

# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*





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*This month's cover photo is of Brooklyn School celebrating the "turning of the first sod of earth" for the school redevelopment project 29 October 2018.*

*Photo Credit: Chris Rabey*

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## from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE &  
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### Thank you Vogelmorn Foundation

We extend a huge thank you this month to the Vogelmorn Foundation for their generous grant to help towards the printing costs of the Tattler. The Tattler has grown this year from a usual page count of 20 pages to 24 pages each month, with our biggest ever edition at 32 pages in September. More pages means higher print costs so the donation from the Foundation is a welcome help towards covering these costs.

### More Martial Art at Vogelmorn Hall

A couple of new martial arts groups have started at Vogelmorn Hall over the last month. On Friday evenings Shaolin Kung Fu classes run from 6pm to 8:30pm. For more details email: [newtown@shaolinnpc.co.nz](mailto:newtown@shaolinnpc.co.nz)

If you're an earlier riser on Saturday mornings you may like to try Yoshinkan Kendo from 8:30am to 9:30am. Kendo is a dynamic martial art developed from the ancient art of the Samurai. It's now a modern contact art practiced by young and old. Beginners are welcome. Email: [hello@yoshinkankendo.nz](mailto:hello@yoshinkankendo.nz) or call Patrick on 21 226 9269.

### December Market

Our final market for the year will be a little earlier in the month than



*September market at the Brooklyn Community Centre*

usual, on Saturday 8 December, at the usual time of 2pm-5pm. Along with some regular favourites we have the addition of vinyl records, wildflower seed bombs, and Christmas themed craft gifts amongst others. We are really excited to have Juice on the Loose coming who will be selling their delicious range of juices and smoothies and eco-friendly coffees. We have also heard a rumour that Santa may be putting in a special appearance! Do come along for a fun afternoon and maybe grab yourself a bargain or two.

### Primary School Teacher Strike Day

Primary school teachers recently voted to strike again in November with the Wellington strike day set to occur on Friday 16 November. We are currently working to provide a Holiday Programme day if the strike goes ahead to help local working parents have as little disruption as possible.

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# THE BROOKLYN TRAMWAY

The tramway to Brooklyn was opened for traffic at 4pm on Wednesday 9 May 1906; however cars only ran between the top of Willis Street and the Brooklyn Terminus. The Aro Street line had been completed first and was opened for traffic in September 1904. In honour of the Brooklyn opening school children were carried free and a banquet was held that evening in the Brooklyn Community Hall. As it was 40 years before the Community Centre as we know it was built, the Community Hall was in Cleveland Street adjacent to the Cleveland Flats.

Full services started on Friday 11 May with the cars running a 20 minute service from the Government Station (Lambton) to Brooklyn between the hours of 7.06am and 11.16pm.

Patronage over the first few days was large as can be seen:

<b>Wednesday 9 May (opening day from 4pm)</b>	<b>688 passengers</b>
<b>Thursday (Nairn Street to Brooklyn)</b>	<b>2088 passengers</b>
<b>Friday (full service)</b>	<b>2704 passengers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3799 passengers</b>

Considering that four wheel cars (shown in photograph) only held a maximum of 26 seated passengers, this was a lot of trips!!

During the first two weeks of operation 36,582 passengers were carried and soon a monthly average of approximately 93,000 passengers was being achieved. On a comparative note, on 6 October 1906 a total of 60,173 passengers travelled on Wellington trams, the highest recorded daily number at the time. During the same month car miles totalled 133,101.

The photograph shows a Palace tram rounding the corner all of us are familiar with. When this photograph was taken in 1907, patronage on the trams was very high. Around this busy corner there were butchers on three of the four corners, though the north corner of Todman Street doubled as a butcher and grocer. The track was single all the way to the city, except for the middle of Cleveland Street where it was double tracked on one small section allowing two trams to pass at this point. The single track ended at a point just before Wing On Chang's grocery.

A tram carrying a full complement of passengers was permitted to have standing passengers only to the Nairn Street stop; beyond that, only seated passengers were allowed to continue. In January 1907 two men who had been standing were tried in the Magistrates Court for refusing to get off at Nairn Street. They were convicted and ordered to pay 17 shillings in costs or serve three days in jail.

Chris Rabey



Brooklyn Tram 1907

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# MOE-I-TE-RĀ RESERVOIR UPDATE



## Next steps in the project to replace the Bell Road water reservoir

After a public open day in September, Wellington Water has been finalising the Town Belt Act easement application for the proposed Moe-i-te-Rā reservoir.

