

## 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: <a href="mailto:brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com">brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com</a>
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8.30 to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month Phone 387 8345 for details.
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays - meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6 to 7:30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 2:45pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30 to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am and 10am. Contact Beth. Email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the lounge from 9:30am. Contact - Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: <a href="mailto:info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz">info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz</a>
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am - 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:holly.cane@porse.co.nz">holly.cane@porse.co.nz</a>
REMBUDEN KARATE	<b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm <b>Seniors:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm <b>Evening Kardio Karate:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm <b>Karate Stretch:</b> Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6pm to 8:30pm. Phone Michael on 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Wednesdays 8:15pm till late. Phone Philip 934 7445 or Ben 384 9060
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm. First class free. \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: <a href="mailto:ferne.david@xtra.co.nz">ferne.david@xtra.co.nz</a>
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	- LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on Saturday 26 October 9.30 to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Phone 384 6799

**Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions**  
Office hours - 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Friday  
Phone 384 6799. Email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

# Brooklyn Tattler



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## Brooklyn Community Centre Upgrade

As part of the upgrade, the Community Centre will be closed from  
**Monday 16 December to Friday 27 December 2013**  
for sanding and resurfacing of the main hall, which requires time  
for hardening and dispelling the toxic fumes generated.

The hall lighting has recently been renewed and a planned comprehensive heating and ventilation system throughout the building will be in place before next winter.

The hall ceiling will also be mould-proofed and painted and a start has already been made on replacing rotting timber windows with aluminium, and this will continue until all have been replaced. We ask hall users to respect our community's asset by lifting (not dragging) furniture when moving it and wearing suitable footwear.

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## Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

I'm writing this column during the first week of our October School Holiday Programme, which is as popular as ever, with many days booked out well in advance. We now have OSCAR approval from the Ministry of Social Development to take up to 60 children per day, which also includes our After School Care Programme. This results from a successful OSCAR assessment of our services. Well done to Adam Hendry and all the staff for providing high quality programmes for our local children.

For the younger pre-school kids, the Brooklyn Playgroup meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30am during school terms in the Korean Church Hall at 184 Ohiro Road. It's a great place for parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers to go, for friendly adult company over tea, coffee and biscuits. Facilities include indoor and outdoor play areas, toys, books and crafts. For more details call Jayne on 803 3896 or visit [www.brooklynplaygroup.org.nz](http://www.brooklynplaygroup.org.nz)

We had some extra events at the Community Centre during September, including the Brooklyn Showcase on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and our annual Kid's Market on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. You can view photos from both days online at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz) Go to the gallery section, and by the time you read this, we will have images uploaded from the October School Holiday Programme.

Our Kid's Market is traditionally held on the last Saturday of the month during September, and always manages to attract a larger than normal turnout, compared to our regular markets. This year we had the Zippity Zoo Petting Zoo from Levin with a selection of farmyard animals. There were trampolines in the playground, plus a Rembuden Karate demonstration led by instructor Patricia Reilly. Jim Kaye provided the music with his skillful busking, and congratulations to Freya Cuthbert who won the best decorated cupcake. View her winning cake on our website.

We want feedback from you regarding our monthly markets. As mentioned previously, the kid's market attracted more interest than normal. So should we have more specialised markets with a theme? A vegetable truck in the car park has been suggested as a way of attracting more residents. What do you think of this idea? Some people feel that we could adjust the time, as many locals are busy on Saturday mornings with kid's sports and shopping etc. Please let us know your thoughts. Phone 384 6799 or email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

During September the Community Centre hall lighting was renewed, as part of our continued upgrade programme. This work was efficiently carried out by local electrical contractors, Jarvis & Lowndes, and is much appreciated by the many regular groups using our community facility.

Euan Harris



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- Where: Tanera Park Club rooms, 2 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn

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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 31 October 2013**

Email: [kunderwood@leaders.co.nz](mailto:kunderwood@leaders.co.nz) with your contribution.

## Brooklyn History

In 1924 the Prince of Wales came out to New Zealand, and included a few days in Wellington as part of his tour. The Brooklyn School Headmaster, Mr J B Hopkirk, was responsible for choreographing and organising children from lots of schools around the city to march and form a living Union Jack, by wearing hats of red, white and blue, which was quite a feat. He worked it all out on a chart. The children performed this manoeuvre on the Basin Reserve. A large number of Brooklyn School pupils were amongst the many children. As the attached photograph shows, it was quite a spectacle and attracted a lot of attention.



