

BROOKLYN TATTLER

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Thank you! Anneleah Thornburrow for our cover photo. Brooklyn Scouts youth and leaders on ANZAC morning. Honoured to be part of the service, they lined up outside the Scout Hall - Cubs and Scouts, youngest to oldest, two by two, ready to march up to the Brooklyn ANZAC service. Their morning was full of dawn service (for some), sandwich making (for most), and setting up the service (everyone).

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Hi Everyone,

OLD HALL GIGS We have just ended a busy month at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelhorn Hall. The special music only evening concert hosted by Old Hall Gigs at Vogelhorn Hall on Saturday 22 April sold out quickly to a capacity crowd of 160 and was enjoyed by many of the people I spoke to. You can view a great photo of the Vogelhorn Hall interior on the Old Hall Gigs website at www.oldhallgigs.co.nz Old Hall Gigs runs concerts in Wellington's character buildings. As well as Vogelhorn Hall, concerts have been held locally at the Harrison Street Brooklyn Scout Den in June 2015 and the Wellington Swords Club Hall on Tanera Crescent during November 2016. Photos of these gigs are online.

NEW ACTIVITIES There are several new activities starting this term at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelhorn Hall. During the first week of May three new groups begin at Brooklyn Community Centre including **Kangatraining** in the main hall on Mondays 10:15 -12 complete postnatal workout, focused on re-strengthening the pelvic floor and abdominal muscles after pregnancy. The workout can be done while wearing your baby in a carrier – so no need for a babysitter. Contact Hannah on 021 030 6981 or visit her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/>

A five week course for parents starts on Tuesdays in the Brooklyn Community Centre's RSA room from 10am to 12pm. The course is called **Your Parenting Act**. ACT is short for Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. For more info contact Amanda Jack on 021 0291 4453 or email: amanda@amandajack.co.nz

On Fridays from 11:30am in the main hall, special dance classes for 3 and 4 year olds will run for 30 minute sessions. Called **Rocking Popping Bods**, each session aims to create a cool music motion class for preschoolers and their parents by rocking routines to pop tunes. **Free taster class 5 May 11:30am.** The 8-week term begins the following Friday. Phone: 021 050 3075 Email: rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com or on Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/rockingpoppingbods/>

At Vogelhorn Hall on the corner of Vennell Street and Mornington Road **No Lights No Lycra** is running fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. Make sure you are there just before 8pm, as the doors close at 8pm sharp. The sessions are held in the dark, so you can dance with nobody watching. This month's dances are on 10 & 24 May. More details on their Facebook page. www.facebook.com/NLNLWellington/ Don't type in Brooklyn, unless you want the sessions in New York.

If you're an early riser, then **Wild Workouts** have twice weekly fitness Boot Camps starting at Vogelhorn Hall on 23 May at 6am each Tuesday and Thursday. Sessions run for 45 minutes and are fun classes open to people of all fitness levels. Register online at www.wildworkouts.co.nz to secure your place or email: duck@wildworkouts.co.nz or 027 528 6833.

BCA NEWS

*A longstanding member of our community, **Dave Fowler** died suddenly in late April.*

Our condolences to Barbara, their two children and wider family.

For those who knew Dave, a 'Book of Memories' is available in the foyer of the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, to write stories and messages. This will be given to Barbara at the end of May.

There will be a special tribute to Dave in the June Tattler.

Kay Miller, on behalf of BCA Council

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from the COUNCILLOR

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A recent waste audit shows that there is a lot of room for improvement in the way we manage waste in this city. Compared to other major cities, we put out more waste and recycle less.

As I write this, we are undertaking consultation on a new Waste Plan for the Wellington Region to change this situation. More information can be found here: <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/>

public-inputs/consultations/open/waste-management-and-minimisation-plan

Submissions close 18th May. Brooklynites may be particularly interested in this topic given the location of the city's landfill. Have your say on issues like whether we should have an organic collection (green waste and food), lobby the government on a tax on plastic bags, regulate the way waste companies collect our waste and share waste services with other councils.