The application encompasses the amended development proposal for the project, which the project team has worked on with the community to address concerns around traffic related to construction. This will see fill stockpiled at the old Bell Road gymnasium site and gully, significantly reducing traffic flow during construction.

It will also create a long-term opportunity to work with the community to enhance a large area of the Town Belt – made up of three sites: that of the existing Bell Road reservoir, the old gymnasium and the gully behind it.

Also, thanks to feedback from the community at the open day and from meeting, we will be ensuring that access ways and tracks are maintained and provided. This includes maintaining the track from Dorking Road to Bidwill Street and retaining a temporary

road from the current gym site directly to the new reservoir site, as a cycling and walking track once the project is completed.

Additionally, as there will be no access down Bell Road during the construction phase of the project, we are working with council to ensure a safe pedestrian crossing area from Bidwill Street across Brooklyn Road is provided.

We expect to submit the Town Belt Act easement application to the Wellington City Council late in November. A public submission process will follow with public hearings likely in February 2019.

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# OUT & ABOUT IN VOGELMORN

This month Euan Harris talks to Eileen Mueller, award winning fantasy novelist.

Eileen Mueller is a Brooklyn person through and through. Born in Wellington, she grew up in the Taft Street family home where her father still lives just up from St Bernard's School. As a young girl Eileen remembers building play forts in the bamboo grove that grew at the back of the church. Eileen also has memories of attending weekly St John Youth meetings in Vogelmorn Hall under the guidance of Audrey Swallow and Maureen Cahill. Eileen was educated at Brooklyn Primary, then Wellington High before heading off to Victoria University to complete a BCA specialising in marketing. After graduating she entered the corporate world working for IBM.

Overseas travel was next and Switzerland was the county Eileen was inspired to visit after talking to a couple of Swiss tourists in New Zealand. The highlight of her time in Switzerland was meeting Kurt her future husband. Eileen remembers the occasion well at a party when she first saw Kurt up in a mountain hut playing the harmonica. He had great energy playing that harp and still does to this day under the name of KurtX. After they married, Eileen says she kidnapped Kurt and brought him back home to NZ where they lived in Mornington before moving to Vogeltown.

After a stint with Unisys as a marketing manager Eileen was happy to be a stay at home mum for her growing family of four children. One of her kids was passionate about dragons and saved to spend pocket money on dragon toys and books. Eileen says this inspired her to write fantasy novels. Also, around this time a writer friend asked Eileen to look over a draft of her novel. As Eileen



read through the pages, she thought "I can do this" and so began writing her first book EZAARA – Riders of Fire in 2009.

The turning point that launched Eileen's writing career was winning first place in the 2013 SpecFicNZ (Speculative Fiction of New Zealand) Going Global competition. This helped secure publishers for her work. More awards were to come, including the 2016 Sir Julius Vogel award for best Youth Novel – Dragons Realm. This award is decided purely by fan votes. The following year Eileen was rapt to receive the 2017 Sir Julius Vogel award for Best New Talent.

Eileen juggles her writing career with family life and marketing work at The Great War Exhibition. She's a keen singer and belongs to Faultline Chorus, who perform barbershop harmonies. She also uses her marketing skills in a voluntary capacity to develop community projects, like Books for Fiji in 2011 which collected over 45,000 used books for Fijian school children. In 2014 Eileen was awarded a Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Local Hero medal for community service.

I ask Eileen what she likes about living in Vogeltown, and she says the proximity to town, the beach and bush, and the lovely sense of community.

For details on the launch of Eileen's new book, *Riders of Fire*, turn to page 17.



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**Monthly update on issues  
and projects impacting our  
community**

