Hill Road. The knock on effect is that all the park/walk/cycle commuters are now parking on Washington Ave/Bell Road putting extra pressure on Dorking Road which already attracts a lot of school drop off and pick up traffic.

My constituent asks why the signs cannot come down to allow locals to park in these areas again. She is not keen on the charge and wonders why the change.

I checked with officers and can report that the area should always have been coupon parking from 2009 but the signs had disappeared. Funny that! For some reason the parking contractor had not notified the council of this.

I asked if there had been any complaint about the signs missing. Further if the old arrangement was working well (even if in the breach) would it not be better to let "sleeping dogs lie". I asked what process would be necessary to formalise the non-coupon parking in the area as it was before.

Council rightly point out that the system worked well because it was free parking and contrary to the council's policy of discouraging commuter car traffic in favour of public transport, walking or cycling. Re-designation would be a complex business (I was told). I was supplied with lots of links (much reading).

Well frankly, this seems like a revenue grab to me. Council are investigating other options to address some of the issues my constituent raised with me but keeping the coupon parking on the upper hill is something they are not keen to do.

So, it looks to me that if there is a groundswell of support to revert to the parking regime as it was until the lack of signs was discovered then it will take quite a campaign. I am happy to help. Residents should be given much more consideration around this stuff than appears to be the case here.

Let me know what you think at mark.peck@wcc.govt.nz

Mark Peck
Wellington City Councillor
Lambton Ward



Brooklyn Residents Association Inc. (BRAI)

We look forward to our next meeting this month to continue our work and engagement with the community. Further to that our ongoing activities, concerns, consultations and discussions include ongoing engagement with the Kaka Project Group (a mixture of schools, residents associations, local groups and interested parties) and their recent formulated goals for the wider Brooklyn - and surrounding area - and what can / may be achieved. This is being done in conjunction with the City Council elected officials and council officers.

The BRAI & Kaka Project Group (and other groups and individuals) have identified a number of 'wants' and suggestions of more amenities that locals would like to see and some ideas of better uses of existing ones. We will wait and see as to whether these ideas come to pass and in what form.

We note that aircraft using newly installed GPS navigational systems are flying lower and more randomly across and above Brooklyn than previously. This is a change brought in by the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) and has implications citywide and nationwide. So for those of you thinking you have sensed the planes seemed noisier because they were lower and flying in over parts of Brooklyn that they had not before, you were correct. We are collecting feedback on this and will then decide where to proceed from here.

Our ongoing discussions about extending the current bus services to a weekend service has been delayed - again by GWRC / Go Wellington. Extensive citywide discussions were held 2012-2014 to changing bus services and routes, including an agreement that West Brooklyn - Panorama Heights & Kowhai Park - were to get a better partial weekend service. This is still promised, but the timeline has moved back, again. So we grit our teeth and continue to push for this. With so many people living in west Brooklyn, this seems - to us - a sensible service extension.

We note the success of the latest businesses to set up in Brooklyn - the Brooklyn Deli and the Salty Pidgin Bar & Bistro. All this is adding vibrancy to the village.

While the proposed move of the bus stop outside the Khana Khazana restaurant (a small distance back down Cleveland St) is still planned, there is no date this will be done by. The two small bus stops at Ohiro Road and Brooklyn Road were removed earlier this year, for pedestrian and vehicle safety reasons.

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

We invite you to attend our next meeting on Wednesday 20 May at the Resource Centre, Jefferson Street, at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there to discuss these or any other matters of concern to be raised or noted.

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

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Carl Savage - Secretary Home: 934 9348 or mobile 027 280 8934

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Knights, Jousting Tournament and Medieval feast all part of Brooklyn Penguin Programme

During Term 1 we had a whole heap of fun learning about the history of St John, right back to our links over 900 years ago to the Knights of old, the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, created our own shields and jousting sticks, learnt about how St John came to New Zealand and what we do as an organisation today. We used technology to enable a St John leader, from the Bay of Plenty, who has recently visited Jerusalem to Skype into our session and teach the children directly about what life is like for people in the West Bank and Gaza today, along with the work of the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. Many wonderful photos were shown and great questions were asked by the children. Our long awaited last session for the term included a badge presentation to the children, a graduation of a Super Penguin, and our much awaited for Jousting Tournament and Medieval feast where parents were court jesters and provided entertainment!

We have some spaces available.

During term 2 we have an action packed programme planned working on our Safety Penguin Badge.