This issue is all the more topical because of recent publicity around pollution in the Owairo Stream. I am working actively with the Regional Council on the issue as they regulate the landfill owner. Ensuring that waste doesn't end up in the stream also is a matter that requires further attention. A big thanks to the hard working volunteers who are protecting this stream. More to follow next month.

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"We empower youth through adventurous experiences to lead lives that make a positive difference". This was definitely in action on ANZAC Day morning.

400-500 guests were expected for refreshments after the Anzac Service at Brooklyn School and Brooklyn Scouts was asked to prepare the sandwich platters.

Early on Anzac Day morning, with sun streaming in the windows, our scout hall in Harrison Street was converted into an awesome sandwich making production line.

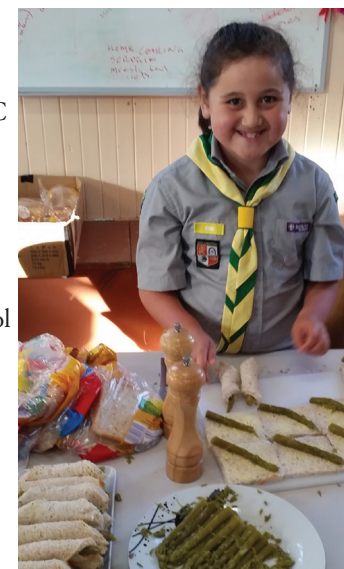
Youth and parents worked side by side to convert 25 loaves of bread and fillings into a delicious array of platters.

We added our own twist - nutella rolls and fairy bread! The sandwich platters were transferred to the Community Centre where the Scouts then got to work setting chairs out. 10am and it was time to get ready for the Service.

Our scouting law - "Have Respect, Do Whats Right, Be Positive" was visible throughout the morning as our Scouts and Leaders actively participated in the food preparation, service and then at the community centre, being helpful

where they saw an opportunity with a friendly and positive attitude.

Yours in Scouting,
Anneleah
Thornburrow,
Brooklyn Scout
Group,
Committee
Chairperson





Charles Seagar was a prominent Wellington engineer, and later on his son Edward, became an equally well known engineer in his own right. Edward was a long time resident of Ohiro. He was living in the area when it still comprised farming estates, in a rambling house on the hill, shown in the photograph, and where the Manston Flats are situated now.

The hill was mostly bare, and Seagar's land extended up the hill, it became popularly known as Seagar's Hill. While he worked in the city, Edward continued to live there until he died, around the turn of the century.

His property and land were then sold, and the top of the hill was bought by the Catholic Church, and a church school was built there, named St Anthony's (Brooklyn's popular GP, the late

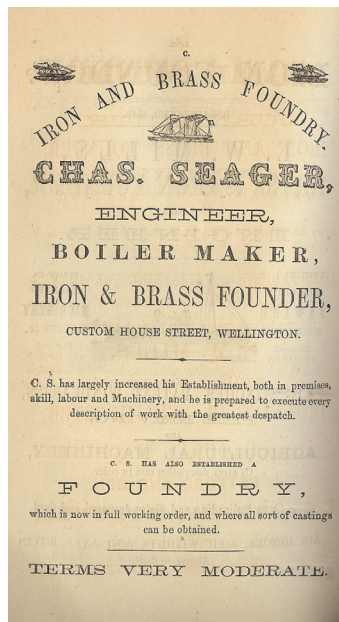
Ashton Fitchett, remembered attending school there). This was opened in 1911.

Edward Seagar's presence in the area was well known, Ashton Fitchett's grandfather, Ashton Buddle, was a frequent visitor to his house and they were close friends.

When the tramway was built to link Brooklyn with the City, a loop was formed at the corner of Ohiro Road and what was to become Brooklyn Road, this became known as Seagar's Loop. It was a single track from the city then doubled at this point enabling tram services to become more frequent.