Margaret Carter, a Mornington resident, who passed away a couple of years ago at 100 years old, recalls: 'During the depression, my wages were reduced at the Railways where I worked, first a 5% cut, then 7%, then all the female staff got the 8th week each quarter off without pay, as well as a 12.5% pay cut. Despite all these cuts, we were very fortunate to have paid employment right through these very difficult years. I worked in a brick building just off Ballance Street.

There were two railway stations then, Thorndon and Lambton. The present building was built soon after the Depression'.



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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Programme:

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

### Speakers for October 2013

11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mary Snowden (armchair travel), Eumundi market

18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Aontacht Breatnach  
"Irish heart throb stolen by Beautiful Kiwi girl"

25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Sam Mckenzie  
Come along & meet the Newtown community police officer.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov: Maria Schuch ( Arm chair travel), Paris in the spring

8<sup>th</sup> Nov: The piano has been tuned.  
Come along and listen to it being played.

We knew that our piano was an oldie but a goodie. The piano has been refurbished and it's keys restored.

We are starting to see some new faces at the centre , which is great. And thanks to our many amazing speakers and volunteers that help out on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The ladies that are knitting for the neonate babies need 3 or 4 ply pure wool. If you could donate some, that would be great. Please drop off at the centre.

We are looking forward to getting into the garden.

I hope to see you soon, maybe for lunch, or on a Friday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm for entertainment followed by afternoon tea.

Your donations and support are important to us.

Thanks

Jenny



## Polhill, Waimapihi Reserves

and George Denton Park, situated between Brooklyn, Aro Valley and Highbury, are now home to a number of rare native New Zealand birds including NZ robin, kakariki, whitehead and even saddleback. These birds have dispersed from Zealandia and are now breeding in the reserve.

A number of other increasingly common species also live in the reserve including fantail, grey warbler, tui. Shining cuckoo and kaka are becoming increasingly common visitors. The reserve is also home to native reptiles and insects such as the giant bush dragonfly and contains some fine examples of native plants – including tree fuchsia.

Polhill Reserve provides an important buffer zone between Zealandia and urban areas and is part of the “green halo” that wraps around the Zealandia.

Introduced predators including stoats, rats and hedgehogs kill adult birds and raid nests, threatening these birds.

Do your bit to help protect this special place.

We are seeking volunteers to help check a network of predator traps in the reserve. Training will be provided.

To register your interest or find out more information contact:

Marc Slade, [marcslade@gmail.com](mailto:marcslade@gmail.com) or call 021 02781556.

## Brooklyn Scout Hall

Visitors to the Community Centre may have spotted that the Brooklyn Scout Hall has recently been repainted and repaired. But the outside enhancements are just the start of upgrades that have been gathering momentum over the last six months.

In 2010, the Brooklyn Scout Troop celebrated its centenary. This event led to a big effort to ‘tidy’ up the hall. It was very clear the hall had suffered from neglect over the years. A committed and active parent led sub-committee began the work of drawing up a plan to improve the hall over the longer term and a major fundraising and grant application project got underway.

With some generous grants secured, the work to improve the hall has begun in earnest. Included are exterior repairs, repainting walls, revamping the basement, strengthening and damp proofing the area, fitting it out as a den, re-wiring, a new staircase, a new quartermaster store, and, if future grant applications permit, building a deck around the bottom of the building

There are also plans to upgrade the kitchen and bathroom, making the hall increasingly comfortable, functional and safe for the growing number of boys and girls involved with Brooklyn Scouts, and potentially other community group users.

