

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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April Front Cover Grateful thanks to Glenda Manning-Fogg who took the photograph that appeared on the April Tattler cover. Its reverence epitomised the ANZAC Commemoration Service.

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Thank You! Our cover photo this month is from Meridian Energy

from the COORDINATOR

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Hi Everyone

We had a busy April, especially during the last two weeks with our school holiday programme running activities for 60 kids per day, plus ANZAC Day and finally our monthly market on the last Saturday.

ANZAC DAY The weather turned out just right for 25 April and once again Brooklyn hosted a large crowd starting with the traditional service in the Brooklyn School grounds at 10:30am led by Ross McMillan of the Salvation Army.



Anzac Day 2016
Sugarloaf Hill
Brooklyn

L to R: Jim Drummond, Bruce Diggle and Dave Wilkie flanked by the piper and bugler after the wreath laying ceremony.

A highlight of this years' service was the reading and history of the poem 'In Flanders Field' by Matilda Goldie, Alexa Lee and Arthur Coldstream from the Brooklyn Scout Group.

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The service concluded about 11:20am and many marched down to the Community Centre for morning tea prepared by the neighbouring Brooklyn Playcentre. This year I decided to make the trip up to Sugarloaf Hill to be part of the wreath laying ceremony at the WWI memorial. This attracted a larger crowd than previous years. The piper played the last lament followed by a bugler with the last post, before the laying of wreaths.

TURBINE As the weather was so good we decided to go up even higher and check out the new Meridian Wind Turbine. The Turbine was also attracting a lot of interest from locals and tourists and although noticeably larger than the previous turbine the noise levels are low.

A series of panels attached to the shelter opposite the turbine detail the history of the original turbine through to the present. Well worth a look on a fine day. If you're feeling energetic there's the 3 kilometre walk around to the Hawkins Hill Radar station overlooking Makara.

MARKET Our monthly market on 30 April attracted a full hall of stall holders including the newly formed Brooklyn Lions Club who ran a barbecue on the main deck and manned a book stall inside. We're pleased to welcome them as a regular user of the Brooklyn Community Centre for meetings at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month. Contact Alice for more details on 027 725 4195 or at aliceerdickson@gmail.com

NEW TERM The start of the new school term has seen several new groups start or restart at the Brooklyn Community Centre. We welcome back the Ni Hao Children's Community on Fridays from 9am-10:45am running Mandarin Chinese classes featuring stories, movement and action songs for preschoolers and their parents. The French Language demo classes run last term in association with Brooklyn School proved a success and will now feature on Mondays from 12:30-1:30pm. Brooklyn Kids on Cleveland Street have booked Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am for preschooler play using our gym equipment. Have a great month.

BCA COUNCIL NEWS

CLEANING Perry Aspros, Beth Beard, Phil Bolton and Euan Harris reviewed our cleaning needs and as a result a new cleaning contractor started on 1 May. Both venues will now be professionally cleaned daily reflecting the increase in use over the 18 months.

WAGE REVIEW With the increase in the minimum wage rate from \$14.75 to \$15.25, in April we undertook a complete wage review. Adam Hendry, Julie Seevens, Jessica Fa'aea and Kay Miller worked on a proposal that was presented to the BCA Council on 21 April. The Childcare program has grown like topsy since Adam Hendry took it over in 2012 so we also reviewed staffing needs. OSCAR funding has been capped this year so we missed out on funding for the Before School Care which we took over last August, despite Adam increasing regular numbers from 8 to over the 10 required for funding.

HEALTH & SAFETY We're implementing a risk management register to go alongside the accident register. Trolleys are being purchased to help with the shifting of chairs, trestles and other heavy resources. We're also ensuring staff rosters enable lunch breaks to be taken during the holiday program and at least 3 weeks holiday to be taken in the year it is accrued.

Much of the above is about BCA being a responsible employer and meeting H&S requirements. Luckily we had the creative mural project underway to balance things. See the article in the Tattler for the full story.

Kay Miller

On behalf of BCA Council members

from the **COUNCILLOR**

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SOUTHERN WARD



The Vogelmorn Precinct Project is well underway, and enjoying great community interest and support. It came out of the Kaka

Project, which I initiated as a model of collaborative village planning, for the Brooklyn/Vogeltown areas.

The project offers a huge opportunity to better integrate existing community assets and facilities, all established and operated independently of one another in the past. Currently these comprise the Vogelmorn Tennis Club, the Vogelmorn Hall and the now disused Vogelmorn Bowling Club.