Seagar's house was sold to the Crabtree family, who were engineers, iron and brass founders themselves, and were in partnership with William Cable.

The photograph is dated 1917.



BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Ohiro Rd development hearing was scheduled for Tuesday 2 May and BRAI were due to make an aural submission as the Tattler went to press. Concerns include bush clearance in excess of what should have been permitted and potential effects on Owhiro Stream.

Wellington water are awaiting geotechnical investigations and design solutions for drainage issues on Connaught Terrace that have seen a section of footpath hoarded off following recent storm events.

WCC have provided some updates via the A2B group (Active to Brooklyn):

- Pedestrian & cycle safety at Brooklyn Road/Ohiro Road intersection: Issue report completed (February).
- Traffic counts completed (March).
- Intersection modelling & feasibility (progressing). Complete concept drawings (to do).
- Repaving and installation of advance stop boxes at the traffic lights: Has been put off until further notice due to weather.
- Installation of a cycle fix it stand in the Brooklyn town centre: Council are considering possible locations to install one.

Next meeting 7pm Wednesday 21st June at the Brooklyn Resource Centre. All are welcome, it would be great to see you there.

Get in touch here to join our email list: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com
Or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington>

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HEALTH NEWS

DR LYNN MCBAIN
BROOKLYN MEDICAL CENTRE

Now that autumn is here it's time for the annual influenza vaccination program. Commonly known as the Flu vaccine, this immunisation protects us against three of the influenza strains that are predicted to be in New Zealand this Winter.

Immunisation is helpful for everyone. It is particularly recommended and is funded by the Ministry of Health for free administration for people over the age of 65, and for pregnant women.

Book an appointment with your practice nurse. There are usually plenty of times available as most practices try to set aside dedicated time for this.

The vaccine is also fully funded to those with certain long term medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma and other lung conditions. Young children who have had hospital admissions for respiratory programs also qualify for fully funded vaccines.

For those who are not eligible for full funding, the vaccine is usually still a good idea. Many workplaces will fund their staff to have the vaccine. People who get influenza can be very ill and every year there are a few deaths. It is much more serious than a simple cold.

Are you up to date?

When you are next at the doctors it is also a good opportunity to check that you are up to date with other preventative health care. Thinking of vaccines – are you up to date with your Tetanus

vaccine? A booster is due at age 65. And for those over the age of 50 - Zostavax is a vaccine to prevent shingles and can be useful.

Asthma and other breathing conditions. This time of year is also a useful reminder to those of you with asthma and other breathing conditions to check your medications, and plans for what to do if you do become ill. Using preventative medication and recognising signs of any flare ups to allow prompt management are both useful tips.

Simple colds can usually be managed at home. Most often recommended are rest, fluids and simple medications such as paracetamol for pain or fever. If symptoms are becoming worse or are prolonged then it might be time to see your doctor.

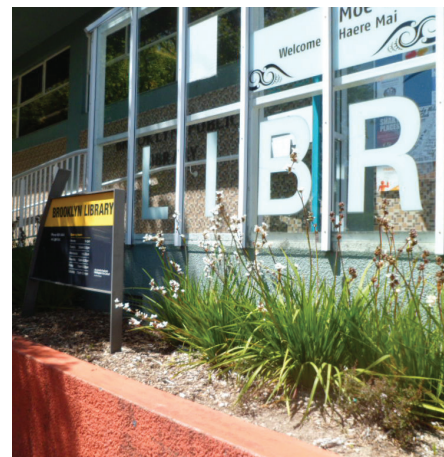
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from the LIBRARY



Tēnā koutou katoa.

Brooklyn is a community with a rich history and the library is the perfect place to find information on the history of our suburb and Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Online resources

The Wellington City Libraries website is an excellent starting point for online information about Wellington suburbs, historical events, and significant people.

