

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
SUNDAY PILATES	Sunday mornings alternating 10 - 10:50am and 9:30 - 10:20am Phone or text Sybill for details on 021 037 9951
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:15 to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Pilates is taking a break during Term 4. Back in Term 1 of 2015 Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Cardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Stretch & Tone class: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 8 November - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 25 October - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.

Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday

Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz



What's happening in your Community

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October 2014

Popular Kid's Market well attended

The sun shone on Saturday 27 September for our annual Kid's Market held at the Brooklyn Community Centre. A record number of stalls filled the main hall and adjoining lounge.

Outside the face painter and bouncy castle added to the fun atmosphere. There was plenty of food on offer with Chinese dumplings, samosas and the Brooklyn Plunket barbecue. Special thanks to Tania O'Connor for helping to make the day a success, to Caribbean for their great coffee and to Applause Entertainment for the big bouncy castle.



ABOVE: Kid's Market day outside the Brooklyn Community Centre.

View more pictures online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

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

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

We had a busy month in September. The extended colour edition of the Tattler was well received with 4600 copies being printed and delivered to homes throughout Brooklyn, Mornington, Kingston and Vogeltown. Thanks to Joshua Brian for another great delivery job. You must be super fit to reach all those mailboxes.

Don't forget to fill out the Kaka Project questionnaire inside last month's Tattler and return it ASAP to the freepost address provided. This is your chance to have a say in the future of Brooklyn's community resources. You can also fill out the survey online. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KakaProject>. Plus, keep up to date at Kakaproject.org. All responses will be collated and presented in November.

The annual Kid's Market held in September proved popular with stalls filling the main hall and spilling out into the adjoining lounge and deck area. Tania O'Connor was great to work with in bringing in new stalls and promotion ideas. One of Tania's ideas is to have four larger themed markets per year, including two kids markets, one with a midwinter theme, in addition to our September date, plus a harvest festival market in autumn and a Christmas market towards the end of the year. We are also interested in reviving the annual Cleveland Street Festival. If you would like to be part of the organising group, please get in touch.

We've had a number of people making contact to start an Indoor Bowling

Group. More players are needed, so if you are keen to play, please contact me. 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

The Brooklyn Community Association recently signed an agreement with Wellington City Council to manage the Vogel-morn Bowling Club green area which was leased by the Bowling Club from Council. There are a lot of possibilities the green could provide, e.g. for children's birthday parties, weddings, community picnics, school holiday programmes, games etc. Proposals are being considered to install a door in Vogelmorn Hall that will open out into the green. This is a wonderful community resource to have which will enhance the use of Vogelmorn Hall and the surrounding areas.

Beth Beard who runs her popular Pilates classes at Brooklyn Community Centre and Zumba at Vogelmorn Hall is taking a break from teaching during Term 4 of this year, but Beth assures us she will be back for the start of Term 1 in 2015.

The latest Brooklyn Walking Group calendar of weekly walks is out with planned trips through to March next year. Copies are available from the Community Centre office in Harrison Street.

Also, make sure you get a copy of the Brooklyn Kindergarten Community Calendar at our next market on Saturday 25 October. It's packed full of great old black and white photos from Brooklyn's past. More details on page 5 of this Tattler.

Have a great month

**Euan Harris - Coordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre &
Vogelmorn Hall**

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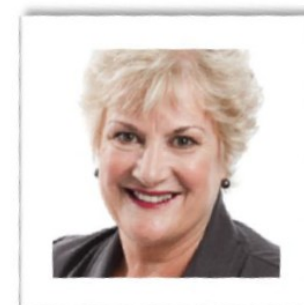
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Contact: Scott Willson 021 1875006 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz
Or just come along to try a free class - wear T shirt and long trackies.

Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Cres (off Ohiro Rd), Brooklyn. www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz

Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 30 Oct 2014

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.

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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Brooklyn.

101 Wakefield Street has been a whirlwind of activity. This month the Council initiated its 2015-2025 Long Term Plan process which aims for economic, social and community growth and environmental restoration.

