

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8.30 to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 th Wednesday of the month Phone Liz for details on 939 0131
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 2:45pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10am to 11am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am – Friday classes at 9am and 10am. Contact Beth. Email: renewpilates@gmail.com
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the lounge in the lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm Seniors: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Kardio Karate: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Karate Stretch: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 16 November 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens for adoption.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6pm to 8:30pm. Phone Michael on 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings 9am to Midday in the main hall. Wednesdays 8.15pm till late. Phone Philip on 934 7445 or - email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm. First class free. \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz The last class for this year is 28/11/13. Classes resume on 23/1/2014.
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on Saturday 30 November 9.30am to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Ph. 384 6799

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.
Office hours - 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799. E-mail: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler



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DAYTIME TABLE TENNIS

A new Table Tennis Group, opened recently, is flourishing.

Play is every Tuesday morning from 9.00am till midday at the Brooklyn Community Centre in Harrison Street.

All you need are soft-soled shoes, a couple of dollars and plenty of enthusiasm!

Balls are supplied and there are some bats available if you don't have your own.

For more information call Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz

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Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

The printing of the Brooklyn Tattler has been out sourced to Ricoh rather than being produced in house by us. This means a better quality publication with clearer pictures and wording for you to read each month. Our photocopier was getting a bit tired, so we decided to look at alternative options. You can view a colour version of the Tattler on line at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

By the time you read this, our January School Holiday programme will be finalised, and then uploaded on our website together with an enrolment form. The New Year kids activities start on Monday 6 January. Adam Hendry, our Childcare Programme Manager, says he is already receiving enquiries from interested parents. You can view photos from previous holiday programmes, markets and other community events online under the gallery section.

Our main office at the Brooklyn Community Centre will close from Saturday 21 December and reopen after Anniversary weekend on Tuesday 21 January. The Afterschool Care Office will also close on Saturday 21 December, but open earlier on Monday 6 January for the School Holiday programme which runs throughout January. Most of our regular groups will take a break over the Christmas and New Year period. A new initiative for us is the production of a quarterly newsletter for regular users at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall, so that groups can

communicate to each other about what they offer, and the Brooklyn Community Association can keep users in touch with relevant information such as building upgrades and staff changes. The first quarterly newsletter is due out later this month.

Our last monthly market for 2013 is on Saturday 30 November in the main hall from 9:30am to 1pm. One of our regular stall holders sells a great variety of cards which is well worth checking out if you are after something a bit different from the mainstream outlets. The neighbouring Reformed Church in Harrison Street are also a regular feature at our markets, and are very popular with their table of fresh jams, preserves and fruit.

Vogelmorn Hall has become more user friendly with the recent addition of an accessibility ramp, thanks to the staff of Wellington City Council and City Care who made this happen. The use of Vogelmorn Hall continues to grow, as word gets around about what a great facility it is. A couple has chosen Vogelmorn Hall as their place to be married during December, and we have two other weddings booked in for next year, including one in November 2014. It pays to get in early for such an important event.

Have a great month

Euan Harris
Co-ordinator



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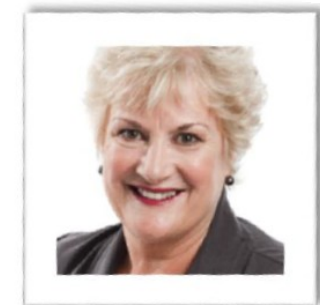
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Rob Young

Instructor, Kung Fu School (Wellington)

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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 28 November 2013

Email: kunderwood@leaders.co.nz with your contribution.

Councillor Comment

I am **Mark Peck**, one of the new City Councillors for the Lambton Ward.

I have been involved in politics for a long time. I was the Member of Parliament (1993 – 2005) for Invercargill before moving to Wellington in late 2005. While in Parliament I chaired Parliament's "Finance and Expenditure Select Committee" (1999 – 2002) and "Commerce Select Committee" (2002 – 2005). This experience gave me a good grounding in the economy and an understanding of taxation and regulatory matters. I also had a large constituency workload around a myriad of matters.

The new Council has been sworn in and I am looking forward to getting to grips with my responsibilities. I have been appointed to the Economic and Arts Committee, the Social, Sports and Recreation Committee, the Performance Review Committee and I have been appointed Chair of the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee. This will give me scope to work on the matters I raised during the election.