Simply choose 'Heritage' from the ribbon running along the top of the Wellington City Libraries Home page and you will be taken to our Local History page.

For first time users there is an excellent guide/slideshow full of tips about our local history online resources and the best ways to use them. Resources such as the Wellington Local History Database and the Evening Post clipping database are outlined here.

On the **Local History** page you can also gain quick access to a variety of resources

including a postcard image gallery, heritage films, oral histories, recent local history books, and links to topics such as architecture, trams, and the Wellington waterfront. You will also find suburb guides that provide specific information about areas such as Brooklyn - did you know for example that Brooklyn was established in 1852 as a dairy farm?

If you are at all curious about Brooklyn and its history I recommend checking out our website from the comfort of your own home and perusing the local history and images it has to offer!

Resources in the Brooklyn Library

In the Brooklyn Library we have a variety of resources relating to **historical Brooklyn and Wellington.**

One of my favourite books is *The Streets of My City* by F.L. Irvine-Smith. First published in 1948 this book provides details about the names of streets in Wellington. Here you can find out why certain streets were given their names and about the Brooklyn connection to Presidents of the United States. *Early Brooklyn and Early Brooklyn Revisited* by Joy Vickers and Ashton J. Fitchett are books with wonderful photos of old Brooklyn.

We also have copies of *Ngā Tūpuna o Te Whanganui-a-Tara* which gives a fascinating insight into the **Māori history of Wellington.** You can borrow these books from the New Zealand History and Māori sections of the Brooklyn library.

Please ask us if you have any questions or would like help accessing information about historical Brooklyn or Wellington. We're more than happy to help or point you in the right direction! See you at the library!

what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7:30pm during school terms. Call Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & Afterschool Care & Holiday Programmes. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.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 4pm-5:30pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 27 May 2017, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners Wed 5:30-6:15pm & Thurs 5-5:45pm. Adult Beginners Wed 6-7pm, Thurs 5:30-6:30pm. Kardio Power Wed 7.30-8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30-7pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
ROCKING POPPING BODS NEW!	Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 years. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays in school terms 6:30-8pm. Call Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
KANGATRaining NEW!	Mondays 10:15-12. Postnatal workouts. Contact Hannah 021 030 6981 https://m.facebook.com/rockingpoppingbods/
ZUMBA FITNESS	Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15am. Contact Leia on 020 41109308 or cohenleia@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelmorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

AEROBIC DANCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15-10:15am Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am-2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am & 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:30-7pm. 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
NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA NEW!	Wednesdays fortnightly 8pm sharp starting 10 May. www.facebook.com/NLNLWellington/
KOHA YOGA	Thursdays 11am-12:15pm. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-12:45pm. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Helen Miller 021 216 9444 or h_miller@xtra.co.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, Saturdays 3-5pm. Cam 021 263 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WILD WORKOUTS NEW!	Boot Camps 6am Tuesdays & Thursdays for all fitness levels. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or www.wildworkouts.co.nz
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MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies. Contact Lois Ph 973 1650

1-3pm Mah Jong

6-7pm Yoga

TUESDAYS 9am-1 Melanie Roskam
 Integrative nutritionist ph 0273508787

12-1pm Community Lunch.
 Inexpensive lunch, everybody welcome.

WEDNESDAYS Garden club
 1st Wednesday of the month

THURSDAYS Wgtn Handweavers & Spinners Guild Thursdays (1st & 3rd) 1-4pm
 2nd Saturday 10.30-4. Val 389 7516 or 0274 364 741 or laybourns@clear.net.nz

FRIDAYS Podiatrist Ph 384 4299
9am-11.30 Every 2nd Friday

FRIDAY CIRCLE If you know anyone who'd like a day out we'd love to have them join us, only \$15.