NEXT MEETING	
<b>7.30pm Tuesday 6 November, Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd</b> <b>Come along, we'd love to have your input</b>	
<b>Brooklyn bus hub</b>	Feedback from residents and impacted businesses to be sought and collated for presentation to Council, seeking redress for the never-ending works and that allowance be made for non-bus vehicle turn around.
<b>Kingston bus stop Quebec Street</b>	Outcome from talks to make urgent safety changes imminently awaited.
<b>Brooklyn School redevelopment</b>	Stage 1 commenced 24 October. Harrison St entrance initially remains open but likely to be short lived. Updates will be provided direct to school families. PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: please be alert, you may need to plan new safe routes for your children at short notice.
<b>Bell Rd reservoir</b>	Come along to our meeting to contribute to local submissions on works expected to start mid-2021.
<b>Mobility Park</b>	To be installed Cleveland St once current works finished.
<b>Ohiro / Cleveland / Todman intersection</b>	Requests continue to be made that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>our serious safety concerns are escalated</li> <li>a shift to a collaborative approach be made</li> <li>GBRAI is acknowledged as a stakeholder representing residents' concerns and will be involved in any decisions ahead of works starting.</li> </ul>
<b>Truck movements</b>	Communications ongoing towards reducing impact.
<b>Vogelmorn Precinct - opening up the green</b>	Landscaping plans are being priced up, keep an eye out for Working Bee dates and times to get involved.
<b>Come along to our meetings to be heard or email us with your queries, concerns and ideas: <a href="mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com">brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com</a></b>	



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# BROOKLYN SCHOOL PROPERTY UPDATE

The Brooklyn School Board of Trustees has recently been advised that the construction contract has been signed and that our building redevelopment is commencing. The Ministry of Education has appointed Southbase Construction as the contractor to construct our new buildings. Southbase was founded in 2013 and has worked on a number of school projects including Aotea College in Porirua and numerous primary schools.

Southbase have started putting up fences on the top playground and from mid- November there will be no access available to the school from Harrison St. A new pedestrian access will soon be made between the current school gate and the substation but in the meantime access to the school will be through the Washington Ave entrances. Work needs to be done on the Harrison St driveway so it can be used during the construction.

Southbase will start by extending the hall and completing a second exit from the library so they can then be used for temporary classrooms. We expect this work to be completed in April 2019. We acknowledge that using the Hall and Library as classrooms is disruptive; however, we have managed this before.

Next, the Takahe syndicate will be reconfigured and increased in size to accommodate the entire syndicate in a flexible learning environment. Following that the Kiwi village will be replaced with a flexible learning environment and then the administration

block remediated. We are delighted that we are able to convert the Moa syndicate into a flexible learning environment at this time although when this will be done in the building programme is yet to be confirmed.

We expect the total project to be completed by June 2020. As with all building projects there is the potential for delays, but we will keep you updated on progress.

The detailed drawings can be seen at: <http://www.brooklynprimary.school.nz/property-update.html>

They are also displayed on the noticeboard outside room 5.

We have organised an Open Evening at Newtown School on 7th November 2018 from 5.00pm -7.00pm so that you can see their recently completed classroom block and get an appreciation for how flexible learning spaces work. Our architect will give a presentation of our design at 6pm and will be on hand to answer any questions.

We are planning a formal welcome and blessing for the project team before the construction starts, more details will be sent out soon. For the initial phases of the project Southbase will be using the Washington Avenue entrance so there will be some disruption to the play area, but as a contractor used to working in school environments we are confident in their safety management.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us by email: [bot@brooklynprimary.school.nz](mailto:bot@brooklynprimary.school.nz) or via the school office.

Brooklyn Board of Trustees: Dan Ormond (Chairperson), Liz Rhodes (Principal), Mary-Ann Butterfield, Debbie Chitty, Chandra Littlewood, Nick Simcock, Mark Vivian, Mike Brown and Glen Burdon (Teacher Representative).

## from the LIBRARY



Kia ora everyone

Woohoo! The Library is now cone and workman free. However parking can be difficult so take care if you are doing a quick drop off of books.

Sue, our awesome new librarian, is settling in. She has a great knowledge of YA fiction; seek her out on Monday Tuesday and Saturday if you or your teens are stuck for some reading from this section. We are also hoping to have some new titles in the near future...fingers crossed. We will be having a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer helping out on Monday afternoons. She is an avid reader so one of her tasks will be to write some reviews of the YA collection.

Spring is here and the garden will be needing attention. Come in and be inspired by our gardening books and magazines for both adults and children. Get creative with those small spaces to grow some herbs; give your children a summer project to grow something to eat.

## Audio Visual Sale

We are bulging at the seams so have withdrawn some items to make way for new audio visual material, mostly DVDs. The adult DVDs will go on sale for \$2 when this month's Tattler is published. We will also have some children's DVDs, audio books, and CDs for sale.

## Diorama competition

The holiday programme went well with some awesome dioramas created. Unfortunately there were no competition winners at Brooklyn; however we think everyone here was a winner. All the participants put in a great effort and produced some really good dioramas.

