

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 PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
SUNDAY PILATES	Sunday mornings alternating 10 - 10:50am and 9:30 - 10:20am Phone or text Sybill for details on 021 037 9951
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:15 to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Pilates is taking a break during Term 4. Back in Term 1 of 2015 Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre 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 Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Cardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Stretch & Tone class: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 3 January 2015 - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 29 November - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.
Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz



What's happening in your Community

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“Anyone for Table Tennis?”

You can now play table tennis twice weekly in the Brooklyn Community Centre hall. Join our friendly group during Tuesday mornings from 9am or on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. People of all ages and abilities welcome. All you need are soft soled shoes, a couple of dollars and plenty of enthusiasm. Bats and balls provided. For more details call Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz or just turn up.



ABOVE: Members of the Brooklyn Table Tennis group enjoying their game on a Tuesday morning in the Community Centre hall.

The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly by the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn.

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Over the last month while travelling in and around Brooklyn, you may have seen the bright orangey red Kaka Project road side signs encouraging people to have their say on the future of community resources in Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston.

A total of 204 responses were received via post and email to the Kaka Project questionnaire. This number of replies is pleasing for a population of around 9000, considering that Council normally receive 500 submissions over the entire city for their Annual Plan. So if 204 replies are scaled up for the Kaka Project, that would be equivalent to over 4000 replies city wide.

Lots of interesting ideas were suggested, and many of these were discussed at a meeting of the Kaka Project steering group in the Brooklyn School staff room on 3 November, with council officers and councillors. In the coming months the opportunities and initiatives discussed will be put out for the whole community to comment on, to eventually be included in the Council's 2015 – 25 Long Term Plan.

Adam Hendry, our Childcare Programme Manager is busy finalizing the summer school holiday programme. As school breaks up on 17 December, a week of activities including Xmas decorations and Xmas biscuits is planned to start the following day cumulating with a Xmas party on 24 December. In the New Year, a month long programme of activities begins on 5 January with a welcome

barbecue. For complete details including an enrollment form, go to our website at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz where you can also view photos from our October school holiday programme.

Our last Community Market for this year will be held on Saturday 29 November from 9:30am to 1pm in the main hall of the Brooklyn Community Centre. This is our Pre-Xmas market and will feature some extra stalls including the Brooklyn Kindergarten selling their Community Fundraising calendars packed full of historic Brooklyn photos. These calendars will go fast so don't miss out. There will also be other stalls selling great gifts for Christmas. Special thanks to Caribbean on Cleveland Street for their generous donation of coffee.

The main office at the Brooklyn Community Centre will close on 24 December and reopen after Anniversary Weekend on Tuesday 20 January. The Afterschool Care office will also close on 24 December but open earlier on Monday 5 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.

Great to see that the new Brooklyn Deli is now open at 199 Ohiro Road. This was most recently the site of the temporary Brooklyn Library and for many years prior to that, home of the Golden Lotus restaurant. Places to eat and drink good coffee are always welcome!

Have a good month

Euan Harris - Coordinator
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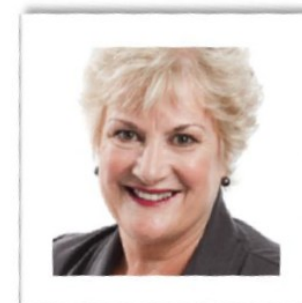
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Councillor Corner

Thankfully, summer is on its way and I'm enjoying some much needed sunshine. I'm very much looking forward to catching up with the Project Kaka group to find out about progress on the Brooklyn Village Plan. There are so many potential opportunities here to strengthen the community and infrastructure in Brooklyn and a community led plan is the best way to make achieve this goal.

Officers continue to do work on the proposal to extend the Southern Landfill and there are plans to hopefully scale back the project: a good news story. Not only will this save ratepayers millions, it means that we can protect the local environment better and at the same time press on with better ways to reduce our waste. More detail coming soon.

On another environmental issue, Council is consulting on a draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. Feedback is due on the 5th December. Brooklynites may wish to tell us whether we have got it right. Let us know what you want in terms of play areas, dog exercise areas and ecological protection. Recommendations include looking at further playground provision in the area from Karepa Street to Mitchell Street if there is further greenfield development; another dog exercise area between Tanera Crescent and Macalister Park; a commitment to continue working with Friends of Owhiro Stream to restore the stream and others. The document can be found at <http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/have-your-say/public-input/files/consultations/2014/10-suburban-reserves/chapter3-sector5.pdf>. Happy reading, this section is only 10 pages so won't take long.