We're keen to talk to organisations like yours before a final draft is agreed on in early 2015. Please contact us through the WCC website if you would like more information.

Last month at the New Zealand Association of Event Professionals Event Awards, Wellington collected six awards:

- Best Established Regional Event (Visa Wellington on a Plate)
- Best New Zealand Owned Major Event (WOW World of Wearable Arts Awards Show)
- Best Partnership for an Event (Visa Wellington on a Plate)
- Best One-Off Event (The Hobbit an Unexpected Journey, World Premiere)
- Best Event Professional (Sue Pater-son , the New Zealand Festival)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Dame Suzie Moncrieff, WOW founder)

These achievements affirm Wellington as the events capital of New Zealand and our successful partnerships. One of these partnerships was the recent LUX festival, which I hope you enjoyed.

During a workshop in early September, the Council discussed how to fund key projects that would keep Wellington at the forefront

of people's minds as a vibrant, welcoming, safe capital that is a desirable place to visit, live and study in.

Projects included the airport runway extension, the film museum, better transport choices and an indoor concert venue. All of these exciting ventures affect various parts of the City and they have a shared goal of sustaining Wellington's enviable reputation the coolest little capital in the world.

The Town Belt Bill will have been passed to Central Government by the time you read this. Please work to ensure its cross-party support.

Best wishes

Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington

Councillor Corner

Whew, another election over! Great to see the local support for the three Green header issues of Clean Rivers, Smart Economy, and eliminating child poverty.

Greater Wellington Regional Council has developed a strong partnership with mana whenua and key stakeholders in the wider community, to protect and manage our water and natural resources. "Whaitua" (catchment) committees have been set up to allow local communities to set their own water quality and quantity limits and the first of these is already underway in the Wairarapa. (continued overleaf)



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The Local Government Commission is expected to report back mid October on its preferred option for local government structures in the Wellington Region. I believe that Local government needs to devolve decision making wherever it is possible. This happens when there is less compliance culture, and more engagement culture!

At a LGNZ workshop in September, Keith Johnson of Whangamata, described the leap in "local" projects under a first year of "Community Empowerment"! And decentralisation did not raise the costs! Portland, a progressive city in USA, has been working on their community governance project over 40 years, to the point where Paul Leistner says there is "Nothing about me, without me!". Peter McKinley reported on the role of Australia's community banking network Bendigo in strengthened local communities. Links to these papers and more can be found at www.lgnz.co.nz/home/equip-and-knowhow/community-governance/

Many were annoyed by GWRC's decision to discard our trolley buses in 2017, when there is twenty years of lifetime left in them. We are now giving you another opportunity to provide feedback through an online survey. It deals with the larger

strategic issues surrounding the pressures, issues, and key challenges for the region's transport network, along with the draft objectives and outcomes. The deadline for this consultation is 5pm on 3 October 2014. See : <http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/RLTPlan>

In a retrogressive step, the Transport Agency (NZTA) has appealed the Board's decision to decline the Basin Bridge (flyover). I gave a strong submission to the Basin Board of Inquiry, especially focussing on the lack of due process. Local community groups are also looking for a collaborative approach bringing together long term sustainable solutions that protect our "special spaces". I will continue working to have those issues discussed in a more fulsome way. Please feel free to contact me.

Transpacific Partnership Agreement

Economist Jeffrey Sachs set out reasons to reject the TPPA:

1. These are not trade treaties, but aim to protect investors;
2. They ignore great challenges of the environment and growing inequality;
3. The entire process is not transparent, and this secrecy alone is reason enough to reject it.

Greater Wellington Regional Council passed a motion requesting more information on the TPPA treaty last December. We need more transparency now, not after a treaty agreement is signed. Join the nationwide rally on 8th November, in Wellington beginning at Bucket Fountain, Cuba Mall at 1pm.

Best wishes for a neighbourly Spring.

Cr Paul Bruce, Regional Councillor
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St Matthew's Church.

