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Hi Everyone

It's great to have the warmer weather here and longer daylight hours to enjoy over summer. There are two local fairs to look forward to this month. The first is the annual Owhiro Bay Country Fair on Sunday 19 November in the Owhiro Bay School grounds from 10:30am – 2:30pm featuring horse and helicopter rides and all the usual attractions.

Then on Sunday 26 November it's the Brooklyn School Fair from 11am to 3pm in the school grounds off Washington Ave. The Brooklyn School Fair is only held every two years and is always a great community and fundraising event with plenty of delicious food, drinks, stalls and loads of activities for the whole family. A lot of hard work and planning has gone in to make this year's fair the best ever. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

MARKETS Our annual Kids' Market held on the last Saturday in September was a great success with many children taking part from Brooklyn School. Because this year's School Fair falls on the same weekend as our November market, we have decided to postpone the last market for 2017 to Saturday 9 December which will be a pre-Christmas market and will feature extra stalls including Brooklyn Kindergarten 2018 Community Fundraising Calendars packed full of historic Brooklyn photos. These \$15 calendars make great Christmas gifts

and will go fast, so don't miss out. The calendars are also available from Jo's Pies, Caribe Café, Brooklyn Deli and here at the Community Centre office in Harrison Street. A market planning group was recently formed at the Community Centre to look at ways of revitalising the Brooklyn Markets and have come up with new changes that will come in to effect next year. More details in the December Tattler.

NEW CLASSES We are pleased to have new Saturday morning Yoga classes at the Brooklyn Community Centre from 10:30am to 11:30am which will give people who are unable to attend weekday sessions the opportunity to try yoga during the weekend. Our first class begins on 4 November and will run through to 16 December before starting again in the New Year on 13 January. For details contact Jenn via email at: jetbluenz5@gmail.com

NEW NAME Over at Vogelhorn Hall, No Lights No Lycra has a new name, 'Kanikani'. The name has changed, but the dancing is still the same, in the dark and fortnightly from 8pm sharp. You can dance this month on 8th and 22nd November.

SUMMER Next month details of our summer school holiday programme starting on Monday 8 January which Adam Hendry our Childcare Programme Manager and Chris Barry-Goss our Senior Childcare Supervisor are currently working on. Plus when Brooklyn School breaks up on Tuesday 19 December we will have three days of activities from 20 - 22 December. Also in the next Tattler our holiday opening hours and contact details for the Brooklyn Community Centre office and Vogelhorn Hall over Christmas and New Year.

Have a great month

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LTP – if you're not familiar with the term hopefully you will be soon. The Long Term Plan is essentially council's ten year budget and as such involves a fair amount of crystal ball gazing as we try to discern what the needs and wants of Wellington will be over the next decade.

Between November and the end of February there will be a variety of opportunities for Wellingtonians to have their say in this significant process, and I want to encourage Brooklynites to make the most of it.

Much of the focus in coming years will be on the central city, where the majority of our population and building growth is expected. But suburbs, and especially the city fringe suburbs, will be impacted by that growth too.

Already Brooklyn experiences some of the joys and trials of being, as current parlance goes, CBD adjacent. Parking, public transport, cycling and walking amenities all represent important issues for Brooklyn and the city as a whole. But maybe even more significant is the question, what do you want your city and suburb to look like in ten years time?

Let me encourage you to start chewing over that question now. Talk to your neighbours, workmates and social acquaintances about it, and watch out for chances to have your say on the Long Term Plan soon.

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Hi Residents

We have had a busy month with another gain for our organisation. We have been able to assist the Brooklyn Playcentre, to enable them to park in the WCC Harrison Street flats car park. We thank Councillor Dawson for all his help, as parking is at a premium in Harrison Street and this should assist families attending Playcentre.

Wellington City Council have given us proposals on a upgrade to the intersection of Cleveland Street, Todman Street and Ohiro Road . We have objected on your behalf for the following reasons:

- The proposal has not considered the overall view of our community.
- Submissions closed on the 20th September during schools holidays.
- It does not consider the safety of pedestrians.

• Misreported on the time limits we asked for on Todman Street and the reduction of our car parking by at least 7 spaces.

We thank those who have put in an individual objection but we may have to call another public meeting to show that we are all united to get a fair go and we will not be rolled by council.

Our next regular meeting will be on the 22 November at St Matthew's Church, Washington Avenue at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

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We would like to introduce ourselves to people in the neighborhood! :) Omaroro Cafe opened in August and is located in Vogelmorn Bowling Club community building in Mornington Road. I'm Tokuko Kishi 27 years old from Japan (on left in pic).