If you need to contact me you can email mark.peck@wcc.govt.nz and I can get back to you once I have investigated.

I have an active Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/markpeckwqtn> which I invite you to check out. Shortly I will establish a website, but I am resisting "twitter". It is a privilege to get the opportunity to represent the Lambton Ward and I look forward to working for you.

Iona Pannett - I am honoured to have been re-elected to represent Brooklyn over the next three years.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those I have worked with over that time and say farewell to my former councillor colleagues Ian McKinnon and Stephanie Cook who have moved on to pursue other interests and who did a lot for this community. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new councillors David Lee, Mark Peck and Nicola Young.

Post- election, councillors are getting to work with workshops and meetings on our first Annual budget for the triennium. There is much to do like getting the economy on track (expect to see significant investment in this area), earthquake strengthening will continue to be a priority as will cycling and better public transport.

There is a lot going on in Brooklyn too. With your energetic residents' association, I want to ensure that your views are heard on the expansion of the Southern Landfill, to see the Brooklyn Library earthquake strengthened, for some village planning to revitalise the Brooklyn village and for the modest expansion of library services in your library.

I look forward to working with you again over the next three years.

Iona
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MAH JONG;

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Programme:

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

Speakers for November 2013

15th Nov Centre chat on upcoming events and sale table

22nd Nov Sally Carmen
Travelling through the Queenstown area

29th Nov Speaker required

6th Dec Speaker required

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Carol, the manager of Wellington Spotlight for their generous donation of 3 & 4 ply pure wool. The ladies are very happy to be knitting for our neonatal babies.

Speech therapist Munu Richards is now at the Resource Centre.

I would like to welcome and thank Izzy for volunteering on Tuesdays. Your help with our community lunches is very much appreciated.

Have you thought about Christmas yet? We will be having a sale table on Tuesdays and Fridays. Pop in and have a look, you may find some interesting gifts.

Only two more speakers required before the end of the year i.e. 29th Nov & 6th Dec. If you would like to be a speaker, please let me know.

Our podiatrist will be at the Centre fortnightly. Last clinic will be Dec 13th. Hope to see you at the Centre soon.

Jenny

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The **Brooklyn-Kingston Plunket** branch is having its AGM on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 8pm in the RSA lounge at the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.

Everyone welcome. We are looking for more committee members. Please come along if you are keen to join an active and fun committee.

At this meeting a change in the governance structure of our branch will also be discussed and voted on. For more information email:

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- SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB** Sunday morning 9.15am to 12:45pm
Thursday evening 4:45 to 8:45pm
Contact Louise on 021 272 1060 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
- BARBARIAN KIDS** Movement & expression classes with Jo Randerson
Monday afternoon 3.15pm to 4pm - Wild things
Monday afternoon 4pm to 4.45pm - Crazy Horses
Email: jo@barbarian.co.nz
View: www.barbarian.co.nz/kids
- FELDENKRAIS CLASSES** Awareness through Movement
Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday 10am to 11am
Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
- KARDIO KARATE KARATE STRETCH** Monday evening 5:40 to 6:10pm
Monday evening 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 evening 7.15pm to 8.30pm
Contact Beth via email.
positivelyzumba@gmail.com
- FIONA HAINES DANCE** Wednesday evening 3:15pm to 9pm
Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or email f.haines.dance@gmail.com
- KIDS ART** Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm during school terms.
- IAIDO TRAINING** Non-combative Japanese Martial Art
Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm
Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

The Vogelhorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Co-ordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

View us online at: www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

FOOS

How many Brooklyn residents are aware that WCC has applied for a resource consent for a major extension to the Southern Landfill? The proposal is for a 10,000,000 cubic metre, 80-100 year extension. Unfortunately, Carey's Gully Stream, above the landfill, forms the highest value ecological habitat in the Owhiro Catchment, and is also the main fresh water input into the Taputeranga Marine Reserve.

