

## WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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| BEFORE SCHOOL CARE               | 7.30 to 8.30am every school day for primary school children.<br>For details and bookings phone Adam Hendry on 385 0089  |
| AFTER SCHOOL CARE                | 3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089<br>Email: <a href="mailto:brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com">brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com</a>  |
| HOLIDAY PROGRAMME                | 8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089   |
| BROOKLYN WALKERS                 | We meet outside the Brooklyn Library on Monday mornings.<br>Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054 for weekly walk details.<br>Walking programmes available from the Brooklyn Community Centre.  |
| BROWNIES                         | Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028   |
| HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY          | Hip Hop and Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:45pm to 5:45pm<br>Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 <a href="mailto:stephanieamandalee@gmail.com">stephanieamandalee@gmail.com</a><br>Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children.<br>Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm. Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020  |
| PILATES                          | Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am and 10am<br><b>NEW!</b> Thursday Pilates and Dance class from 9am<br>Contact Beth via email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>   |
| THE EKKAALLAM CHURCH             | Tamil Christian worship & service, Sundays 10am to 12pm.<br>Email: <a href="mailto:tec.wgtn@gmail.com">tec.wgtn@gmail.com</a> or phone Robert on 027 858 9916   |
| TOTS MUSIC CLASSES               | Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am.<br>Contact Encore School of Music on 976 8742.<br>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.<br>Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>  |
| PORSE PLAYSCHOOL                 | Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge<br>Phone Susan on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:susan.rudd@porse.co.nz">susan.rudd@porse.co.nz</a>  |
| PATRICIA REILLY<br>REMBUDEN      | <b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm or Thursdays 5:00 to 5:45pm<br><b>Adult Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm or Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm<br><b>Kardio Power:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm (pad work with a partner)<br><b>Strengthen &amp; Tone:</b> Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm (gentle toning class)<br>Call Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 |
| CRAFT CONNECTIONS                | <b>NEW!</b> Crafters Social Group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am - 1pm RSA room<br>29 October, 12 & 26 November. Enquiries to <a href="mailto:brockway@paradise.net.nz">brockway@paradise.net.nz</a>   |
| 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<br>Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: <a href="mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz">codwg@paradise.net.nz</a>  |
| TAI CHI CLASSES                  | Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes.<br>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<br>31 October - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder, \$5 to share.<br>Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.  |

**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 31 October 2015**

**Email: [niccitong@gmail.com](mailto:niccitong@gmail.com) with your contribution.**

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# Brooklyn Tattler

## What's happening in your Community

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### Design Competition Winners

Congratulations to the Ridgway After School Art Class whose design entry for the front panels of the Brooklyn Community Centre was judged to be the overall winner out of 27 competing entries. Tutor Rowena Fry says their winning entry was compiled from 31 drawings of all the different groups who use the Brooklyn Community Centre. The art class meets at Vogelmorn Hall during school terms on Thursday from 3pm – 4:30pm and has five kids from nearby Ridgway School and three from South Wellington Intermediate.



**ABOVE:** The Ridgway After School Art Class with their prizes donated by Resene Thorndon, Wing on Chang, Jarvis & Lowndes Electrical, Ray Simpson Real Estate and the Brooklyn Food Market on Cleveland Street.

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## Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

I'm writing this column during the last day of our busy school holiday programme. It's hard to believe that we are now into the fourth term of the school year. Last month was busy with our Design Competition to create murals for the Community Centre front panels closing on 17 September and then our panel of judges had the hard decision to make the following day with 27 entries to consider. Congratulations to the Ridgway After School Art Class who were judged the overall winner. You can view their winning entry on page 21 of this month's Tattler. Kapiti Coast based artist Ellen Coup has been chosen to paint the murals. See Ellen's website for examples of her work at [www.ellencoup.com/](http://www.ellencoup.com/)

All category winners were announced and presented with their prizes by Cr Nicola Young just prior to the Brooklyn Community Association AGM on 20 September. We had a good turn out to our annual general meeting and welcome three new committee members on board, including Jeremy Macey a Ridgway School parent, Beth Beard a regular user of Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall and Jenny Ralston who has skills in communications and design.