Nga Mihi

Heather and the team at Brooklyn Library

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<b>BROWNIES</b>	Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
<b>CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES</b>	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or <a href="mailto:childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz">childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz</a>
<b>CRAFT CONNECTIONS</b>	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am - 1pm. Contact Louise email: <a href="mailto:louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com">louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com</a>
<b>INDIAN COOKING</b>	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at <a href="mailto:anugupta@xtra.co.nz">anugupta@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>EKKAALLAM CHURCH</b>	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am - 12pm. Contact Robert <a href="mailto:tec.wgtn@gmail.com">tec.wgtn@gmail.com</a> or 027 858 9916
<b>QUARTERLY MARKETS</b>	Brooklyn Market Saturday 8 December from 2pm to 5pm. Contact 384 6799 or <a href="mailto:market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz">market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz</a>
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Wow, how time flies! It's hard to believe it's been nearly 10 months since we relocated our main programme to St Matthew's Church. The local venue has suited us well with a large, warm space to meet in. We run a similar programme each week (listed below), which anyone in the community is welcome to attend. There are a couple of interesting speakers scheduled for the beginning of November.

#### WEDNESDAY CIRCLE PROGRAMME

10:30 am	Morning Tea
Noon	Lunch
1 pm	Arthritic Exercise
1:30 – 2: 30 pm	Guest Speaker
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea

#### SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

**7 November – SINA YOUNG**

My Journey from Apia to Wellington

**14 November – MARY SNOWDEN**

Our Experience on the Ghan

**21 November – WEDNESDAY CIRCLE**

Round Up of Year Events

**28 November – CHRISTMAS BINGO**

(lots of prizes to be won)

With the end of year creeping up on us we are planning an outing sometime in December. Hopefully the weather will be warmer to enjoy an outdoor activity. Ideas for this end of year trip will be discussed at the Wednesday Circle on 21 November.

Jenny Swan, Coordinator

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#### Next Working Bee Is Sunday 25 November

Perseverance brings rewards.

Sometimes we Upstreamers feel like we're in a loop of déjà vu as we tackle yet another weed invasion or round of storm damage. But then we look around and realise that, yes, we are making progress. Take, for instance, the area pictured here. Some years ago torrential rain brought a slip down the slope hidden from view in the foreground. We waited for the slip to settle and then planted the slope to help stabilise it, as well as the area flanking the bridge. Looking good! Then some of the plants were stolen; we replaced them. Things were going well. Until, in August 2017, two big old pines came crashing down the slope opposite demolishing the bridge – and our planting! The Council cleared the worst of the debris, secured

the tree trunks, and had the bridge rebuilt. We completed the site tidy-up, ordered another batch of plants from the Council, and last month we replanted the site again! Fingers crossed.

We are resigned to the probability that it will happen again – either here or at some other spot in the park. It's inevitable, considering the combination of Wellington weather and ageing trees on steep slopes. Many of the big old pines and eucalyptus trees date back to circa 1930s and they won't last forever. However, for

every step back we're probably taking two steps, or at least one-and-a-half, forward. Amazingly, for instance, a few of our first plants did bend and survive the tree fall.

And, take a close look at the photo, just to the right of the two tree trunks. There you will see the pale bark of a slender tree – it's a kahikatea that the Friends planted around ten years ago. It sulked for ages, as kahikateas seem to do but all of a sudden, it's away! And that means, one of these days it will start producing its fleshy berries – much loved by a range of native birds. So, we will keep persevering.

For more information contact Shona McCahon on 027 413 2930 or at [shonam1957@gmail.com](mailto:shonam1957@gmail.com)





## friends of OWHIRO STREAM

It isn't often that the weather gets the better of us, but the spring southerly that came through on what was supposed to be our October working bee, and the last planting day for the year, caused us to cancel. While working bees are obviously primarily for working, they are also supposed to be social and fun - and there is no fun wrestling with stony ground in a cold, sleety, southerly. So alas, we end the year as always, with plants that are not yet homed.

"Capital's Streams a Public Risk" was the headline in the Dompst recently. While the article was mostly concerned with e coli counts, it also pointed to contamination from storm water. About the same time, an acronym in the Gorge Gazette caught my eye - WSUD, Water Sensitive Urban Design. According to the WCC guide this integrates natural water systems with landscapes and includes minimising impervious surfaces.