FOOS has had an excellent relationship with the management of the landfill, but we feel the Council has not fully explored alternatives to their proposal, which would involve filling in the gully and diverting the stream, resulting in the loss of the eco-system which at present supports a flourishing community of invertebrates and other stream life. 2300m of stream bed, 600m of ephemeral water course, and 28 hectares of regenerating bush would be destroyed. Of concern also is the suggestion that the extension may become a regional landfill, with the accompanying increase in heavy traffic through Brooklyn. We have therefore made a submission asking

that Council re-consider their decision, and engage with the community in seeking a better waste management solution.

Janet Campbell
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



Mayoral Musings



"I'm delighted to be re-elected as your Mayor for Wellington City. With our newly-elected, positive and enthusiastic Council I'm looking forward to working for you."

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How Toastmasters Changed My Life

I remember my first night at Turbine Talkers. I was shy, scared stiff of speaking in public and terrified I'd make a fool of myself.

I was greeted at the door, introduced to some friendly people and given a seat next to one of the more experienced club members. By the end of the very interesting and highly entertaining meeting I was a Toastmaster.


Seventeen years later I'm still a member of Turbine Talkers. I no longer shake when I give a presentation and I'm far more confident of my abilities. I was sceptical about taking a leadership role, but with the help of my mentor I became a committee member. Since then I've organised and participated in speech contests and last year I became an executive, managing four clubs in the Wellington area.

I've met some wonderful people. Many of whom are now good friends. I've enhanced my CV and job interviews are far less nerve-wracking.

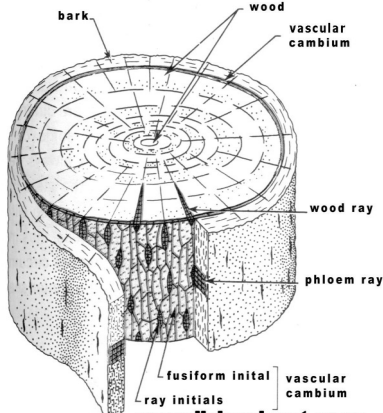
We can help you too.
Robyn

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club meets fortnightly, Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm, St Matthew's Church, 96 Washington Ave, Brooklyn. Phone Malin on 384 1398





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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Walkers

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

18 Nov : Simla Cres, Odell Reserve, Old Porirua Rd, Lower Ngaio Rd (9.18 #7 bus, 10.02 train).

25 Nov: Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt, (9.38 #7 bus, 10.07 #83 bus from railway stn).

2 Dec: Johnsonville to Ngauranga Gorge via Wakeley Gully, (9-18 No7 bus, 10-02 train)

9 Dec: City to Sea Walkway, Bell Rd to Prince of Wales Park.



Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 8.15pm till late every Wednesday evening.

A small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages, abilities. We have 3 tables with good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use if you do not have your own. For information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.



Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm

Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm

Scouts: 11-14 years, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan gavin@mcglashan.co.nz phone 939 3222



Brooklyn Garden Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. Come and hear interesting and informative guest speakers, share gardening tips and plant cuttings, and enjoy the company of our small friendly group. New members and new ideas are always welcome. For further details contact: Barbara on 389 4307.



Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Caroline 971 8494



Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6pm to 7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7-9 1/2 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 on-going and if you would like to find out more about it, call:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



Central Park Care Group

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

Contact Debbie on debbie_vanh@yahoo.com



Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library @2pm. on the following dates: 30 November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 387 1487, email sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com or Chris Rabey: 384 9293



Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

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



St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6 - 18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:30pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Michael for Youth on 027 630 3063, www.stjohn.org.nz click on Youth.



Brooklyn Food Group

Have a passion for local food and community? Join the Brooklyn Food Group/Community Orchard / shared gardens growing food and learning from each other to fill our bellies and build our skills and community.

We welcome new gardeners and gardens, so if you want to get your hands dirty or hear about upcoming workshops get in touch.

Orchard working bees: 5.30-7.30 Monday nights end of Harrison st thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

Lines From the Library

2013 marks the bicentenary of the publication of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice'. Jane Austen died early, aged 41, and wrote just six novels, but, remarkably, these have remained in print for all but the 12 years immediately following her death in 1817, and her work is arguably more popular now than ever.

What is it about a writer from another era that maintains such appeal to a contemporary audience? It's largely down to her ability to write engaging and entertaining novels that, in taking a deeper look at society and the human condition, enable us to relate to the characters even though they are from a different era. In this way they are timeless stories and deserved of the term 'classic'.