A project steering group of talented and energetic locals, future-focused neighbourhood interests and Council staff are working to achieve a collaborative vision for the Precinct that represents the needs of the people using those facilities. This process of community-led village planning, where the council steps back from a 'we know best' position, is one I'd like to see take off in other parts of the city.

My own view is that the former bowling green is a key asset, and should be established as the community centrepiece or focus point. In days gone by this type of 'village green' was a gathering point for the neighbourhood.

We can improve access to the green by removing the shed to the east of the

Vogelmorn Hall, and taking down or altering the fencing so that the green is inviting from all directions. The hall itself could be a more open and airy space with the addition of taller and wider bi-folding doors. Access to the green would further improve if the northern side of the hall were redeveloped to provide a northerly aspect and connection to the tennis courts. This would help to reduce traffic flows in lower Vennell St.

The steering group has released a conceptual vision for the Precinct, and this was unveiled at a well attended community show-and-tell on 3 April.

The project is still evolving and you can be part of it. To find out more and to track progress, go to: <https://vogelmornprecinct.wordpress.com>

Very exciting times ahead.
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Concept image of Vogelmorn Precinct

THE VOGELMORN PRECINCT series of community design workshops reached a milestone on the 3rd of April when a draft concept design was presented at the old Vogelmorn Bowling Club and followed by a Neighbours Day celebration. You can check out the proposal and provide feedback by following this link: <http://bit.ly/1TdoiyQ>

The event was very well attended and the feedback received has on the whole been incredibly supportive both of the outcomes to date but also of the collaborative process. Thanks to all who have been involved along the journey so

far and also to Councillors Paul Eagle & David Lee for their continued support.

The design team are now fine tuning the concept in light of the feedback and by the time you read this the Vogelmorn Precinct Steering Group will have made a written submission into the WCC Annual Plan process and will be preparing to present in person in mid May. Then in mid June there is another opportunity to gain support for the development of the Precinct during a presentation to the WCC Community, Sport & Recreation Committee. Watch this space!



Concept image of Vogelmorn Precinct

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We advocate for all residents of Brooklyn and surrounding areas.

At our April meeting we received a brief presentation from local residents who have formed an 'Active Transport' group with the aim of helping to facilitate walking & cycling to, from and within Brooklyn and the surrounding areas. They have put together a range of suggestions, from minor tweaks to longer term projects. Let us know if you have energy to help develop Brooklyn in these ways, or ideas to feed into their advocacy.

There was a lot of discussion around general traffic safety on Brooklyn Rd and Ohiro Rd and the suggestion was made to advocate for

speed restrictions to facilitate safer crossings.

We also received an update on the development of the concept proposal for the Vogelmorn Precinct (more detail can be found on the Kaka update page).

The proposed bus route revisions have been delayed for three years now with no immediate signs of implementation. We remain hopeful that weekend services to West Brooklyn aren't too far away.

Our next meeting is the AGM to be held on Wednesday 22nd of June, 7pm at the Brooklyn Resource Centre. All welcome.

Want to be included in updates? Email brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com or like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington>

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

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BROOKLYN WIND TURBINE

Have you seen Meridian Energy's new Brooklyn wind turbine at Polhill? You can't really miss it!

The Enercon E44 turbine was installed over four days in early April and officially opened with children from Brooklyn, Ridgway and St Bernard's schools on 15 April. It's capable of generating around 3,900 megawatt hours a year – enough to power around 490 homes, a bit more than the original turbine that produced about 870 megawatt hours a year - powering 110 average homes.

As part of the opening celebration we asked the children to show us how they think the world/Brooklyn will be like in 20 years. Their entries have been sealed in a time capsule in the turbine and will be opened in 2036. We got some amazing entries.



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Ashbrea Ranchord, 8, from Brooklyn School presented an impressive piece. Her 'Energy Floor' playground invention generates energy when children bounce up and down on it. It was exactly what every parent has been wanting to know; if their kids' bouncing could create energy to store and use!

The history of the Brooklyn wind turbine goes back 23 years. It was commissioned by Meridian's predecessor Electricorp in March 1993 becoming the first commercial-sized wind turbine in New Zealand. It was an experiment to see how the turbine would perform in harsh wind conditions, gauge public reaction to the concept of wind generation, and gain experience in the operation and maintenance of a turbine.

After many loyal years, the turbine was removed in December last year and sold to Energy 3, a supplier and installer of

turbines for smaller commercial wind farms. It will be reconditioned and eventually put to work somewhere less windy.