Reverend
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Upstream - Friends of Central Park

This month a group of six students and their tutor from Vic Plus, a student volunteer group at Victoria University, spent one very productive Saturday morning clearing tradescantia from along the stream banks in the area above the bridge. Some of the students live locally and already use Central Park for running and commuting but for others it was all new – including a short break spent at the flying fox!

The Jetty boardwalk, bench and stream steps are completed and invite passers - by to spend some time there, go down to the stream and enjoy the rejuvenated environment. Our last few working bees have been spent working on this site which is now nearing completion.


Our working bees are supported by Supreme Coffee.

Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided! Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at

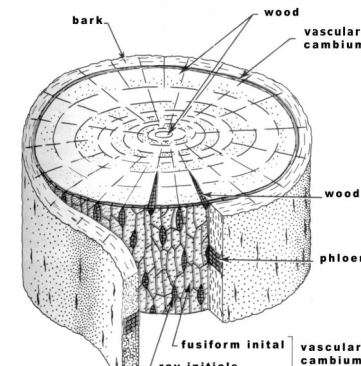
The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

Our next Working Bee is Sunday 26 October.

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



TREE DOCTORS



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Brooklyn Kindergarten Calendar

The Brooklyn Kindergarten have started something new this year for their fund-raising efforts and have produced a community calendar for 2015.

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

The funds raised from this year's calendar will be put towards ongoing projects, including the improvement of the outdoor environment for the children. Calendars are \$15 each and are available from October 2014.

The Kindergarten will have them for sale at the Community Markets, and you can also purchase by emailing brooklyn-kindergarten.calendar@gmail.com or by phoning 022 104 1255.

Get in quick before they are all gone!!!



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Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn! Welcome to October.

Have you heard of eBooks?

They are books that are downloaded and read on a screen as opposed to on paper. The library website, wcl.govt.nz, provides easy to follow instructions and information regarding the service. So I recommend you visit.

There are two different catalogues with over 13000 titles to choose from.

To start your eBook adventure you will need to download the app to your smart phone, tablet, eReader, or iPad. There are links on the website that will pretty much do it for you. Once you have done that you are free to start borrowing. FYI: eBooks are free, you can borrow up to 15 at a time and they automatically delete off your device after three weeks, which means NO OVERDUES! You can also renew eBooks and reserve titles, as you can with regular library books.

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There are thousands of titles in this collection including classics such as *Les Misérables* and *The Oedipus Trilogy*.

Although you can never really replace the experience of reading an actual book, an eBook comes relatively close. Along with the absence of overdue fees, there is also no liability of damaging the item or losing it. I think that eBooks are most valuable to those who take their books wherever they go. Books are hardly mobile and the more books you have the less mobile they become. eBooks are especially great for travelers and commuters; your own personal library is now available at the press of a button, or the swipe of a screen.

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Programme:

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

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

17th Oct Alba Godoy
"I am not Sailor"
Personal experience in sailing across the Pacific .

24th Oct "Wadestown Singers"

31st Oct Barbara Hampton
"Wiltons Bush"

7th Nov Janepicha Cheva-Isarakul
(armchair travel)
First impressions of NZ from a Thai prospective

14th Nov Heather Mordaunt
Physical activity at home"

Kirsty, our Podiatrist will be at the Centre on Friday 17 and 31 October. We are in need of more Meals on Wheels drivers. If you can help, please give Jo Little a text on 0274765172 or leave a message at the Centre, phone 3844299. A few ideas have been suggested regarding night markets. We will let you know in the November Tattler.

Our Friday Circle are very pleased with the speakers we have on a Friday afternoon, thank you so much for your time. The back garden is in need of a bit of a make over. Hopefully a group from Volunteer Wellington will be able to come and help. We would like a pianist to play for us, on the afternoon of 12 December for our annual Christmas Lunch. If you, or you know anyone that could do this, we would really appreciate it. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Resource Centre.