Iona Pannett, Lambton Ward Councillor
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History

It is interesting to see the large number of community activities that are currently available in the community.

The churches around Brooklyn also had a number of groups utilizing their premises.

During the 1950's, St Matthew's Church was blessed with a large number of organizations within it:

- **Young Wives Group** met once a month on a Wednesday, led by Doris Bock
- **Bible Class** Senior & Junior met weekly.. Valerie Annabell taught the juniors, Form 3-5 and Form 5+ 1954-1960 on Sunday mornings
- **Youth Club**, two groups, form 3-5, and Form 5+, met weekly on a Friday
- **Sewing Guild** met on a Tuesday afternoon. E Fairhall, Secretary
- **Mothers Union**, led by Mrs Wincomb,
- **Men's Discussion Group**, led by Ron Whiteside,
- **Companionship Group**, weekly, led by Valerie Annabell, then Jean Newson, and Tom Syddall. The Group was for Forms 1 & 2 with some third formers (it was a 3 year course)

- **Over 18s Group** (22 members), met monthly, led by L Franks. book and read the stories but it was always a challenge to be able to tell it.

- **Sanctuary Guild** (18 members), each week cared for the sanctuary and arranged flowers. Led by Dorothy Fairhall

Sunday Schools, had 187 children, at 3 locations. The vicar at the time, Gordon Stote-Blandy was in charge overall. There was a kindergarten part as well. Sunday Schools were located at the church, Ridgway, and Brooklyn School.

The Sunday Schools were divided into 5 departments:

- Brooklyn Primary School
50 children
- Brooklyn Upper School
50 children
- Ridgway Primary School
22 children
- Ridgway Upper School
25 children
- Junior Bible Class
40 children (at the church)

All the groups were very well attended and had social events and outings. Sunday School teaching was great fun for a number of teachers, as they themselves were taught as children then as they got older they became the teacher. Valerie Annabell was one, who decided to teach when she went to college. She would go to teachers' class one day during the week and had to learn the lesson so she could tell a different Bible story each week. Some teachers simply took the

Other churches in Brooklyn also had their share of parishioner activities as well as outside groups. The Baptist Church in Ohio Road (now the Korean Lutheran), was the base for Life Boys/ Boys Brigade, and this was very popular amongst the various churches.

Children of parishioners from all the denominations gained instruction, firstly as Lifeboys, then progressed to the Boys Brigade. The Brigade had a very strong following throughout New Zealand in the 1960's and 1970's, though being church orientated, did not enjoy the same popularity as the Scouts.

The girls' were not left out, as there were a number of Girls Brigade companies operating at the same time, participating in a wide range of similar activities.

Nowadays, there is very little activity within church congregations. Numbers attending on Sundays have plummeted, and only St Matthew's, which has incorporated the Presbyterians and Methodists, plus St Bernard's, are still attracting weekly services, from the original denominations.

That's all this month.

Chris

Mainly Music Classes



How much fun can you take!?

Come and experience a fun and interactive music session for preschool babies and toddlers and their caregivers/parents. Dancing, instruments, singing and actions are involved as you help your little one learn gross and fine motor skills, imagination, language, and socialisation! It's a great opportunity to meet other tots and their caregivers if you are a new parent or new to the area. Each music session includes morning tea, and the opportunity to meet others in the same season of life. Brooklyn is blessed with two groups:

@ The Reformed Church 34 Harrison St, Wednesdays at 10am
@ St Matthews, 96 Washington Ave, Fridays at 9.30am

We would love to see newcomers along!

Visit www.mainlymusic.org for more information.

Note: the group at the Reformed church has changed from Tuesdays to Wednesdays, apologies for any inconvenience!

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Carols Service

"Keep Calm and Sing Carols"

All are warmly invited to the yearly Carol Service at the Reformed Church on Sunday 14 December at 7pm.

Join us in hearing the Christmas story and singing those favourite carol songs. Supper is included afterward and we would love to have you there!

The Reformed Church
34 Harrison Street

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

UPSTREAM Art Trail in Central Park

Visitors to Central Park in early March will have the chance to enjoy the Park in a new way when a new temporary Art Trail is on show. UPSTREAM - Friends of Central Park are right now inviting proposals from new and emerging artists and designers who want to develop a work that could be part of this event over the four days 5 to 8 March 2015. A variety of work is expected, but all of it will be developed specifically to reflect the special character of Central Park and all of it will speak in some way to the general theme of shelter.