Interested in finding out more about joining Brooklyn Keas, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers? Find out more about all the exciting activities underway at our website [www.brooklynscouts.org.nz](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz)

## WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday morning 9:15am to 12:45pm Thursday evening 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 272 1060 or email: <a href="mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz">louise@spirit.net.nz</a>
BARBARIAN KIDS	Movement & expression classes with Jo Randerson Monday afternoon 3:15pm to 4pm - Wild things Monday afternoon 4pm to 4:45pm - Crazy Horses Email: <a href="mailto:jo@barbarian.co.nz">jo@barbarian.co.nz</a> View: <a href="http://www.barbarian.co.nz/kids">www.barbarian.co.nz/kids</a>
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday 10am to 11am Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO KARATE KARATE STRETCH	Monday evening 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evening 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Tuesday evening 7:15pm to 8:30pm Contact Beth via email. <a href="mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com">positivelyzumba@gmail.com</a>
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday evening 4pm to 8:30pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or <a href="mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com">f.haines.dance@gmail.com</a>
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4:30pm
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or <a href="mailto:cam@camfindlay.com">cam@camfindlay.com</a>

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

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View us online at: [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

## Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club - 2013 - 2014 season

1. We are a growing club – we've seen kids in the community grow their skills, build confidence and have fun!
2. We offer cricket for kids from years 1- 8, boys and girls teams
3. We cater for kids of all abilities ensuring all kids are enjoying the game from beginners through to colts and premiers
4. We provide all the gear. Games are on Saturday morning, with practices held during the week
5. We are a community club and provide plenty of opportunity for parents to get involved with their kids.

We also provide coaching and team management support. Brooklyn

Junior CC welcomes all junior cricketers for the up coming season, registration day is on the 21st September. Registrations can be made by contacting:

Mark Jones 027 244 4325

[Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com](mailto:Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com) or

Matthew Roche 021 463 432

[matthew@zooter.co.nz](mailto:matthew@zooter.co.nz)

### Do scouts still 'bob a job'?

Absolutely! We're fundraising to send 13 scouts to Jamboree – the highlight of many child's scouting life. If you have a job a scout or group of scouts could do, contact us to get a quote (it's all very professional these days!).

[Email the Group Leader to book your job.](mailto:Email the Group Leader to book your job)

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## School News

Regional Public Health last month reported two cases of meningococcal disease - a primary school pupil and a University student - and is urging everyone to help prevent the spread of the disease by covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands regularly. Meningococcal disease is an inflammation of the membranes around the brain and can cause long-term complications and even death. Even if the disease is identified and treated quickly one in ten who contract it will die and one or two out of every ten who survive will have long-term complications.

A change of the law regarding child restraints in cars is likely to have detrimental effects on school outings for 5-7 year olds who are now required to have booster seats in cars, which restrict parents from using their cars and necessitate the use of expensive buses.

**Brooklyn School** had an exciting week with the end of building work meaning the library and hall are now being set up. Senior classes have moved into their newly-renovated rooms. A special Open Day will be held next term.

The school's 'Walk to School' promotion has ended and most children walked on a very successful 'Walk to School Day'. A survey has been completed. The children and data analysis will look

for patterns to get more children walking and ease congestion around school gates.

Three pedestrian crossings are now supervised by parents who are working with WCC regarding a hazard with buses sometimes rolling back at the stop outside Khana Khazana.

The next project is the "Kiwi Playground" which will be a 5.5m "Mt. Aspiring" option which should be installed by the end of the year.

15th to 19th September was a big week at **Ridgway School** with a Maths Whanau Evening, a Dyslexia Movie, a disco which raised \$500 and a Quiz Night which raised \$1530.

Congratulations to the Ridgway Room 6 Netball team which won their grade and were unbeaten this season.

The last day of term at **St. Bernard's School** was a Mufti

day with gold coin donation for Caritas, a Catholic organisation promoting peace, development and justice around the world.

Fundraising this term was the production of children's art work for sale on calendars, cards and diaries for Christmas and New Year gifts.

Term 4 starts: Monday 14 October.

## CARPET LAYER

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# GROUP ROUNDUP

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan [gavin@mcglashan.co.nz](mailto:gavin@mcglashan.co.nz) phone: 939 3222

Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265  
**Brooklyn Guides** meet Mondays 6.30 -8.00pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Phone Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

season. Contact Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com](mailto:Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com) 027 244 4325 or Matthew Roche [matthew@zooter.co.nz](mailto:matthew@zooter.co.nz) 021463432

## Brooklyn Walkers

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

14 Oct: Mana (9.18 no. 7 bus, 9.44 train).

21 Oct: Seatoun to Lyall Bay via coastal road. (9.57 no. 11 bus from Wallace St)

28 Oct: Labour Day

## Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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

## Brooklyn Scouts

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

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

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

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

## Brooklyn Garden Club

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

## Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

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

## Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

**Brownies** meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6.00-7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7 - 9 1/2 years of age to join Brownies for fun, friendship plus many other activities. Ring Margaret 389 3028 for details.