9am: Craft activities

10.30: Morning Tea

Noon: Lunch

1pm: Arthritic Exercise

1:30-2:30pm: Speaker

2:30: Afternoon tea

SPEAKERS - FRIDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

5 May - Linda Sheldon

Freedom Alarms

12 May - Katie Underwood

Winter in Japan (Armchair Travel)

19 May - Sheila Reed

Keeping yourself safe

26 May - Diane Stephens
 Overview of Parkinson's

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter with your families.

Apologies to Diane Stephens from Parkinson's for the miss spelling of her name in the last edition of the Tattler. We welcome you to our centre.

The next meeting at the Brooklyn Resource Centre will be our **AGM on the 25th of June 2017 @ 2pm ALL WELCOME.**

Great line up of Speakers this month. I'm going on an overseas trip for 6 weeks and will be back in the middle of June. I will be a speaker on the 16th (Armchair Travel). If you would like to be a speaker I'm looking at July so be in quick.

Thank you again so much Sue Devereux for your wonderful work in getting all of our trusty volunteer drivers in order. Also a really big THANK YOU to our volunteer drivers - you all make such a difference to our community who rely on this service.

Jenny

PODIATRIST Kirsty will be at the Centre fortnightly on Fridays. Phone 384 4299 for an appointment.

ROOMS FOR HIRE The Resource Centre has three rooms for hire, including a commercial grade kitchen.

If you'd like to hire any of our rooms, kitchen, or the whole centre for an activity, event, small business or service, contact us to discuss rates and availability on 04 384 4299 or brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

FIVE GENERATIONS IN WELLINGTON

It's amazing what you discover when you make time to chat with our locals.

Aravind and Nimu Morar, who own Brooklyn Food Market, are one of Brooklyn's longest-standing business owners. They also have another claim to fame.

Aravind Morar's grandmother, was the first Indian woman to settle in Wellington.

The story begins when Aravind's grandfather, Morar Khusal, a Gujarati Indian, came to New Zealand around 1907 in search of a better life for his family. This meant leaving his wife Ganjaben in India with their two children; a common practice in those times when making a living there was difficult.

Morar Khusal's son, Mithal Morar (Aravind's father) followed in 1926. No this isn't a typo - Mithal took his father's first name, hence Mithal Morar.

Ganjaben Morar Khusal arrived in Wellington in 1938; the first Indian woman to settle here and the second in New Zealand.

Morar and Ganjaben put money towards buying a 9 bedroom home in Tasman St which housed 26 people. The home provided temporary accommodation and support for Indian immigrants until they had a job and earned enough money to find a place of their own. Helping one another is an important part of Indian culture.

In 1946 Mithal Morar returned to India to marry, coming back to Wellington with his wife Laxmi in 1948. They had three children including Aravind.

In 1974, when Aravind was 16, he bought the fruit and vegetable shop located on the corner of Todman and Ohiro Roads. His father, who was a fruit and vegetable hawker going house to house, helped him in the shop.

Following Indian custom, and as his father had done, an arranged marriage

took Aravind back to India in 1980 to marry Nirmala (Nimu). Born in Malawi, and living in India, Nimu came to Wellington leaving everything she knew behind including friends and family. The welcome from Brooklyn locals is what helped her adapt to the change that her family was now here.

Aravind and Nimu have a son, two daughters and two grandchildren making five generations in Wellington.

Morar and Ganjaben with grandchild, Wellington around 1942.





What a lot of publicity our little stream has had lately! Little in size, maybe, but - Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu. Although small, it is, like greenstone, a treasure - or would be if it wasn't so contaminated with pollutants and rubbish. The recent heavy rains have meant that not only has the T&T holding pond overflowed, covering the stream bed with contaminated sediment, but enormous amounts of general rubbish have been washed down, leaving the banks littered with unsightly shreds of torn plastic.