In addition to providing a showcase for the works of these artists, plans are also under way for children from the local schools to develop a work between them that will also be on display.

UPSTREAM is very grateful that grants have been provided from both the Creative Communities Fund and the Council's Arts and Culture Fund for help meet the costs of the event.

Further information can be found at the new website www.upstream.org.nz

The Jetty area is now complete! The lawn is sprouting beautifully in this

mixed weather of sun and rain and the plants are beginning to establish themselves. Park users are often to be found lounging on the bench by the stream, enjoying the dappled sunlight and I am sure that this will become a popular spot with children and families in the summer.

An enthusiastic team of 14 volunteers from the NZ Racing Board cleared a vast amount of tradescantia from the Park one fine afternoon in October. This has enabled us to plan for new areas of planting. If you know of any groups who would like to help in the park for a few hours, please contact Lynne White at all.whites@xtra.co.nz. Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees which are supported by **Supreme Coffee** – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

Our next Working Bee is Sunday 30 November. We will then have a break until February 2015.

For more information, contact Barbara at behardy@clear.net.nz or 3845249 or Debbie at deb-bie_vanh@yahoo.com

Farewell to BJ

Bryan Jennings, known to many people as BJ, passed away peacefully on Sunday 5 October at the age of 76.

BJ was familiar to cinema goers and Brooklyn locals, as the projectionist at the Penthouse, where he worked until recently.

Bryan will be remembered for his warm welcoming personality and sense of humour. He was farewelled by family and friends at Old St Paul's on 9 October and then laid to rest at Makaka.

Our thoughts go out to his family. You will be missed BJ.



Brooklyn Kindergarten Calendar

The Brooklyn Kindergarten have started something new this year for their fundraising efforts and have produced a community calendar for 2015

The calendar contains historic pictures of Brooklyn and surrounding areas - what a great idea for a Christmas present for friends and family, near and far!!!

The funds raised from this year's calendar will be put towards ongoing projects, including the improvement of the outdoor environment for the children. Calendars are \$15 each and are available now.

The Kindergarten will have them for sale at the Brooklyn Community pre-Christmas Market, on Saturday 29 November, or you can purchase by emailing brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com, or by phoning 022 104 1255.

Get in quick before they are all gone!!!



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Lines from the Library

Remember, remember the month of November events of reading and writing we've got. I know of no reason why the library should ever be forgotten. Hello Brooklyn!, I hope you had a splendid Guy Fawkes with fireworks and sparklers and no scorched eyebrows.

November marks the beginning of some great annual reading and writing events at the Wellington City Library, such as NAN-OWRIMO (National Novel Writing Month). The Central Library is offering work spaces for adults and children to hone their writing skills every weekend for the month of November. For more information on what, where, and when, visit the library website or come in and enquire, all are welcome.

Following NANOWRIMO is the commencement of the highly acclaimed children's Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) on the 8th of December. With prizes to win and nothing to lose, I cannot endorse this event enough. There will be a booklist of 50-60 titles to cover all genres and reading levels that kids can choose from. All they have to do is read books from the list and then write an accompanying online review. Every review submitted will earn them an entry into the main prize draw. In addition to this each library branch, including Brooklyn, will host a fun library related activity for children to take part in over the 8 week challenge. This means that to complete all the activities children will have to visit each one of Wellington City's libraries, a fantastic opportunity to experience all our unique collections and resources. Every activity completed at the branches will be rewarded with an entry into a second prize draw. The competition will end on the 30th of

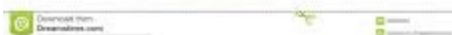
January with the prize draw. Again, if you would like any more information do not hesitate to ask at the library or check out the website, wcl.govt.nz.

As you may have noticed there are two eye-catching sculptures currently residing in the Brooklyn library. These are part of the Books Go Arty Competition where primary schools around Wellington have created wonderful hand-made sculptures based on books written by New Zealand author, Kyle Mewburn. If you'd like to see more of these creations they are being exhibited at Wellington Central, Island Bay Library and Community Centre, and Karori Library until the 14th of November.

I apologise for the dense bombardment of information from the library this month, but these events should not be ignored. Get involved, and I will see you soon at the library.