St John Penguin Programme is for children aged 6-8 years old. We meet Monday's during term time at St Matthew's Church Lounge 96 Washington Avenue from 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

If you would like to learn more about the St John Youth Programme for 6-8 year olds and 8-18 year olds, please either ring Karen on 389 4060 or check out our website - youth.stjohn.org.nz



ABOVE: Getting ready for our jousting match

BELOW: Fun at the medieval feast



History

Mills Road is named after an earlier developer in the area, Edward William Mills, and for the first few years, the road was actually called E W Mills Road. Mills was a quite well-to-do merchant and entrepreneur in Wellington in the early days. He established the Lion Foundry in 1854, which was set up in the backyard of the Mills family home in Aurora Terrace, in the City. This became quite successful, and he needed to expand, so he purchased land on Lambton Quay, approx where Whitcoulls is now. Close to his business a wharf was built to ship his goods and it became known as 'Mills Wharf'.

The family home, known as "Sayes Court" in Aurora Tce later became a primary school, and later still, a private hotel.

Mills later became a Member of the Wellington Town Board when elected in 1863 by the Wellington Corporation. He became a City Councillor in 1870 up till October 1877 then at the same time was made a Director of the Wellington Steam Tramway Company and a member of the Wellington Licensing Committee.

E W Mills, as a foundryman, imported the first typewriters into NZ in 1877, and he had the Capital's first telephone, installed in his Lambton Quay office in 1878.

Though he had a lot of business in town, he resided in Brooklyn, though when he settled here it was still known as Goathurst Farm, and Mills is credited with naming the suburb Brooklyn.

He cemented his Brooklyn ties on December 28, 1895 when he married Louisa Wright, whose parents and family owned and ran Goathurst Farm.

As described in a previous Tattler, Goathurst Farm covered an area we would identify today, from south of the Library, to the top of Jefferson Street, across to Washington Avenue east, and west to Ohiro Road.

Edward Mill's Foundry produced machinery for various Gold Mining Companies operating at that time, after gold was discovered in Terawhiti and near Kaiwharawhara. Some time later, Mills went into partnership with William Cable, but that's another story.

After Mills had adopted the American Presidential naming of the streets, he didn't want to use his name for the whole length of the road on the ridge-line, so this is why half of the road was named Washington Avenue. In the early days, the north end of the road ended where the block of flats are at the first big bend as you climb up from Brooklyn Road. There was rough path joining on to Brooklyn Hill. It was only wide enough for a single tramline then, as the main route to town was down Ohiro Road.

As described in my story in last month's Tattler, Washington Ave/Mills Road was the first road to be formed in Brooklyn, with the streets running off it to the east, created when houses were being built.

The area down Dorking Road to the Town Belt was then known as Box Hill, but this name was soon dropped when it was revealed there was another Box Hill in Khandallah.

Mills Road then ended at the Ridgeway, Farnham Street hadn't been formed then.

That's all for this month.

Chris Rabey

Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn! I hope you all remembered to give your mothers some love at the beginning of this month, if not there's never a bad time to thank your mum.

The month of May is the annual New Zealand music month. The library houses so much New Zealand music that we have three separate categories: New Zealand, Maori music, and Wellington music. Although we are a small country we undoubtedly have amazing talent. I could prattle off an ever growing list of up-and-coming New Zealand artists such as Lorde, Kimbra, The Naked and Famous, and Broods, but then I'd be forgetting so many. The Brooklyn library has the albums of all the above artists and so much more. We have also just received the Wellington band Trinity Roots' new album "Citizen" as well as The Very Best of The Topp Twins and our adult CD collection will continue to rotate almost monthly. I can even boast of the library's very own musical talents. Our self-produced CD called "Baby Rock and Rhyme" includes 33 traditional rhymes and songs performed and recorded by Wellington City Libraries librarians. The CD is for sale at all Wellington branches for only \$9.50 and you can listen to it for free on the Wellington City

Libraries website. The content of the CD is inspired by the library's Baby Rock and Rhyme sessions which are held weekly around Wellington branches and are free for all. We have just introduced an additional session at the Central library on Thursdays at 2pm due to the popularity of the Wednesday 9.30am session. The interactive sing-a-long is heaps of fun for parents and babies, so if you haven't been to one I recommend you give it a go, borrow a baby if you have to. Wellington libraries have also started a Wellington Music blog. You can access it easily on our website www.wcl.govt.nz/wellington-music/. The blog allows you to see what Wellington musicians are up to, browse what local talent we host in our collection, and you can even suggest CDs for us to purchase. New Zealand music month offers an opportunity to get to know and support the incredible artists who share your city and country.