It utilises vegetation in assisting trapping sediments and pollutants, using various strategies - rain gardens, sediment ponds, swales, wetlands etc. In a natural environment rainwater evaporates, gets absorbed by plants, or soaks into the ground avoiding the sudden rush of polluted water into streams and harbours. WCC point to Waitangi Park and the Cuba St rain gardens as an example. However this guide was written in 2012 and is still only a guideline. In Melbourne WSUD is mandatory, and storm water management objectives must be met for all residential subdivisions. As their website says, it works at all levels - lot, street, precinct, and regional. At a personal level, even emergency water tanks can help by capturing water; and remember that while concrete is good for parking cars, it's not much good for absorbing rainwater.

Janet Campbell  
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



## FANTASY FUN WITH DRAGONS!

If you love dragons, archery, swords, and cosplay, join the fun at the launch of *Riders of Fire*, a new young adult dragon rider series by local author Eileen Mueller, at Vogelmorn Bowling Club on Saturday 17 November at 1:30pm.


Kicking off with an archery demonstration by local resident John Turner, the afternoon includes prizes for best archer and swordsperson, sword fighting demonstrations from Company of the Dragons, a costume parade, and readings from *Ezaara* and *Dragon Hero*, the first two books in the *Riders of Fire* series.

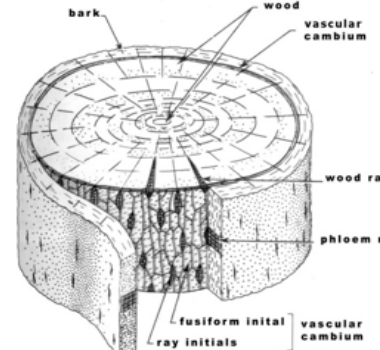
There will also be crafts for those who would like to create their own dragon. A variety of costumes will be available for use on the day as well books for children and young adults. You can even take your selfies in front of a castle with a dragon!

Awarded two Sir Julius Vogel awards (2016 Best Youth Novel & 2017 Best New Talent), Eileen has also won various literary contests and writes fantasy

adventures for young adults, children, and everyone who loves adventure.

So put on your favourite fantasy costume (or not), flex your archery and sword fighting muscles (or cheer your friends on) and come along for fantasy fun — with dragons! Vogelmorn Bowling Club, Saturday 17 November 2018, 1:30 - 3pm.





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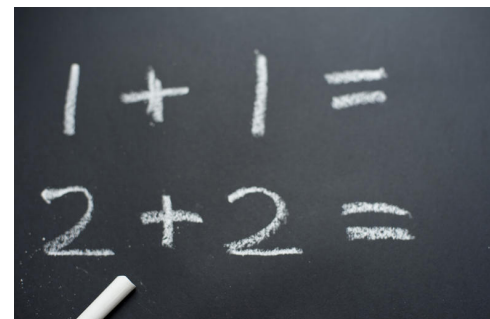


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## HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS



As parents, you can sometimes forget how frustrating and difficult school can be, and for some children, maths is especially confusing. I hear from many parents who want to help their children but aren't sure how.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Never give a child the answers to problems!** By giving away answers, you're depriving your child of the chance to develop the mental processes required to learn a new concept. No parent enjoys seeing their child struggle, but providing answers could set them up for frustration when they have to tackle more difficult problems.
- Encourage your child to underline or highlight key words or phrases.
- Realize that your child may struggle with abstract concepts if their brain is not quite ready to reason at an abstract level.

- If your child is frustrated by mathematics, show them how to focus on concepts rather than procedural knowledge. This might help some students approach and solve problems in a different way—one that makes more sense to them.

Ask questions along these lines once they have finished.

- What is the goal of the problem?
- Why does that step work?
- What does this step in the process accomplish?
- How do I know if my answer is reasonable?
- Can I check my work to make sure it makes sense to me?
- What did these problems have in common?
- Where would I use this in "real life"?
- Why do you think your teacher gave you this assignment? What did he or she want you to learn?
- Now that you can solve these problems, what do you think you might be able to do next?

The most important thing to convey to your children is to not give up; encouragement and patience go a long way. Be with your child while they work on homework—just being in the same room and working on your own mind-stimulating puzzles might make them more comfortable with difficult homework.

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





## CLASSY EX-STRAY

**James is quite dignified. He prefers not to mix with other cats, but he does like friendly people.**

He was adopted by a lovely lady after he showed up as a stray last year, and came to us when she passed away suddenly. James likes to hang out on our sofas where he can socialise with passing visitors. He's helpful at mealtimes, hovering up any last remaining food on other

cats' bowls; although he's quite a solid boy, so we keep an eye on his weight.