Kind Regards

Hannah Gorman



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Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

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

14th Nov Heather Mordaunt
Physical activity at home"

21st Nov Lyn Provost
Auditor General of NZ
"Our future needs the
public sector ready"

28th Nov Louise Morley
"Tales from Trade Aid"

5th Dec "Christmas Bingo"

12th Dec Our annual Christmas
Lunch (Invitations will be
sent out soon).

We have a group of 8 - 10 volunteers from the Treasury team, who will be at the Centre on 27 Nov 9.30 - 3.30pm to give our garden a make over. We really appreciate their time and our garden I am sure will look fantastic. The tidy up will be just in time for our volunteers Thank You Party to be held at the Centre on Friday 28 Nov 6pm - 7.30. We are very thankful to all of our volunteers, helpers, guest speakers, meals on wheels drivers, supporters and members of our Centre. We look forward to our Christmas Luncheon on 12 Dec. Its so nice to have 28 guests for a sit down meal. For the first time this year we are holding a market from 2.30 - 7.30pm on the 19 December. There will be lots of goodies for sale and we will let you know more in the December Tattler.

We look forward to seeing you at the Resource Centre soon

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 585 119 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Less is More 11:45am to 12:30pm Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Zumba is taking a break during Term 4. Back at - the start of Term 1 in 2015. Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
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The Vogelmorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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Friends of Owhiro Stream

As I write this, it is still October, and the appearance of Christmas promotions, and tinsel in a local hairdressers' shop window, seems somewhat unseemly, if not downright sacrilegious, somehow, making Christmas into an enormous marketing exercise. I have to confess though, that it has been necessary to start making plans, conferring with various family members as to their intentions and movements over the festive season. And certainly, by the time you read this edition of the Tattler, many of you will feel you have that dreaded Christmas deadline feeling. Is it all worth it? For me and my family, definitely; and it is satisfying to have an 'end' in sight, to look forward to a small break your normal round of activities, and look back at what has been done over the year.

So - how does FOOS feel about this year's achievements? We certainly feel that in many ways we have done some very satisfactory work this year. The planting season has now finished, and ALL plants scheduled to be planted, are now in the ground. This is actually a history making achievement, due, in large part, to the heroic efforts of one of our members - Martin, I am sure your family will be pleased to have you back again! But as usual our very hardworking and loyal volunteers have also been slogging away during the year planting on those difficult sites, and digging out recalcitrant blackberry roots. We feel we have made a very significant effect on the Bagel factory site, and look forward to seeing it continue to grow year by year - if only we could stop the weeds growing at the same rate.

Negotiations are nearly finalised between Council, Brooklyn Community Ass.,

FOOS, and Brooklyn Scouts regarding use of the Bowling Club's garage. With storage space for tools and potting mix, and driveway access, this will make life more convenient for us in many ways.

Janet Campbell
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



FOOS member Jon dealing to a blackberry root



Brooklyn Residents Association Inc (BRAI)

We approach Christmas – six weeks away! – with summer trying to establish itself and change is in the air – and there is a lot of change in Brooklyn village and the surrounding area. In regard to local infrastructure, the digging and roadwork's team had barely finished installing the new high speed fibre internet cabling, when the footpaths in the Brooklyn Village were dug up and re-laid again.

We welcome the opening of the Brooklyn Deli on Ohiro Road and look forward to this business adding to the flavour (pun intended) of the Village and its vibrancy. Also, the Cornerstore / Monteiths Bar and restaurant is under new management, so we look forward to a fresh approach in this local business. Counting the library and petrol station, there are approximately twenty services within Brooklyn, and we strongly urge that you show your support and use them, to keep our services local for the vibrancy of the Village to continue.

Looking at local housing developments we note: the twenty or so unit development being built in west Brooklyn / Panorama Heights (off Karepa Street & Aston Fitchett Drive); several new dwellings being built at 329 Ohiro Road and the land sales occurring in the Long Gully farm block (behind the Brooklyn wind turbine) and a potential six dwelling block of land is for sale in Reuben

Avenue.

With all that in mind, the proposed increase in bus services promoted by Greater Wellington Regional Council and Go Wellington buses will be timely.