Our annual Kids' Market held on 26 September was as popular as in previous years, made even more so with the Zippity Zoo farm animals which were our feature attraction. You can view photos on our website under the Gallery section. We are looking forward to our next market on 31 October which will include

the Brooklyn Kindergarten selling their 2016 fundraising calendars with historic photos of Brooklyn, plus St Matthew's will have a stall with lots of good things to eat including preserves and home baking. Come along and support your local market on the last Saturday of the month.

Work has begun on preparing the outside walls of the Brooklyn Community Centre for a complete repaint during November which will give the exterior a much needed facelift. A number of maintenance items have been scheduled to take place at Vogelmorn Hall over the coming summer months, including the widening of the wheelchair access ramp, the remounting of wall heaters, repair and repainting of steel window frames, resurfacing of the hall floor and repair and replacement of rotten exterior weatherboards. Work is also planned for the Vogelmorn Green including resowing and weeding. These upgrades will make each venue more pleasant to use. You can hire the Vogelmorn Hall and Green together or separately. The Green is particularly attractive as a venue to consider with the warmer weather and longer daylight hours increasing.

The Brooklyn Walking Group meets for planned walks most Monday mornings outside the Library, with public holidays being one exception. Start time is usually around 9:30am depending whether there is public transport to catch. Their latest calendar of weekly walks is out with planned trips through to March next year. Copies are available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

Have a great month

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Brooklyn Community Centre &  
Vogelmorn Hall. Phone: 384 6799**

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## **Brooklyn Kindergarten 2016 Fundraising Calendars \$15 each**

Now on sale at Caribe Café, the Brooklyn Library, Jo's Pies and the Resource Centre.

Each calendar contains historic photos of Brooklyn & surrounding areas. A great Christmas gift idea for family and friends.

Funds raised from the sale of our calendars will be put towards ongoing projects.

You can also buy a calendar by emailing [brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com) by phoning 022 104 1255 and at the Brooklyn Market on Saturday 31 October from 9:30am to 1pm.

## **Amendment of last months History article**

Last months History article omitted some of the people involved in the Resource Centre. An amendment is below:

Resource Centre Co-ordinator from the beginning was Sister Monica, with Ngaire Burton as her assistant. When Monica retired, Ngaire took over her role, then Jenny Swan replaced Ngaire in the role she continues today. While Ngaire was Co-ordinator, she had Rae Forgan helping her. Ruth Garland has also been relief Co-ordinator over the years.

Further Lions members assisting include Kerry Perreau, Kevin Simonsen, Mario Agalou and John Rochester.

## **Councillor Corner**

Street lighting, or lack of it, seems to be a growing issue around Wellington; this is obviously a public safety issue, especially on secluded walkways. Brooklyn hasn't been spared, with lighting outages in the streets around the Community and Resource centres reported to me by community facilitator Perry Aspros. Actually I noticed the problem in Jefferson Street after a residents' association meeting when I needed a torch to find my car!

I urge you to use the Council's FixIt smartphone app, which makes reporting issues very simple (you'll find it by Googling 'Wellington FixIt app') but sometimes it's more effective to contact a councillor – so please do get in touch if you think I can help.

I was delighted to help judge the Community Centre's mural competition, although judging local talent can be hazardous for politicians! 27 entries were received, mostly from primary school children, and many showed the Centre's core activities – some of them rather funny, although the judges were puzzled by the prevalence of cats.

The Community Centre will be repainted once the weather gets a bit warmer, and the winning mural design – from the Ridgway After School art class – will be incorporated.

Many thanks to all the entrants and especially to Kay Miller at the Community Centre for making this competition such a success.

My first Lambton newsletter should have arrived in your letter box last week; I'm interested in your feedback, so please take my short online survey: <http://bit.ly/Lambton2015>.