See you soon at the library!

Hannah Gorman



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FRIDAY CIRCLE:

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Programme:

Craft activities	9.30am
Morning Tea	10am
Lunch	12noon
Arthritic Exercise	1.30pm
Guest Speaker	2pm
Afternoon Tea	3pm

15 May Erin Taurua
"Shared care records"
(Sharing your health records for safer health)

22 May	Heather Mordaunt Practical activity for home
29 May	Back by popular demand BINGO!
5 June	DVD Dads Army
12 June	Christian Jones from IBM - topic will be revealed on the day

Well winter is finally here, so we need to keep warm. As you know we have two community lunches during the week on Tuesday and Friday. Come along and join us for good company, great food and our amazing gas heater. You are welcome to come in before lunch and get cosy.

Our Mahjong group meets on a Monday afternoon. If you would like to learn how to play come along and join in.

There is a new weekly beginners Yoga course running on Mondays until 8 June. It's a friendly, relaxed intro to the basics of Yoga (Bookings are essential). If you are interested please call the tutor Lyne Pringle on 021 844 425.

We have had some really interesting speakers, just give me a call to make a date for our Friday afternoon talk. The Resource Centre are members of Volunteer Wellington who have provided some amazing volunteers. We are hoping to have a group come soon and give our garden a good old tidy up and would like to thank Volunteer Wellington for the great work they do.

See you soon

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON AT VOGELMORN HALL

Corner of Mornington Road & Vennell Street

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 585 119 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Contact Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:15pm to 8:30pm Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 5:30pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 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 7:30pm Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

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The **Vogelmorn Green** (next to the hall) is available for low impact activities.
Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799
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School News

A short update this month as Term Two has only just started back as I write this.

The main focus for the first week for everyone was the Anzac 100 year commemorations. Children from both St Bernards and Brooklyn schools went to watch the Anzac parade in Taranaki Street and were really enthusiastic, particularly about the streams of poppies that kept flying through the air!

A lot of learning about World War One has been happening at all our schools this year and it has been especially lovely to see the children researching their own families and the parts they played.

Ridgway and St Bernards schools have both been successful in their applications to the Bayer Primary School Science funding from the Royal Society of New Zealand. Ridgway plan to purchase microscopes with their grant and St Bernards are planning to build two new gardens to be used to explore how weather conditions can be localized to make certain plants grow better.

Brooklyn and Ridgway schools both have visits from "Harold" and the Life Education team early this term.

The Year 3 and 4 children at Brooklyn School enjoyed a visit to Zealandia in the second week of term and by the time you read this the Year 1 and 2 children will have been to see the NZ Symphony Orchestra play at Rongotai College.

More news next month.

Julie Seevens

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers from time to time to help with different jobs and events at the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall.

If you can help with any of the following and/or occasionally have time available and are happy to be on a contact list, phone our **Volunteer Coordinator Leonie Flint** on 389 6381, 027 631 1799 or email: flint@actrix.co.nz

Clean and tidy kitchen cupboards.
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Kay Miller - on behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association.



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UPSTREAM - Friends of Central Park

Flax Bank Clearance

On Good Friday we started our annual assault on the weeds among the flaxes planted four years ago at the junction of Ohiro and Brooklyn Roads. We finished the job last Sunday, also clearing quantities of bramble from the head of the stream, numerous self-seeded wattles and over a sack full of general rubbish.

It's really pleasing to see how well the flaxes are thriving and hopefully providing another step along the bird corridor that runs through Zealandia – Waimapihi (Holloway Road) – Polhill Gully – Tanera Gully (Epuni Street) – Central Park and Ohiro Stream. Waimapihi has already benefitted from extensive pest control and with a pair of kaka sighted in Central Park at nesting time but also a couple of stoats, we are starting to investigate how we might introduce pest control. Let Lynne White know if you are interested in helping with this.

Notes from our annual planning meeting

What did we prioritise in 2014 and how did we do?

Boggy lawn landscape development: complete, successful and now called 'The Jetty'.

Art Walk: complete and award-winningly successful!

Ongoing planting and maintenance: never-ending, but making better headway by focusing on the stream / existing planting areas and getting in outside volunteer / PD worker help.