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator



WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

- SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB** Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm
Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm
Contact Louise on 021 585 119
or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
- FELDENKRAIS CLASSES** Awareness through Movement
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Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am
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- POSITIVELY ZUMBA** Zumba is taking a break during Term 4. Back at - the start of Term 1 in 2015.
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- FIONA HAINES DANCE** Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm
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Capital Montessori School

Capital Montessori School families are looking forward to enjoying the newly refitted Kingston Play Area (behind the Kingston Shops) which will be finished this month. A submission was made on behalf of the parent run Rata Parent and Infant Community (0-3yr) at the school to advocate for a better children's play area that was more accessible for both older and very young children. This has led to the installation of an extra slide and other playground equipment, and creates a real community space for the people of Kingston. The Rata Playgroup is held Mon-Wed 9:30-11:30am with a baby orientated group Fridays 12 noon-1pm. The school also had a busy working bee last week on the school grounds and surrounding road

side reserve using plants gifted to them by the Wellington City Council.



ABOVE: Busy planting new plants on the school grounds, kindly donated by Wellington City Council.



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The Coolidge St Group:

Turning an old tip site into an inner city forest

Brooklyn residents know about the wonderful Owhiro Stream and Central Park restoration projects, but they may not know about a project right in the centre of Brooklyn, at the top end of the Prince of Wales Park.

The Coolidge Street Group has been working for over ten years to create an inner city sanctuary of native New Zealand forest that will be bird friendly all year round and able to be enjoyed by everyone.

In 2000 the 1.2 hectare site was neglected and overgrown with weeds: blackberry, old man's beard and convulvulus, with a few struggling tree ferns. Possum control came first, with Timms traps and bait stations. As possum numbers declined, the tree ferns began to flourish.

As weed clearing on the hillside got underway, piles of old rubbish began to emerge – dumped baths, toilets, stoves, demolition materials, bottles and prams. Weekends were spent carting it all up to the road for the Council to remove. The worst weed infested areas are along the northern boundaries, where it was easy to dump garden waste.

The first planting of native trees was in 2005. Since then about 3,000 native trees and shrubs have gone in. All the plants were chosen for their appeal to birds, and as food sources for kereru and tui.



ABOVE: Coolidge Street 2006 just after the replanting began.

As the valley has a sheltered microclimate, planting has been the reverse of the usual re-forestation. Some of the earliest trees were future forest giants, placed to provide structure but not block people's views: Miro, totara, and matai. Some are now over 4-5 metres tall and beginning to shade out weeds.

Next in were nature's nurse plants: Ngaio, wineberry, pittosporum, ake ake and manuka.

These days, most new plantings are of smaller native shrubs, as ground cover under established trees.



ABOVE: Coolidge Street 2009, native trees beginning to grow.

History - Brooklyn War Memorial



With focus on the Centenary of the beginning of World War, the Brooklyn Local History Group is taking a closer look at the Brooklyn War Memorial.

One side of the memorial lists the names of the Brooklynites who died in WW1. The other 3 sides feature the names of those who returned from service.

Members decided that we would try and find out more about these men.

We have since discovered that one of the Centenary projects is currently being undertaken by the Wellington Society of Genealogists, who are also researching the 100 or so names from those who died whilst serving during WW1 and who are listed on the 5 war memorials in Wellington. Once they have achieved this, they hope to research the returned servicemen. We think this is a worthy project which will be of interest to many.

Some of you may have had relatives who feature on the memorial.

We would love to hear from you, to hear about their lives and view any photos you may have of them. I'm sure the Genealogists would also appreciate your input. More information can be found at this link:

<http://www.100.govt.nz/wellington-war-memorials-research>

For information about the Brooklyn Memorial and the names listed, please visit:

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/brooklyn-war-memorial>

Please contact the Brooklyn Local History Group members, Chris Rabey or Sharon Macintyre.

sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com or 3888088 evenings, or Chris on 3849293.