Recently, other writers have published sequels to the Austen novels, including Emma Tennant's 'Pemberley', a sequel to 'Pride and Prejudice' and 'The Third Sister', a sequel to 'Sense and Sensibility' by Julia Barrett. Jane Austen continues to exert an influence and here are some such novels recently added to the WCL collection. 'The Marriage Plot' by Jeffrey Eugenides is a romance, set in 1982, and tells the story of Madeleine Hanna, an English student, who is writing her thesis on Jane Austen and studying the age-old motivations of the human heart, when real life, in the form of two very different men, intervenes.

On a very different note, and sure to mortify purists, are Seth Grahame-Smith's 'Pride and Prejudice and Zom-

bies', Ben H. Winters' 'Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters' and Amanda Grange's 'Mr. Darcy, Vampire' which are all examples of a new sub-genre – the literary mashup. They are basically alternate versions of the original novels with an added storyline about zombie uprisings, sea monsters and vampires, and what better way to lure younger readers into the world of fine literature?

Meanwhile, 'The Jane Austen Marriage Manual' by Kim Izzo tells the story of American Kate Shaw, who, after losing half of her money to a philandering ex and the rest to the economic downturn, decides to find a rich husband. Armed with her favourite Jane Austen books for guidance, Kate fashions herself as Lady Kate and travels abroad on the trail of a Mr Darcy. Lastly, Cindy Jones' 'My Jane Austen Summer: A Season in Mansfield Park' is about Jane Austen fan Lily, who takes the opportunity to travel to England to re-enact Mansfield Park.



Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

Like everyone, we are looking forward to the approach of Summer with relish. We continue engage with WCC/GWRC on community issues on behalf of the Brooklyn community. We share community disappointment at WCC decision to cancel all community waste annual waste collection days.

We note an error in last month's Tattler article that inadvertently repeated an article which stated the volunteer collection was continuing. It has been permanently cancelled. Sorry for any confusion. And speaking of changes, the proposed water tank in the Prince of Wales park appears to be "on hold" due to funding issues. Mt Cook Mobilised (residents association) and the BRAI will keep a watching brief on whether / how this proceeds.

As well the immediate and ongoing local reaction to the recent earthquakes, the BRAI - as part of its brief to act for and on behalf of the greater Brooklyn community and area on local and citywide issues – are also being kept busy monitoring, reviewing and proactively commenting and challenging:

- Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) ongoing proposed changes to the city and region wide bus services, timetables and reorganization of bus routes (we look forward to the proposed local service expansion of the Kowhai Park / Panorama Heights full weekend bus service) and how they join together and meld.
- We note the intentions of all three landfills - WCC / publically run Southern Landfill, privately owned C & D

Landfill and T & T landfill – along and down Ohiro Road between Brooklyn and Happy Valley have expansion plans to increase the size and longevity of their respective operations. These proposals will mean continued and possibly increased traffic volumes (especially of large vehicles taking waste to the landfills) that come right through the heart of Brooklyn Village. Further development of Brooklyn – these resource consents for construction are generally considered non notifiable activities. So we have no control or even a modicum input as to what some parties can build and dump in our suburb, or consider the potential scale or impact on traffic for example

- WCC / GWRC "growth spine" proposal of intensified urban development between Kilbirnie and northern Johnsonville
- The section at 11 Vennell Street, we understand has been sold to the Wellington Housing Trust for affordable housing units

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Health Notes

Travel Health - For many people the upcoming school, university, and work summer breaks means that overseas travel is in the plans. Overseas travel to a large variety of destinations is becoming more accessible for many. Please remember your health and be aware that planning should go into the health side of travel as well as the flights and hotels. Make an appointment to discuss your travel health needs with your general practice.

First world destinations such as Australia, North America and Western Europe usually don't require specific immunisations. Flu vaccine is definitely recommended to those going to the Northern Hemisphere in their winter. Also ensuring you have good health insurance cover for your travels is very important even if you feel that you are going to an area where in country health care might be accessible – the cost of cancelled flights or of bringing you home if you are ill can be very high.