I have been working in the cafe industry for 6 years including in Melbourne and in Japan before New Zealand. I always loved coffee and travelled many countries to see the coffee culture! That made me to come to New Zealand! The coffee here is great.

I was talking to the neighbours about my dream of opening a cafe and they had an idea about the place they've been working on which was the commercial kitchen in Vogelmorn Bowling Club.

I'm a full time mum and the part time cafe idea just suited me! So I asked my friend Eri Woolley (on right) who is 28 and also a full time mum. She loves baking! This is new to us and we are learning lots about running

a cafe, which is fun and all the customers here are so sweet. We are open on Friday and Saturday with locally roasted Caribe Coffee and freshly baked goods. There is a kids space with lots of toys, so all the Mums and Dads can meet with friends in peace. It is also good for local meetings.

Come on in for a cup of coffee and delicious homemade baking! We will try our best to provide a good cup of coffee and a place where people can enjoy chatting with friends and family.

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BLACK FERNS SURPRISE VISIT

Brooklyn Holiday Programme attendees and other users of the community centre and playground had a surprise visit from the NZ Black Ferns on Wednesday 4 October.

The Ferns had been at Civic Square in Wellington to celebrate their recent world cup success and took time out afterwards to pop in and say hello. They stayed for about an hour chatting to the children, autographing posters, having an impromptu ball play outside, and checking out some of the activities the programme was running on the day - the main one being the making of and playing with slime!



They even brought the world cup with them for everyone to check out. It was an awesome surprise and we felt very lucky that they had chosen to come visit us.

Send us your stories and photos for the Brooklyn Tattler

If it's happening in our community we want to know. Submit your copy to brooklyntattler@gmail.com with photos to support your story.





BROOKLYN SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 26 November 2017

11am to 3pm, 58 Washington Avenue

Be entertained and inspired by students and local musicians, mingle with friends and locals, munch on delicious food, grab a bargain, and support our zero-waste fair by bringing a bag and Keepcup. There's something for everyone - so bring your family, friends and neighbours.

The current fair, held every 2 years, was born from a desire to share old-school fair experiences with our kids. The fair funds will go towards landscaping and enhancing a natural play area containing established Pohutukawa trees, encouraging more children to play among the trees and look after them.

Something for everyone...

◆ Food and beverages: healthy Turbine Tucker, local award-winning Salty Pidgin, American pie by the slice, Indian curry, pizza, coffee, bacon-butties, dumplings, nachos, corn fritters, water-stall

◆ Cakes: whole and by the slice

- ◆ Music and entertainment
- ◆ Quality second-hand books, games and toys, clothing, tombola (filled bottle lottery)
- ◆ Plants: seedlings (flowers, herbs, edibles), succulents, native plants
- ◆ Activities run by kids for kids and their adults: ◆ Running of the balls at 3pm - watch more than 1,000 balls race down the hill for a cash prize ◆ Meet local pets ◆ Robotics ◆ Family photo portraits ◆ Spin-art ◆ Shabby salon ◆ And more
- ◆ Buy Boomerang Bags to keep
- ◆ Leading up to the fair is a silent auction with fabulous prizes, see our website.

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Check our website for more information
<http://www.brooklynprimary.school.nz/>

Or email us at brooklynschoolfair2017@gmail.com

from the LIBRARY



Tēnā koutou katoa.

The sun has been shining in Brooklyn and it has been great to see the library being used on our late Monday nights when we are open until 8pm.

Man Booker Prize 2017 USA writer George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize in October with his first novel *Lincoln in the Bardo*. The novel is inventive and moving without being maudlin and the writing is terrific. If you haven't read it yet we suggest reserving a copy!

Great New Zealand Books Two excellent non-fiction New Zealand books that we have recently enjoyed and raved about are *Driving to Treblinka* – A Long Search for a Lost Father by Diana Wichtel - my favourite New Zealand Book of 2017, and *A Strange Beautiful Excitement* – Katherine Mansfield's Wellington 1888-1903 by Redmer Yska – a must for anyone who loves Wellington history and the sublime Katherine Mansfield.

Lynley Dodd also has a fantastic new book out - *Scarface Claw, Hold Tight!* This book has wonderful rhymes and illustrations and a great tale about my favourite Dodd

character - the indomitable Scarface Claw. Lynley Dodd is a national treasure and her quality output is phenomenal.

Donations From time to time we are asked if we accept donations of books. The library has a policy of not accepting donations so please do not be offended if we decline your offer.

Recently we have had quite a few 'donated' books put through our after-hours slot. This is a kind thought but we are unable to include these in our collection.

Please consider giving your unwanted books to one of the many charity shops in Wellington so that they can live on to be used by others.

Christmas story time Keep an eye out for information in November about our Christmas story time on **December 11**.