Taking a wider view, we watch and await the outcome of the initial consultation process of the Kaka Group and their direction and aspirations for the Brooklyn, Mornington and Kingston area. In conjunction with the BRAI and other local residents associations, groups, schools and Wellington City Council, a stock take of community assets (buildings, infrastructure, local businesses, local knowledge and skills) is being undertaken to – hopefully – start giving assistance and direction with the growth of our suburb and area. Very much a work in progress but there is passion within the group and setting the framework for future growth.

BRAI is also still engaged with WCC and the proposed extension and expansion of the Southern Landfill (and the two privately run landfills on WCC land) and the corresponding impact on high volumes of traffic to the landfills running through Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs, and the potential environmental affects assuming the landfill continues for its 80-100 year "life time".

We invite you to attend our next meeting on Wednesday November 19th at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson Street, at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have a good number of new members and local community groups who have connected through our new mail-

School News

The last school term for the year is underway with children sporting summer clothes and compulsory sunhats showing us Summer is on the horizon.

Athletics appear to be a highlight this term with Ridgway School having their school athletics day the first week of term, and Zone and Inter-Zone athletics both happening in November.

Continuing the sports theme, at Brooklyn School the Tui syndicate are enjoying weekly trips to the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie for swimming lessons and fun. Children in Room 8 had a surprise visit from some members of the Phoenix soccer team in week one, who were there as the mystery readers for the week.

Brooklyn School had some renovations completed over the holidays, including replacement windows for five classrooms and new vinyl in the hall entrance. It is planned to paint the hall entrance during the next holiday break. As part of an inclusion survey, children have requested a quiet area to play during break times. An area has been selected which has been planted out. Paving will be added along with two bench seats for the children to sit on.

Over at Ridgway the junior children had a visit from the SPCA who talked about safety around dogs and brought a few canine friends along with them. By the time this comes out the Year 7 to 8 children will have returned from their camping trip to Raurimu and the Year 4 to 8 children from their camp at Forest Lakes.

Back to sports and St Bernard's school had a visit by Stacey from Netball Central who worked with the children showing them a new Junior Netball programme that will be available next year. The programme is worked for different age groups and introduces the basics of netball and develops children's skills. Term 4 finishes on Tuesday 16 December for St Bernards pupils and Wednesday 17 December for both Brooklyn and Ridgway Schools.

Julie Seevens



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Book on Brooklyn History

A new book on Brooklyn's history has just been released. It is the comprehensive history of St Matthew's Church on Washington Avenue, celebrating 100 years of Anglican presence in our suburb

Entitled "A Church Amongst Presidents", it includes snippets of Brooklyn and Mornington history, and brief coverage of all the other churches in Brooklyn.

It was compiled over 4 years by Chris Rabey, and is now available from the author, at a cost of \$25.00

Profusely illustrated, ring bound with 170 pages, it is a worthy addition to our local history.

Copies are also available at St Matthew's Church, or by contacting Chris on 384 9293.

Brooklyn Community Association

GENERAL MEETING

1:30 - 2:30pm Sunday

14 December at

Brooklyn Community Centre
18 Harrison Street

The purpose of the General Meeting is to pass a motion to agree the proposed changes to the BCA Constitution. A summary of the changes and the proposed Constitution are available from the Community Centre office.



GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

7pm Sunday 14 December at Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium
All welcome. Donation.
Email: goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet at 9:30am on Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 / Clare 384 9054.

17 November - Ashton Fitchett Dr, Zealandia Perimeter, Mitcheltown, Aro St (Walkers 9:10am start, others 9:25am No. 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett.

24 November - Bell Road, Nairn St Park, Hanky St, High School, Basin Reserve, Ellis Street, Brougham St, Majoribanks Street, Waterfront.

1 December - Ashton Fitchett Dr, Polehill Walkway, Aro St, Abel Smith St, Inverloch, Buller St, Ghuznee St. (Walkers 9:10am start, others 9:25am No. 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett.

Detailed Walking Group programmes, available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

Small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have 3 tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

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

Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm
Scouts: 11-14 years, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm
Venturers 14-18 years, Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

For more information contact Gillian Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz
phone: 972 9904

Brooklyn Garden Club

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

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning

environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Trish 021 929 245
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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

Friends of Owhiro Stream

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

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

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

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 29 November at Brooklyn Library cnr Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details: 387 1487 daytime or 972 1495 AH

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

Brooklyn Food Group

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

Contact us to get involved or drop in to our regular working bee at the Brooklyn Orchard every Monday evening from 5pm till 7pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

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