Much travel health advice concerns those going to areas where there are various infectious diseases that are not found in New Zealand. The basics to be covered for are the current NZ immunisations that most people will have had in childhood. Many people require a booster for tetanus and it is a good idea to consider the vaccine called 'Boostrix' that contains not only tetanus but also diphtheria and importantly pertussis (whooping cough) coverage. Protection against whooping cough is a good idea even for those staying in NZ for their holidays.

The most common 'travel' vaccine recommended is to protect against Hepatitis A. This is a highly infectious illness found in water and some foods. There has been a recent outbreak in the South Island associated with illness brought back from overseas by unimmunised travellers. Hepatitis A vaccine can be given prior to the journey and a second dose 6- 12 months afterwards gives long term protection. The first dose can be combined with protection against typhoid as well.

There are many other travel vaccines that may specifically relate to your destination.

Another area that is advisable to consult about is protection against malaria. Malaria is a mosquito borne illness so some of the protection includes protection against being bitten - long sleeves and trousers in the evening, sleeping under nets, and insect repellent. There are also medications that, if taken correctly, can reduce the chance of malaria developing if you are bitten by an Anopheles mosquito. The choice of medication partly depends on the destination and partly on other factors, and whichever one is chosen it needs to be started before entering the malarious area and continued for a period of time after leaving.

Appropriate travel advice takes some time to review so a specific medical appointment is usually required. Ideally this should be at least six weeks before your trip, so make that appointment now.

Lynn McBain
Brooklyn Medical Centre

Brooklyn History

This is more recent and a lot of you will remember, but nevertheless it is still history, now.

On 17 November 1994, Brooklyn's flagging shopping centre received a pick-me-up with the opening of its long awaited tavern. Like other inner suburbs, Brooklyn was hit by big new supermarkets in Chaffers Street and Kilbirnie. Brooklyn's own supermarket, part of the ShopRite chain had closed two years earlier, the popular deli had closed at Easter 1994, Boyd the Butcher left in August, and two out of the seven shops in the shopping centre were empty.

The tavern took a long time to come to fruition. The Terawhiti Licensing Trust bought the site in 1981 where the deli was located. One local resident, Jenny Clark, stood for the Licensing Trust in 1988 for the sole reason of getting a tavern for Brooklyn. Plans were published for a \$1 million tavern on that site in 1990. Residents were surveyed on whether they would use it, but still nothing happened.

The tavern which opened in November 1994 was a much reduced model from the 1990 plans, and occupied the supermarket site.

Jenny reported at the time, "People are in the frame of mind now where it's a nice thing to do after work or in the weekend to go and meet your friends at the pub. I don't know if this would have happened even 10 years ago – the whole sensible drinking and licensing thing is about New Zealand becoming more mature now".

Previously the 'drinking hole' of many Brooklyn residents had been the Brunswick Arms, at the corner of Willis & Vivian Streets, as it had been the closest outlet to Brooklyn. Bus stops were close to the pub on both sides (Willis Street was two way

Street then in its whole length), and every Saturday there were probably more Brooklyn people in there than anyone else. The original name for the new tavern was to be "The Cleveland", and the builders sign over the front proudly advertised this name, but upon opening it was called "Brooklyn Bar & Bistro".

There was a bistro in the main bar and patrons could take their food and drink either there or to a non smoking area alongside new windows which had been opened up on the eastern wall. Ironically it is this area on the eastern wall which today is the fully enclosed smoking area.

At the time of opening the main bar area was just inside the entrance across the northern wall, now a sumptuous lounge area where patrons can eat and drink in big armchairs with the main restaurant adjacent.

The manager of the shopping centre building in the 1990's was Peter Wilkin, and he negotiated with a food related business and Trust Bank to rent the two empty shops in the building. Trust Bank, the mortgagee in possession of the building, had planned to put in a walk-in money machine.

Trust Bank sold the Centre in 1995 along with Wilkin who relinquished his managerial position. Local couple Colin and Margaret Stanley leased the former Lambton Real Estate shop for their project management business, Calmar Project Services. A Karori investor bought the old deli around the corner and it was leased out as a café.

When opened, hours of the pub were:
Monday - Wednesday 11am to 11pm,
Thursday - Friday 11am – midnight,
Saturday 10am – midnight,
Sunday 11am – 10pm.

More next month
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