We look forward to seeing you in the library!

2017 was a solid year for real estate sales with a 10% price increase (year on year REINZ average) for Wellington real estate. We expect more of the same in 2017/2018 now the election result is known.

So if you are considering a real estate decision, I would be happy to discuss options and offer a property appraisal. Having lived in Brooklyn since 1999, I know the area well.



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| BROWNIES | Mondays 6-7:30pm during school terms. Call Margaret 389 3028 |
| CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES | Before & Afterschool Care & Holiday Programmes. Ph Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz |
| 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 |
| EKKAAALLAM CHURCH | Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916 |
| HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY | Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanicamandalee@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 9 December 2017, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 |
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| 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 | 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 |
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| YOGA NEW! | Saturday mornings 10:30-11:30am Jenn at: jetbluenz5@gmail.com |

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| 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 4:30-7:30pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com |
| GO KART (KIDS ART) | Go Kids art and craft classes for 7-12 years Thursdays 3:15-4:45pm. Contact Rowena at: rowena.fry@slingshot.co.nz |
| KARDIO POWER | Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 |
| KANIKANI NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA | Wednesdays fortnightly 8pm sharp (before doors close at 8pm) 8 & 22 November. facebook.com/NLNLWellington/ |
| KOHA YOGA | Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com |
| SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB | Sundays 9:15am-11am. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz |
| STRETCH & TONE | Mondays 6:10-6:40pm. Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 |
| WELLINGTON IAIDO | Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Saturdays 3-5pm. Cam 021 263 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido |
| WELLINGTON NAGINATA | Martial Arts Group Saturdays 9am - 11am. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz |
| WILD WORKOUTS | Boot Camps 6am Mondays & Wednesdays for all fitness levels. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or wildworkouts.co.nz |
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Our Podiatrist Kirsty will no longer be working out of the Centre. She has opened her own clinic in Northland. We wish her well in her new venture.

It is coming up to Christmas (Party time). We will be holding our
Volunteers, Members & Supporters
Afternoon Tea

THANK YOU PARTY

on the **24th of November**. Please come along to the centre from **1-4pm**

and share some of your stories you may have about the Centre over the past 37 years.

We have two rather interesting speakers on the day, from 1.30pm-2.30. They have written quite a few books between them.

We would love to see you on the day, and look forward to your company.

MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies. Contact Lois Ph 973 1650
1-3pm Mah Jong
6-7pm Yoga

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

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

3 November - Richard Lucy
 An introduction to contaminated sites

10 November - Dem Rattling Bones, by Nigel Willis (Orthopaedic Surgeon)

17 November - Movie: The Quiet Man

24 November - Books we have written: Tom McGrath & Julia Millen



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 (last one this year!!)

Dealing to rats, rubbish and tradescantia

The park may look a little empty right now as we amassed twelve large sacks of rubbish, one mattress and an air bed, four car tyres and one truck tyre at our last working bee. We were a little concerned about leaving the tyres on the footpath for the Council to collect but they were scooped up within hours to be used for a children's project. Instant re – purposing!

Dotted around the park are several plastic covered heaps looking like the modern-day equivalent of ancient burial mounds; sadly no treasure although we are hoping for compost 'one day'.

Under the plastic are piles of weeds, mainly tradescantia which is notoriously hard to kill, stockpiled from our working bees. Instead of asking the Council to remove the weeds, we have decided to experiment with rotting them down for compost and

at the same time reducing our carbon footprint. The experiment has had mixed success to date – clearly the tradescantia is breaking down to some extent but unless the piles are tightly packed and secured around the edges, there is a certain amount that regenerates – and we don't want to spread that out again!

Bellbird, the Central Park trapping group, is celebrating hitting the 200 mark in eradicating pests in the park; over 50 rats, nearly 150 mice and three ferrets. As we caught the ferrets some time ago, we are hoping that they were an isolated enclave.

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 on 027 6311160 or at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

School is back for the last term of the year with compulsory sunhats being seen in the playgrounds and St Bernards' students wearing their summer uniform. This term especially seems to fly by each year with the added excitement of Christmas and New Year holidays at the end of it.

Brooklyn School's focus this term is the biennial school fair being held on Sunday 26 November from 11am – 3pm. There will be lots of tasty food, fun activities, and bargains to be had so be sure to pop along. Money raised will go towards development of a new playground area.

On the subject of fundraising, St Bernards are in the planning stages of a carols by candlelight fundraiser later on in the

term. Details are still to be confirmed but it is sure to be a lovely community event.

St Bernards have welcomed two new families to their roll this term which has been a welcome boost to their numbers. They are also excited to be having softball coaching provided by Wellington Softball for four weeks.