The decision to replace the turbine came after Meridian asked Wellingtonians whether they thought it should be repaired or removed when it suffered damage to its yaw drive in 2010. A Dominion Post reader survey showed 85% wanted to repair or replace it. The yaw drive was repaired and several years later the turbine neared the end of its design life, so a decision was made to replace it. A land lease extension was finalised by Wellington City Council in 2013 and Meridian consulted with the Brooklyn community about plans to upgrade it.

Meridian was granted resource consent for the project in late June 2014.

Carly Andersen

Community Engagement Manager
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CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before and After School Care & Holiday Programs. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or Brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am-1pm Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS	1st Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm. No May meeting. Next meeting 1 June. Knitting, crochet, sewing. Ph Leonie Flint 3896381
EKKAAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4.45-5.45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 3.15-6pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 28 May 2016, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
NI HAO CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY	Fun friendly classes for young children to learn Mandarin Chinese. Fridays 9am-10:45. Contact Li Ling liling@nihaoacc.org.nz
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners: Wednesdays 5.30-6.15pm & Thursdays 5-5.45pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6-7pm, Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm. Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7.30-8pm. Strengthen & Tone: Thursdays 6.30-7pm. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Pilates/Dance Thursdays at 9am. Contact Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com for bookings.
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Susan 801 6814 or susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838
STRUMMY TIME	Musical Parenting Group. Live music. Fridays during school terms. 11:15am-12:15pm. Contact Pip Algie at pip.algie@gmail.com
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Contact Phillip on 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! 3-5yrs 9:45-10:15am. 1-3yrs 10:25-10:55am (and potentially 11:05-11:35am). info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or call 976 8742 or 022 645 6943

what's on at

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AEROBIC DANCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15am-10:15am Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am-1pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am and 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 3:30-8:30pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KID'S ART CLASSES	Thursdays 3-4:30pm for primary school kids. Contact Euan on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-12:45pm. Thursdays 4.45pm-8.45pm. Contact Louise 021 585 119 or louise@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6.10-6.40pm Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm and Saturdays 3-5pm. Contact Cam 021 263 0361 or info@wellington-iaido.com www.facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Fridays 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
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RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our public meeting held at the Centre on the 10th April. We had a great turn out. A number of ideas were discussed and our committee will work through these.

We've set the date for our **AGM** to be held on Sunday 3rd of July at 2pm. All welcome.

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Welcome to Jules Lovelock who has joined our committee.

Farewell to one of our lovely members and neighbour Dorothy Lord. We were honored her family chose to have her funeral at our centre. We will miss her on Tuesdays and Fridays. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

Our amazing meals on wheels co-ordinator Gabby Taylor is leaving to go back and live in England. Thank you so much for your time in this position. Gabby will do her last roster in May then she will be handing her roll over to Sue Devereux, a Meals on Wheels driver. Thank you Sue for taking on this role, we really appreciate your time.

We have a few spaces for Speakers over the next few months. If you'd like to be a speaker please contact me on 3844299

We hope to see you.

Jenny Swan

SPEAKERS

13th May Megan Samuel
Poetry written and recited by Megan
Winner of the Silver Cup (Welsh Society)

20th May Annie Dutlessis
Talk on the Mapuia Life Centre

27th May Lois McConnell
Piano Sing Along

3rd June Mary Snowden
Fiji - Our Cyclone Holiday

10th June "Dads Army"

MONDAY

11am-11.45 Get the Beat - music for babies and toddlers
Contact Lois McConnell Ph 9731650

1-3pm Mah jong

6-7pm Yoga

TUESDAY

12-1pm Community Lunch. Inexpensive lunch everybody welcome

WEDNESDAY

Garden club 1st Wednesday of every month

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month
Wellington Handweavers and Spinners Guild

FRIDAY

Podiatrist - Every 2nd Friday
9am-11.30 Ph 3844299

Friday Circle (programme)

Craft activities 9.00am

Morning Tea 10.30

Lunch 12 noon

Arthritic exercise 1.30

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon tea 3pm

SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

By the time you read this Term Two will be well underway. The days are shortening and St Bernards' pupils will be wearing their winter uniform, a reminder that all good things, including summer, must come to an end.

In June St Bernards will be welcoming a new school principal with Joan Woods having left at the end of last term to take up a new position at St Francis Xavier School in Tawa.

Last term Ridgway and Brooklyn Schools both held fundraisers for the victims of the devastating cyclone in Fiji.