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## **Regional Council Update**

Greater Wellington's Climate Change Strategy approved in September has a vision of strengthening the long term resilience of the region through climate change action. We do this through reducing greenhouse emissions across our areas of influence and creating the conditions for a smart, innovative, low-carbon economy while managing climate change-related impacts.

I am delighted with the policies and actions stemming from our three core objectives. Some of the actions will need focus over a number of years, such as moving to a compact, well-designed and sustainable regional form. However, there are also some amazing immediate opportunities, such as utilising a local engineering business such as Zero Emission Vehicles to produce modern battery electric buses for the city, providing local employment, using local expertise and electricity produced by a social enterprise project.

Increase your awareness of climate change solutions with myself, Green Party Co-Leader James Shaw and Green Party MPs Julie Anne Genter and Gareth Hughes at a public meeting: **Thursday 22 October 7pm** St John's in the City on the corner of Willis & Dixon Sts.

Look forward to meeting your friends and whanau!

Arohanui

**Paul E Bruce**  
Greater Wellington Regional Councillor  
Cell 021 0271 9370



## Message from the Mayor

Kia ora koutou.

Daylight savings are great for sunny BBQs and making the most of Wellington's public spaces like the Waterfront and Central Park. It's also a good reminder to check your fire alarms and emergency water supply. Preparedness is always in season!

Wellington City Council, in partnership with 100 Resilient Cities has begun developing a resilience strategy for Wellington. Wellington was selected from more than 700 applicants from around the world to be part of the network.

In case of emergency, knowing your neighbours, robust infrastructure and healthy natural systems are important for resilience. Our new Chief Resilience Officer, largely funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, will be on board soon.

A good time to test your personal preparedness is at 9.15am on Thursday 15 October with Shakeout, New Zealand's nationwide earthquake drill. You can register to practice 'drop, cover, hold' at <http://shakeout.govt.nz/>.

Have a great spring!



Celia Wade-Brown  
Mayor of Wellington

## Reading Glasses found



A pair of glasses was found in Balfour Street during mid-September.

The brand is Ralph with a grey Ray-Ban cloth in a dark blue Specsavers case.

Contact Euan Harris at  
Brooklyn Community Centre on  
384 6799 for more details.

## Kaka Group Community Call



The Kaka Group that maintains an overview of the various current projects, met in mid September and is due to meet again in early October, this time to discuss how best to keep the community well informed about and engaged with the two feasibility projects that are currently underway. We'll keep you posted.

Last month, members of the Vogelmorn Precinct Steering Group (Vogelmorn Tennis Club, Ridgway School, Vogelmorn Community Group and Wellington City Council) met with a number of local architects and designers to discuss the planned participatory design process. This was a fruitful conversation, with all participants contributing many exciting ideas regarding community engagement and development.

The group is now finalising contracting arrangements, and hopes to begin participation and engagement processes in the next few months. We are exploring the merits of developing a networked precinct of community assets in our neighbourhood – but we can't do this without you. We will be in touch soon to inform you of developments and to begin this conversation. There will be

lots of opportunities to participate, so watch this space.

## Brooklyn Hub Update

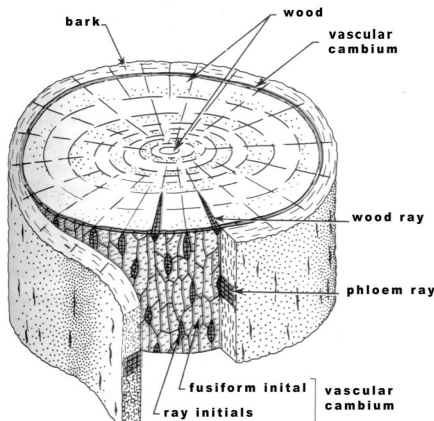

The **Kaka Project Brooklyn Hub Steering Group** (Brooklyn Community Association, Ministry of Education, Brooklyn School and Wellington City Council) has continued to meet regularly and progress work on the Brooklyn Hub project. Since our last update, the Group has completed research and analysis to form a clear scope of what a Brooklyn Hub could be.