**Brooklyn Pippins** meet Monday evening during term time 6-7pm at the Reformed Church, end of Harrison St.

## Friends of Owiro Stream

Drivers down Ohio Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995

## Central Park Care Group

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

Contact Debbie on [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

## Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library @ 2pm. on the following dates: 19 October, 30 November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 387-1487, email [sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com) or Chris Rabey: 384-9293

## Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

Brooklyn Junior CC welcomes all junior cricketers for the current

## St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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

## Brooklyn Food Group

Have a passion for local food and community? Join the Brooklyn Food Group and their community orchard and shared gardens growing food and learning from each other to fill our bellies and build our skills and community. We welcome new gardeners and gardens, so if you want to get your hands dirty or hear about upcoming workshops get in touch.

Orchard working bees: 5.30-7.30 Monday nights end of Harrison St. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) and [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)



## Lines from the Library

The collection of art books on the first floor at Central is arguably the most impressive collection that WCL owns and these beautiful books are created just to be looked at. The collection is large and the range sweeping – from prehistoric art to London street art, from Thailand to Iceland and from primitivism to hyper realism – just enter a search term in the catalogue and you can be pretty much guaranteed of a result. Many of these books are lavish, with most featuring high quality reproductions of the artworks, and you can never underestimate the emotional benefits gained from just looking at inspirational art. The only minor downside is the weight of some of these books, so if you decide to issue any make sure you have a good strong bag to carry them in! Here are a few recommendations.....

The incredible story of self taught, outsider artist, Henry Darger, is told in the DVD 'In the Realms of the Unreal'. He had no friends and never married, living alone his entire life, but after he died in 1972 a vast store of art works and writings were discovered in his shabby boarding house room and he is now recognised as a key American artist. The book is called 'Henry Darger' and features reproductions of most of his work, many as fold out pages.

'Exactitude: Hyperrealist Art Today' is fascinating. First up why create an oil painting of, for example, crumpled glad wrap, in the first place? And secondly, how could anyone have the artistic skills to render the finished work indistinguishable from a photograph? Hy-

perrealism, an intriguing contemporary art movement, confounds and amazes at the same time.

'Juxtapoz: New Contemporary' is a collection of Juxtapoz magazine's favourite contemporary artists – be prepared to have preconceptions shattered and your mind blown, enough said. While an excellent local book 'We Will Work With You', traces the history of the Wellington Media Collective whose activities over two decades involved the production of highly distinctive posters, magazines, catalogues, and leaflets for local art events and community and political groups. And finally, 'Art & Agenda: Political Art & Activism' is an enthralling peek into what some of the most creative minds on the planet have come up with in recent times in response to political and social issues they feel driven to make comment on. Remember that any library items can be reserved online. Enjoy



### Garage Sale:

St Matthew's Church, Washington Ave  
12th October between 9am to 12noon.  
Any donations of goods welcome. Please  
leave at the church on Friday morning  
11th October.

Or telephone [389 3470](tel:3893470) or 389 4644.



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## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

The BRAI acts for and on behalf of all the residents of Brooklyn; owner occupiers and tenants. It has been active, in some form since the 1930's. We always need and encourage more participation and are exceptionally keen for fellow Brooklynites to participate. Come to our meetings, or receive our regular email updates. Contact me directly on [carl.savage@paradise.net.nz](mailto:carl.savage@paradise.net.nz). We are open to all residents - home owners and tenants: we **all** make up the community so please join us to help and assist you.

We are now looking towards the end of the year, and are focusing on our principle end of year activity: the **Community Cleanup Day** the annual BRAI and Wellington City Council joint project to keep our suburb clean. Last year we removed almost 11 tonnes of waste. This year we will hold it on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

We are also involved with and monitoring proposed changes to **Wellington region wide transport** systems (bus, rail & ferry) changes. These are still being finalised and it is unlikely real changes will occur until 2014 but we consider the net effects / outcomes will be positive for Brooklyn / Morningside / Kingston. We understand there will be no reduction in services. In fact, we believe Kowhai Park and Panorama Heights (west Brooklyn) will get a limited weekend bus service. As well:

**1: Childcare Centre in Cleveland St / middle of Brooklyn village** – we are keeping a watching brief on how things progress as the childcare centre's role expands. We have con-

cerns about parking, pickup and drop off zones.