Both schools also held flag referendums amongst some of their students.

Interestingly the result was the same, to keep the current flag.

Year 4-8 students at Ridgway are starting an elective programme for the first time this term. Ridgway School also have their school cross country scheduled for 12 May.

A group of students at Brooklyn School were invited to attend the opening ceremony of the new windmill on 15 April. They prepared a time capsule which was put into the turbine to be opened in 2036. Meridian's purpose is "to create a better energy future" and they wanted to know what the children of Brooklyn would like their world to look like in 20 years' time.

Term Two runs from 2 May to 8 July for all our schools.

More news next month.



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Our working bee last month at the Domanski Crescent site was outstandingly successful. I think everybody involved was amazed at what was achieved, both in the weed clearance and track construction. Martin was so enthused by the results of everybody's hard work that he's been back several times since to continue benching and building supporting edges for the track. Those who hauled off masses of tradescantia (wandering willie) were equally thrilled to uncover picturesque rocky stream banks and spaces ready to be planted with sedges and such like. Of course the tradescantia will return but, from past experience, it will stay clear long enough to plant carexes and cyperus, and with luck they will overwhelm it.

A few weeks ago, Sue and I went on a seed collecting expedition and are now sowing the seeds in the shade house. Last weekend we attended a timely workshop at Otari/Wilton Bush, organised by Wellington City Council staff, about eco-sourcing, seed collection and sowing methods. Needless to say, we had not got some things right! But now we have more idea what to look out for we'll be a lot more confident. For those interested,

Helen Mechen, a knowledgeable young propagator for Berhampore Nursery, is publishing a monthly blog about what's in fruit and flower around Wellington. Searching 'Wild Fruits of Wellington' will take you straight to it. *Janet Campbell*
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



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In addition to our regular working bees and corporate volunteers, we are looking for groups who would be interested in maintaining a small area of the park or stream on a regular basis - perhaps just a few hours a month. The park is a lovely peaceful place to work and Upstream can provide any tools required. Please contact Lynne White (details opposite) for more information about this.

Anyone walking along the stream lately will have noticed the progress in clearing the tradescantia from the stream itself and the stream banks. We will continue with this focus with our corporate volunteers until the stream area is free (temporarily!) of tradescantia and the native seedlings and ferns can regenerate more easily.

We recently identified fourteen areas of the park on our work schedule. In some areas, such as around The Jetty, we've completed all the clearing and planting and simply need to maintain it by weeding and mulching. Other projects like the bank below the top end of Ohiro Road have been weeded but are yet to be planted. Other projects such as clearing/tidying/beautifying/planting the park entrance opposite Tanera Ave are on the 'future' list.

Next Working Bee is Sunday 29 May 2016

Upstream meets on the last Sunday of every month, 10am-12 at The Jetty: follow the path upstream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

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BCA MURAL PROJECT COMPLETED



*See the completed mural at
[brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz/
design-comp](http://brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz/design-comp)*

Transforming the entrance to the Brooklyn Community Centre began in March 2015 when, having approved the repainting of the exterior later in the year, the BCA Council agreed that a mural be designed for the entrance plinths.

In August 2015, the 'Design an Artistic Landmark' competition was held to get community input. The winning design would be interpreted by the artist and recreated on to the entrance. Many Brooklyn businesses contributed prizes that were awarded to the winner of each category; overall, primary school, secondary school, adult and community choice.

A competition judging panel was appointed: Rod Macdiarmid (chair) Pelorus Architecture, Nicola Young WCC Councillor, Liz Rhodes Principal Brooklyn School, Euan Harris BCA Coordinator and Matthew Plummer Photographer. They chose a primary school entry by the Ridgway After School Art Class; Teacher Rowena Fry and students Lucy and Elliot Kos, Erika Fry, Kajol Patel, Noah and Luna Bernhardt, Tigerlily Donaldson and Isabelle Kettles.

The judges said the entry stood out initially with its polished presentation, but on studying it more deeply, it conveyed a particularly rich and diverse picture of the life of the Community Centre - table tennis players, cooking classes, dancers, karate experts and of course cats feature. This entry also considers the three dimensions of the shapes the design will cover very well.

Having chosen the design, BCA then issued an invitation for artists to apply to do the work. They needed to have large mural experience, project & safety management skills and be able to work with the winning artists to create a community centred learning opportunity. While this was happening BCA applied to the WCC Arts team for a grant to help pay for the artist.