Every penny has two sides, and all this has meant that not only have the local residents become understandably upset with the situation, but the Council has also become involved. So, a Saturday or two ago, FOOS held an 'extraordinary' extra rubbish collecting bee, which was attended by the mayor, Justin Lester, and Councillors

Peter Gilberd, Iona Pannett, and Sarah Free. Also there, and lovely to see, were local families; in spite of health and safety warnings by Martin, most kids took it as an adventure to cross the swollen stream (with help from parents) to collect rubbish from the far bank. They were rewarded afterwards with Milo and superb baking.

Martin's family nobly undertook to do an audit of the rubbish collected - sorting it into categories and weighing it. The object of this exercise was to try and identify what the main sorts of rubbish were, and maybe where it had come from. Here is the tally: 120kg of rubbish, half of which was soft plastic and polystyrene, and half assorted bottles, cans, etc. Gathered by around 60 people in two hours, from 300 metres of stream bank.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



*New life forms after the rain.
This photo of the fungus Auricularia
auricula-judae was taken in the park
just after the rain storms over Easter*

Planning for the future

Upstream recently held a meeting to plan our activities through to next spring. Our big focus in the coming months will be on maintaining the areas that we have already cleared and planted including the stream surrounds and the site of the old caretaker's cottage as well as controlling the blackberry and gorse that insist on setting up home in the park - there are just a few park visitors that are genuinely unwelcome!

It is interesting to consider the range of activities that care groups undertake and the different strengths that every individual brings. We consider Upstream

fortunate in having volunteers with a wide range of interests and skills such as landscaping, tree and plant management, pest control, local history, grant applications, community liaison and baking (!) to name but a few. In addition to our contribution, we are well supported by Wellington City Council, Volunteer Wellington and Supreme coffee supplied by Café L'Affare. It is the pooling of all these attributes that makes the whole work so well.

A group of Massey University students provided this feedback after working at the park: 'It was an incredible half day of building friendships

for us - with the park, which is such a wonderful place..... It also created a great feeling of comradery within our team who loved working together outside to support our local environment. A wonderful experience! It was truly fulfilling.'

Next Working Bee is Sunday 28 May

Upstream meets from 10.00 - 12.00 on the last Sunday of every month; join us in Central Park at The Jetty - enter the park through the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

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

LIONS GET BEHIND BROOKLYN MARKET



The Brooklyn Market has been going strong, every month since the early 1970s and is considered to be an institution amongst Brooklyn locals.

Recently, the local Lions group has joined in the monthly activities and added a popular sausage sizzle to the mix. Always on the lookout to try out new things, the club have added homemade soup during the winter, and more recently, gourmet homemade burgers, made to order. A popular new addition - free range eggs - completely sold out last month, so this will be a regular item for sale. The eggs are from Wholesome NZ in Wanganui and available as size 7 or jumbo - six pack, dozen or tray.

Fresh vegetables will be available in the next upcoming markets and the Lions hope to expand this stall as demand increases.

Adding to the relaxed atmosphere, jazz band Dark Chocolate Trio have been

playing at the market from about 11am. Brent, Greg and Stefan have been playing together since 2008, and mix drums, double bass, saxophone, flute and clarinet to create the perfect sounds for a Saturday morning.



If you'd like to see more of the trio, they're also playing regularly at Left Bank, Cuba Street during the Saturday night Vegan markets. See their Facebook page or website <http://darkchocolatetrio.com/> As a special treat, the Mr Whippy van sometimes makes an

appearance to provide treats for little kids and big kids. Keep an ear out for that tell-tale tune of icecream.

If you have suggestions for events or produce at the market please email Euan Harris at coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz or Nick Ruane nick@ruane.co.nz

Brooklyn Market is on the last Saturday of the month from 9:30am - 1pm at the Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.

UPDATE FROM SUE KEDGLEY, ONE OF YOUR LOCAL WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

The Wellington Regional Council has been consulting on its Annual Plan which is giving priority to making Wellington more resilient, by improving flood protection, making water reservoirs more resilient; assisting Centreport to repair the damage it sustained during the earthquake, and other measures.