**2: Vogelmorn Community Hall:** originally WCC proposed to sell this hall off, but it now has a stay of execution for 2 years

**3: The stench from the human waste sludge treated at the Southern Landfill** has been greatly reduced / almost gone by the closure of the Living Earth Ltd green waste / human waste plant. The sewage sludge is still processed and buried at the landfill. But this is not a long term solution and other methods of disposal need to be found for our modern age.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 16 October 2013, at 7pm in the Brooklyn Resource Centre 36 Jefferson Street. All residents are welcome to attend.

**Simon McLellan - Chair**

**Hm 972 5102**

**Carl Savage - Secretary**

**Hm 934 9348 or 027 2808934**



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New Entrant Information Evening on  
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## FOOS

According to the weathermen, Wellington has had a warmer than usual winter, but from where I'm sitting at the moment, wrapped up in winter woollies, it doesn't seem like it. And certainly, we have not been blessed with good weather for any of our planting bees, with one being postponed for a week, and with others the conditions being only marginal. As a result of which, the number of participants has been much lower than usual, which, of course, means less plants in the ground, and more in our rather crowded nursery to be looked after for another year.

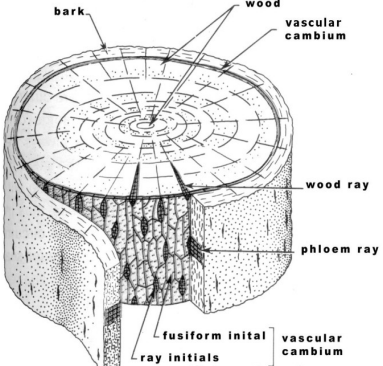

Rob, our dendrologist and environmentalist has been busy networking among other conservation groups in recent weeks, one result of which is a proposed co-operative relationship with Project Crimson, in which they would give us seedlings which we would pot on and care before releasing them back into the wild, as it were. Project Crimson was originally set up in 1990 after a survey by Northland DOC revealed that 90% of Northland's coastal pohutukawa had been eliminated. It was later extended to include all of New Zealand, and rata as well as pohutukawa; and most of you probably know that it was Project Crimson that supplied the rata to re-vegetate Tinakori Hill, to replace aging pines. Their web page says:

"Each year the Project Crimson Trust funds a wide range of projects involving New Zealand's rata and pohutukawa forests. Its aim is to help

get these projects started and then to watch them flourish with local support. The funding is spread to ensure a good balance between pohutukawa and rata..... Community and volunteer support is vital to Project Crimson's success. The Trust works with organisations, communities and individuals throughout New Zealand and assists them by providing funding and trees for local projects."

Their web page also says - "Don't be put off by insect damage. Lots of native leaf-eating insects live on pohutukawa and rata, most of which have co-existed well with their host for millions of years. Insects are generally only a problem to the tree's health when it is already sick." This is good news for FOOS,

Janet Campbell  
On behalf of FOOS



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## Vogelmorn Bowling Club

This summer will probably be the last season for the Vogelmorn Bowling Club at 93 Mornington road. After 66 years the club will be reluctantly closing its doors.

President Kerry Perreau says 'there is just a lack of members wanting to be-long and play'. Changes in lifestyles and the expanding leisure choices has seen the closing of the Wellington Bowling Club, the Berhampore Club and now the VBC. It is a sad ending to a proud club which was once the heart of the community.

Most of the green is owned by the Wellington City Council and with no evidence that the club is a fully

functioning entity with sufficient playing members they are unlikely to renew the lease which expires in July 2014. Treasurer and Green keeper Paul Burgess, says he'd like to see the community enjoy one good last season, and the greens will be in great shape during the next few weeks. Friday night beers and bowls have been popular in the past few years, and Paul would like to see families once again bringing takeaway dinners or something to cook on the barbeque while enjoying some casual bowls.

Come and enjoy the last Vogelmorn season with an open day on the 19th October.



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