Regards

Sharon Macintyre

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Those of you who looked at TV1 or TV3 news on Friday 12 September will have seen Russel Norman being interviewed about his party's policies, and noticed FOOS members in the background. It would seem that perhaps the main object of the visit was for our restoration planting to provide a nice 'green' backdrop for interviewing the Green leader. However - Martin Payne did engage with Russel on issues affecting our project. In particular, our concern at Council's plans to apply for resource consent to fill the Landfill valley and divert the stream tributary, thereby destroying a varied and healthy regenerating ecosystem of bush and stream life, with all the implications this has for the health of the stream and our environment in general - including the marine reserve.

The weather as I write this not what one would call spring like, being cold and southerly with occasional hail - though as spring has traditionally been described as 'coming in like a lion, and going out like a lamb', perhaps it is only behaving as we should expect. (I have just interrupted writing this to rescue the washing - whatever made me think it



12 FOOS member Rene Davis welcoming Russel Norman onto the site

was a good idea to hang it out?) However, FOOS members are very pleased that we are at last getting a significant amount of rain, as conditions have been very dry for planting over the last couple of months. This has been more of a problem as all our plants have been shifted from the shade house to the planting sites in expectation of them being planted, so they are dry before we put them into dry ground - not the best start for them. We can only hope that by spreading their root systems into the surrounding soil they will be able to take advantage of all those helpful micro organisms we read about to help them flourish.

And speaking of micro organisms - I hope you are remembering to check whether the soap products you buy contain triclosan, 'the anti-microbial ingredient we really don't need'. I found to my dismay that the brand I have always bought now did include it, and that there on the front of the container was the word (in red, to their credit) 'antibacterial'. So it pays to check now and then exactly what you are buying!

Janet Campbell
On behalf of FOOS



Russel and Martin looking at the stream

A long term plan is a walking track through the valley down to John Street, linking up with the Southern Walkway. A clear track will make access and monitoring of the trees much safer.

As the forest grows, bird life is increasing hugely. There are now nesting kaka and dozens of tui, while fantails, wax eyes and other small birds flit through the trees.



ABOVE: Coolidge Street today

The Coolidge Street Group meets on the first Saturday of the month, from 2-4 pm.

New comers are very welcome.

For more information, contact Elizabeth: elizkay@xtra.co.nz
Phone: 380 1991

Elizabeth Kay
Coolidge Street Group



Easy-peasy Garden Spring Workshop

Is the spring weather making you think about getting a garden going?

Our next workshop will teach you how to plan your own no fail, easy peasy, pick-ing garden.

Join us to design your own small garden with easy to grow and pick veggies that will add flavour, fun, and health to your meals.

Design your own garden, learn which veggies and herbs will grow easily in small spaces and pots, and which will be the easiest to care for and pick for your summer salads.

Please also bring any seeds along to swap with others and we will have some available to buy.

19th of October 2 - 4pm

\$10 per person

Register at:
thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com

Kena
The Brooklyn Food Group



GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting:

7pm Sunday 9 November at
Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium
All welcome. Donation.

Email: goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz

Brooklyn Walkers

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

20 October - Otari Wilton Bush
Walkways. (9:38am No 7 bus,
10:25am No 14 bus at Lambton Quay
H stop.

27 October - Labour Day (No walk)

3 November - Pukerua Bay to Mana
via Te Ara Walkway. (9:18am No 7
bus to catch 9:44am train.)

10 November - Seatoun, Pass of
Branda, Breaker Bay, Lyaal Bay.
(9:57am No 11 bus from Wallace St.)

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

Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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

Brooklyn Scouts

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

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

Venturers 14-18 years, Thursdays 7.00-
9.00pm

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

Brooklyn Garden Club

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

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

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

environment. Turbine Talkers meets
every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews
Church on Washington Avenue. For
further details. Ph. 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 to 9.5
years of age to join Brownies for fun,
friendship and other activities. Ph.
Margaret 389 3028 for details.

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

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

Friends of Owhiro Stream

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

Martin – 389 8995; Janet - 385 2077

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

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

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

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

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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

Brooklyn Food Group

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

Contact us to get involved or drop
in to our regular working bee at the
Brooklyn Orchard every 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month from 3pm till
5pm at the end of Harrison Street.
Everyone very welcome.

thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com
and www.facebook.com/