Ridgway School's Kingston based parents have set up a walking school bus this term and more are on the horizon. The students have been bringing in revamped "random things" to use as planters and using them to plant seeds and cuttings. This is part of a PIRT (Planting In Random Things) initiative to brighten up playground areas.

School finishes for the year on 15 December for Ridgway School and St Bernards, and 19 December for Brooklyn School.

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Last month I wrote about elections and that rampant climber/scrambler, honeysuckle. I couldn't help thinking while working on the honeysuckle of the Flanders & Swann number, The Honeysuckle and the Eglantine - one twining to the left, and one to the right; how could they marry, with such opposing views?

I am not sure which way our honeysuckle twined, it was such a terrible crabby mess I can't imagine anyone wanting to get involved with it at all, let alone married to it.

I have just been reading The Field Guide to New Zealand's Epiphytes, Vines and Mistletoes, by Catherine L. Kirby.

In it she describes the various mechanisms by which vines and scramblers attach themselves (hooks, in the case of bush lawyer, which incidentally is flowering at the moment and looking very pretty) and describes how our only tendril climber - NZ passionfruit - has coils that "wrap around

the object once in one direction then twice in the opposite direction, anchoring the vine and pulling it towards the support." Obviously not taking any chances.

Clematis, a climbing leaf climber, has leaf petioles that "wrap around the host stems in two directions" (I can't quite envisage this), while the stem climbers "revolve freely in the air in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction". Well - and I always thought they were committed to one way or the other; how fickle of them!

Which brings us to elections. By the time you read this, one hopes that Winston Peters will have decided whether to incline to the left or incline to the right. Or might one gleefully wonder whether, like the offspring of the honeysuckle and the eglantine, he could have grown up and fallen flat on his face?

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



There is a widespread belief that children begin the journey of learning to read when they start school. In reality, the building blocks for successfully starting the classroom part of this journey have been laid in the years before school.

These building blocks are formed from the unique language and literacy experiences of each child. This includes the many situations a child may be involved in where language is used – such as family events, shopping trips, playtime with friends, and attention from family and whānau members.

You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Here are some ideas to keep them developing their literacy skills at home.

For younger children you could:

- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to today.
- All children like to be read to, so keep reading to them. You can read in your first language too.
- Visit the library together and help them choose books to share.

- Read emails from family or whānau aloud.
- Play card and board games together.

For children from about 8 years and above you can:

- Ask your child what they are reading and talk about their ideas:
What is the 'picture' they have of particular characters?
Are there people like that in your family or whānau?
What do they want to find out from the book?
What are the important messages?
What do they think is going to happen next?
What else do they need to know to understand the story or topic?
- Talk about books on similar topics. This helps your child to pull together ideas from different places.
- Talk about different types of stories that are read or spoken. Newspaper articles, internet sites, whakataukī (proverbs), comics, bible stories, songs, waiata or novels will each have different points you can talk about together.
- Find newspaper articles you're both interested in and talk about what it means to each of you.

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Research repeatedly shows the important role parents play in building children's positive attitudes, motivation, enjoyment and confidence as learners.

I hope these ideas might help you with the great job you're already doing with your kids.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal, St Bernard's Primary School, Brooklyn

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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 2nd December 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.

Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC

The winter season of play finished on 27 August and will resume from 1st April next year. Registrations open during February 2018. All enquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit www.bnujfc.co.nz

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@extra.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-

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BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

6 November Strathmore Heights/Ataturk Memorial. Walk to Adelaide Road, Catch 10.04 No 43 bus to Strathmore Heights. Get off at end of Kekerenga St (at entrance to Forts and Pa site). Walk to Ataturk Memorial, down to coast and airport.

13 November

Paekakariki to QE11 Park and return via beach. 9.08 No 8 bus, 9.44 train

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

27 November Mana, Acheron Rd, Mana View Rd, Penryn Dr, through reserve, Pendennis Point,

down to waterfront and along Cambourne walkway back to Mana. 9.08 No 8 bus, 9.44 train

4 December

Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt, via Shandon Golf course and Sladden Park. 9.38 No 7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus from railway station.

11 December

Xmas lunch 9.15 start, 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St. From Wallace St, bus to Karori, Friend St, Homewood Ave, Flers St, Burn St., Ponsonby Rd., down walkway at end, through Northland tunnel, Kelburn, City.

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

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

Vastly improved Owhiro 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. Vicki 022 033 0031

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

RATA PLAYGROUP

Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Sessions several mornings a week at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Visit montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email cmsplaygroup@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. Caroline 027 229 3623,

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

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road where we host workshops, rehearsals and events. To see what's coming up or enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcome players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz **Tanera Bowling Club** 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn **Venue hire:** maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.



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