BCA was lucky on both fronts as Ellen Coup, was selected for the work and WCC agreed to contribute \$4000 to the project. Since December 2015, Ellen has worked with Rowena Fry and her students to refine the elements of the design and create templates to transfer the design on to the plinths.

Late in March 2016 a project launch was held at the Community Centre. Ellen presented the design and the mural painting process. The design incorporated the overall winner's entry plus elements from the Secondary School/Community Choice winner Rebekah Butterfield.

Over the weeks the mural took shape. Evening projection sessions were run where Ellen projected images on to the plinths for the art class children to trace. With the mural project now completed the Brooklyn Community Centre is truly an artistic landmark.

Kay Miller, BCA



In 2015 the Brooklyn community acquired a new club. After many years of hard work Mary Snook from the Lions Club of Karori achieved her goal in setting up a Brooklyn Lions club.

We are a community based organisation striving to help the community that we all know and love. So far we've had an exciting few months of projects, such as pulling the dreaded creeping willie weed from the stream in Central Park, and helping out at the Anzac Day commemorations (you may have seen us in our yellow vests). Our latest project was running a BBQ and book stall at the Brooklyn Community Market on 28 April.

As a new Lions Club we are in the process of deciding/discovering what projects we will be taking on. Our group is focused on getting involved in community projects while having a good time, meeting new people and building a greater sense of community through these projects.

If you're interested in participating in and growing Brooklyn through a great community group then Brooklyn Lions invites you to join us at the Brooklyn Community Centre every second Thursday at 7.30pm. Contact Alice Dickson on 0277254195 or aliceerdickson@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

Brownies

Margaret 389 3028

Brooklyn Guides

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD

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

BROOKLYN GARDEN

CLUB 1st Wednesday each month, Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

For years 1-4 and new entrants. Practice with us Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn. Just turn up on practice day and we will take it from there. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2pm Saturday 14 May at the Library. Contact Sharon on 027 634 4455 or 388 8088, or Chris 384 9293 or email ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN MAINLY

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

*Venue: Wellington
Reformed Church*

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

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

Fridays 9:30am. Contact
Nicky 971 1265

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure. Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs, Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

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

BROOKLYN TABLE

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

BROOKLYN TOY

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

CRAFT CONNECTIONS

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

CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS

1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm-8:30pm. Next

meeting 1 June. Knitting, crochet, sewing. Contact Leonie Flint 3896381

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

16 May Brooklyn to the Zoo. Quite a few options so whichever suits on the day.

23 May Waikanae Beach to Waikanae via river walkway. (8.40 No 7 bus 9.14 train, 10.18 bus to Waikanae Beach).

30 May "City to Sea" walkway. Bell Rd into Prince of Wales Park, past Scottish Athletic Club & up to Hutchison Rd, turn right, continue 100 metres & left down path through pine trees (above Rugby League Park). Track becomes vehicle access. Continue into Wellington Pipe Band carpark. Turn right, climb knoll and follow ridge road. Descend path and walk around upper level of Macalister Park before crossing Liardet St to Farnham St play area. Cross park, veer left down track through bush to Morton St, Stanley St to Duppa St & Adelaide Rd. Walk to Newtown.

6 Jun Queens Birthday

13 Jun Box Hill, Khandallah Village, Bridle Path, Kaiwharawhara, City. (9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train).

20 Jun Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt via Shandon Golf course and Sladen Park. (9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 from Railway Station).

27 Jun Walk to Wallace St, bus to Karori, walk through cemetery, Kaiwharawhara Stream, Otari Wilton Bush. (9.10 start for 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St).

4 Jul Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro & Norway Sts, Kelburn, City.

11 Jul Pencarrow Walk. (9.08 No 8 bus, 9.27 No 81 bus) at Railway Station. Get off at Eastbourne.

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

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

LIONS CLUB We're a new Lions club starting in Brooklyn to help build the community while making new friends along the way. 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, RSA room, Brooklyn Community Centre. Contact Alice Dickson at aliceerdickson@gmail.com or 027 725 4195.

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Local chapter Toastmasters International. Deb 027 444 9622 dlambie@live.com <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM - FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Meet last Sunday of the month 10am-12 at the picnic table next to the big bridge. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz

Tanera Bowling Club

8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn **Venue hire:** maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.

BIRTH RESOURCES run Childbirth Education Classes in Wellington, led by Midwives. Learn about pregnancy, labour, birth, babies and parenting. www.birthresources.org



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