And looking ahead...

Working bees: Focus still on maintaining stream environs, existing planting areas at Washington Ave and Ohiro Road/Brooklyn Road entrances and kowhai plantings along roadside boundaries (mainly Ohiro Road).

Tasks for coming year include:

Gap/infill planting of existing plantings and some enrichment planting into the bush above the stream (we have approx. 400 plants on order from WCC plus 20 kahikatea kindly donated by the Trelissick Park Group)

Sourcing and placing more *boulders* to reinforce stream edge in places;

Complete final siting of two *seats* at new jetty lawn area

Develop and install signage and interpretation including more information at the park entrances.

We have a busy year ahead – you are very welcome to come and join us!


Our next Working Bee is Sunday 31 May

Cook Strait News no longer available in Brooklyn

The Cook Strait News, which gets produced each week over in Kilbirnie, is no longer being distributed in the Brooklyn area.

Due to ongoing distribution problems, there are not going to be any more deliveries to Brooklyn, so if you want a copy, you'll have to go over to Cook Strait office in the Kilbirnie Plaza.

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GROUP ROUNDUP^{continued}

Brooklyn Food Group

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

Contact us to get involved or drop in to our regular working bee at the Brooklyn Orchard on the first and third Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

Brooklyn Mainly Music

In a warm welcoming environment, volunteers at local churches run 30 minute music and rhythm sessions that develop gross and fine motor skills, and allow caregivers and youngsters to have a great time interacting together. After the session, morning tea is provided which allows for friendly adult conversation and child play time in a supportive environment.

Mainly Music runs in two Brooklyn locations during school term time. Join us in the session that suits you best or attend both.

Wednesdays - starting 10:00am at Reformed Church, 34 Harrison St. Contact Rachel 022 407 9652

Fridays - starting 9:30am at St Matthew's Church lounge, 96 Washington Avenue. Contact Lynne 389 3424

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For more information, contact Lynne White via email all.whites@xtra.co.nz phone 384 5238 or email Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meetings:

7pm Sunday 17 May & 14 June at Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium.
For details phone Tania: 384 8968 or 0274 838 565

Brooklyn Walkers

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

18 May - Somes Island. 9:18am No 7 bus to city Farmers stop. 10am Harbour Ferry arrives Somes Island at 10:20am. Leave on 12:20pm Ferry to Days Bay for coffee. Catch bus 83 back to Wellington.

25 May - Walk to Adelaide Road through High School. Catch No 1 bus to Island Bay, then walk to Lyall Bay.

1st June - Queens Birthday long weekend - No walk.

8 June - Walk to Wallace Street, catch bus to Karori Cemetery, walk to Kaiwharawhara Stream & Otari Bush. 9:10am start to catch 9:35am No 18 bus at Wallace Street, Mount Cook.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9:30am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

We are a small friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have three tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip on 934 7445 or Gwen on 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure plus. We meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn.
Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm
Scouts: 11-14 years, Tues 7.00-9.00pm.
Venturers 14-18 years, Thurs 7.-9.00pm
For more information contact Gillian Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz
phone: 972 9904

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, Washington Avenue. For details phone John on 029 771 3171.
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6.00-7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7 to 9.5 years of age to join Brownies for fun, friendship and other activities. Ph. Margaret 389 3028 for details.

Brooklyn Pippins meet Monday evening during term time 6-7pm at the Reformed Church, end of Harrison St. Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30-8pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call: Martin 389 8995 or Janet 385 2077

Upstream -

Friends of Central Park

Our working bee is the last Sunday of the month from 10am to noon. Meet at the picnic table next to the big bridge, 2 mins from the main gate. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea provided and contribute to the care of Central Park! No formal meeting in January. Contact Debbie for informal meeting times.

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 23 May in the RSA room of the Brooklyn Community Centre 18 Harrison Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 or 388 8088 AH

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions term time with some weekend camps and fun activities. Both programmes are structured to develop life skills and self discipline in a fun, friendly environment.

Penguin Programme (6-8 yr.

olds) Meet at St Matthew's Church Lounge, Washington Ave, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm.

Youth Division (8-18 year olds)

Meet at Brooklyn Community Centre Tuesdays 6:30- 8:00pm.

You are welcome to come and have a look at what we do anytime. It's helpful if you make contact with one of the leaders first, to ensure they are not away on a trip during the session that you want to come and have a look at. Leader contact is Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204.
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