Unfortunately, James picked up FIV somewhere on his travels. He's healthy now but his immune system may not work properly as he gets older. FIV can be passed onto other cats, so he needs a home where he can't mix with neighbourhood cats. James is eligible for our foster programme so we cover any medical bills relating to his illness for the rest of his life. Come in and meet James this weekend!

**UPDATE** Cats from previous issues - we can report that wonderful homes have been found for Gypsy, Heidi, Eddy and Friend!

CPW is open to visitors at 29 Vancouver Street in Kingston from 12pm to 4pm every Saturday and Sunday. Ph: 04 389 9668. [cpl-wellington.org.nz](http://cpl-wellington.org.nz). Follow us on Facebook/CPWgtn to see daily pictures and videos, and keep up with all the shelter news.

## CATS PROTECTION WELLINGTON VISIT

Early each month I make a trip to Pivotal Print in Martin Square to pick up boxes of printed Tattlers for distribution to local community venues and businesses. During October I completed my Kingston deliveries to the Food Market where I usually stop and have a chat with owner Vinod Patel, before going to Kingston Takeaways and Harry Wong at the Kingston Service Station. My final visit was to Cats Protection Wellington (CPW) in Vancouver Street, just off Montreal Grove. Normally I drop their Tattlers into the mailbox, however this day I noticed a sandwich board outside the house directing

visitors to the entrance around the back.

Iona Anderson, current President of CPW, was on duty and took me on a tour of their facilities while introducing me to several of the cats. I was very impressed with the spacious layout and cat friendly furnishings which include lots of warm cosy resting places, scratching posts, and toys to play with. There are large conservatory type areas with lots of natural light and warm sunshine to play and relax in, plus a deck for fresh air. The cats are well fed and cared for thanks to a team of willing shelter helper volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or viewing the cats looking for new homes, visit their website at [www.cpl-wellington.org.nz](http://www.cpl-wellington.org.nz)

Euan Harris, Brooklyn Community Centre  
Coordinator

## VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

With the official city fireworks display having shifted to winter, Guy Fawkes

night is clear for some home grown fun. Come along to the Vogelhorn Bowling Club for a brazier and BYO fireworks on Monday 5 November at 8.30pm.



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Margaret 389 3028  
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Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

**BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP**

Local food and community. Working Bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5ish, at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St.  
thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or  
www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

**BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB**

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October at Brooklyn Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

**BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS**

Years 1-6 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5:15pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park,

8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>. Come and join us for free summer hockey training.

**BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Next meeting 2pm Sat 1 December at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome.  
Chris Rabey 3849293  
ships.pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

**BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC**

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**Wellington Reformed Church** 34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652  
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**BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Email inquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit us at [www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynnujfc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynnujfc)

**BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP**

Fun group for parents & caregivers with preschool children. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during the school term at the Korean

Church - 184 Ohiro Road. Turn up on the day.

**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 6.30pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz [www.bsrc.org.nz](http://www.bsrc.org.nz)

**BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS**

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**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.

**5 November** Bus to Karori, Friend St,

Homewood Ave, Flers St, Burn St, Ponsonby Rd, down walkway at end, through Karori tunnel, Kelburn, city 9.14 No 7 bus 9.40 or 9.50 last stop Lambton Quay.

**19 November** Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens (various routes) to coincide with rose and tulip viewing.

**BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. First weekend of the 2018/2019 season starts on Saturday 3rd November. More details online at [www.bjcc.co.nz](http://www.bjcc.co.nz)

**FRIENDS OF OWHIRO**

**STREAM** Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: [owhirostream@gmail.com](mailto:owhirostream@gmail.com)

**LIONS CLUB** Help build your community and make new friends along the way. Vicki 022 033 0031

**PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN**

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Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. John 029 771 3171, Paul 027 324 8213 [turbine@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:turbine@toastmasters.org.nz) <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

**UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK**

Working bees on the last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at the Jetty, a few hundred metres along the main path. Come along for great conversations, meet new

people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

**VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP**

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelhorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit [vogelmorn.nz](http://vogelmorn.nz) or email [vogelmornbc@gmail.com](mailto:vogelmornbc@gmail.com).

**VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB**

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**WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB**

Based at the Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Park off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicki Lamb, Head Coach on 970 7496 evenings Email: [president@fencingcentral.org.nz](mailto:president@fencingcentral.org.nz)

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