We are also proposing to keep bus fares the same this year (for the fourth year in a row); and to bring in a new package of measures next year including a 25% off-peak discount on all bus and train fares; free transfers between buses; a single

snapper card across all the buses in Wellington and, hopefully, discounted fares for students. We're presently finalising new bus operating contracts and a new bus network (which will be introduced next July) and a new bus ticketing system.

My push to get the Council to commit to the Living Wage has been successful and all staff will be paid a Living Wage from July of this year. I am also working hard with colleagues to start preparing now for light rail in Wellington.

Regrettably the trolley buses will be taken out of service at the end of the year and it's not clear yet what will replace them.

NZ Bus are hoping to convert them to hybrid Wrightspeed buses but successful trials have yet to be completed.

Please contact me if you have local issues or concerns at sue@suekedgley.com

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Pippins
Nicola Burdon 971 1265
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Margaret 389 3028
Brooklyn Guides
Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP Creating local food and community. Working bees from 5pm Mondays 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
Years 1-4 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
Next meeting is on Saturday 10 June from 2pm at the Brooklyn Library. Enquiries to Sharon phone 3888088 or 0276344455.

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC Fun affordable 30

minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided.

Wellington Reformed Church 34 Harrison St. Wednesdays 10am.
Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish
96 Washington Ave.
Fri 9:30am. Nicky 971 1265

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC
Season 1 April - 27 August 2017. Boys and girls ages 5-14. Register online www.bnujfc.co.nz
1st kicks for those turning 5&6 in 2017 - Sundays 9-10am Tanera Park.
Girls Only league for girls turning 7 & 7+ in 2017 - Sunday morning.
Mixed Grades league - boys & girls turning 7 & 7+ in 2017 on Saturdays. Enquiries bnujfc@gmail.com

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. Contact Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB Ages 14+
Sundays 4.30pm-6pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown.

To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrg.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

BROOKLYN WALKERS
Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

8 MAY Seatoun, Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay, Lyall Bay 9.57 No 11 bus from Wallace St.

15 MAY Box Hill, Khandallah Village, Bridle Path, Kaiwharawhara, City 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train

22 MAY Walk through High School, Wellington Hospital grounds, Alexandra Rd., City

29 MAY Ashton Fitchett Rd,

Polhill walkway, Aro St., Abel Smith St., Inverloch, Buller St., Ghuznee St. Walkers start 9.10, others No 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett

5 JUNE Queens Birthday
12 JUNE Eastbourne to Days Bay 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus at railway station

17 JUNE Walk to Wallace St., bus to Karori, walk Karori Cemetery, Kaiwharawhara Stream, Otari Wilton Bush 9.10 start for 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St.

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE WELLINGTON
The cats at the shelter are waiting to be adopted every Saturday and Sunday, from midday to 4 pm. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove), in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.nz

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

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM The vastly improved Ohiri Stream and its environs has been achieved by this group. Martin 389 8995 Janet 385 2077

LIONS CLUB Help build your community and make new friends along the way. 2nd Thursday of the

month, 7:30pm, RSA room, Brooklyn Community Centre. Contact Nick Ruane at nick@ruane.co.nz or 021 100 2635

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com

SHAOLIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC) Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Crescent. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

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. Meets Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Call Caroline 027 229 3623 or Christian 021 651 892 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz 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

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP
Lots of activities at the Vogelmorn Bowling Club including yoga classes, Butoh practice and African dance/Polynesian moving meditation. Plus we're into the next stage of our kitchen upgrade. We run community events + shared office space + private hire at the Club rooms, 93 Mornington Road Visit www.vogelmorn.nz to find out more.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB We welcome players of all ages and abilities to join our social, family-friendly club. Regular club days, opportunities for competitive play and professional coaching. Visit vogelmorntennisclub.com or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com or call in.

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.



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