The next phase will bring the potential ideas to life through design. We look forward to sharing these with you in the coming months. Keep a look out for notices on how and when you can be involved!

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## Community Grants Notice Got a Project Planned?

**The Terawhiti Charitable Trust** invites applications from individuals and/or groups seeking grants for community related projects due to start from 1st January. A maximum grant of \$1,000 per activity applies. For an application form phone **973 2761** or email [brendonstone@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brendonstone@paradise.net.nz). Applications must be received by **15 November**. Successful applicants informed by 30 November.



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## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

Thank you to those who attended the Brooklyn Residents Association meeting on September 16th including Cr Paul Eagle.

Speed limit reduction (from 70Km/hr to 50 Km/hr) on Happy Valley Rd South of Landfill Rd is out for consultation. This is generated out of residents request due to safety concerns at the intersection with Murchison St. Please make submissions directly to WCC.

The proposed WCC campground on Happy Valley Rd. is out for consultation. Please make submissions directly to WCC.

We are awaiting WCC feedback regarding bus stop removal at the top of Brooklyn Rd.

Feedback on aircraft noise continues to be received. Let us know if this is affecting you.

There was consensus at the meeting to proceed with amendments to the Constitution and Loomio was suggested as an online tool to help facilitate this process. Watch this space.

We welcome your feedback and engagement on these issues or others

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need volunteers from time to time to help with different jobs and events at the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall.

If you have time available and are happy to be on a volunteer contact list please give your contact information to our

**Volunteer Co-ordinator  
Leonie Flint**

on 389 6381, 022 0855 400 or email [flint@actrix.co.nz](mailto:flint@actrix.co.nz)

Please encourage your family and friends who could do this to contact us. Also ask at work if you can do some voluntary service in paid work time. Many organisations are keen to help in the community.

Thank you!  
Leonie, on behalf of  
Brooklyn Community Association



Brooklyn Community Centre  
18 Harrison Street

Vogelmorn Hall & Green  
Cnr Vennell Street and Mornington Road

## At the Annual General Meeting held on 20 September at the Brooklyn Community Centre the following Council members were appointed

Kay Miller, President  
Philip Duncan, Treasurer  
Perry Aspros & Jeremy Chang, Facilities  
Jessica Fa'aea, Childcare Programs  
Jeremy Macey, Community Liaison Vogelmorn  
Beth Beard, Community Liaison  
Dinesh Gupta, Community Liaison  
Jenny Ralston, Communications  
John Barnhill, Civil Defence & Emergency Management  
Chris Rabey, Historian

The President's Report for 2014-2015 can be viewed on  
[brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

## History

### TOWNSHIP OF KENSINGTON

Readers may ask, what is this got in common with our Suburb?

Back in 1878 when large farm lots were being broken up into sections. Blocks of land were laid out in the suburbs as in the cases of Kilbirnie and Vogeltown. The Kilbirnie sections were only obtainable at very stiff prices, while those of Vogeltown, though offered at a lower figure, were open to the objection that in many cases the soil on the top of the hills was very poor, there was no firewood, and in the higher situated sections water was not available, except by storing rain.

Later, a sale was advertised in what was termed "the Township of Kensington".

People were curious enough to venture to the area to see what this "township" encompassed. Striking off Wordsworth Street (now Aro Street), a good metalled road led up the hill to Goathurst Farm (Brooklyn). Passing this to the left, and proceeding a little distance along Ohiro Road, they came to a block of land 230 acres in extent, which formed the site of the intended township. The block of land adjoined Stockbridge's house and pretty orchard, with its rich soil and abundant fruit. The block possessed a frontage to the Ohiro (Happy Valley) – or as it was to be in future

termed "the Notting Hill Road". Some 41 sections were already formed on it.

The whole block was surveyed in sections, a quarter acre each in size, space being left for the future formation of streets to intersect the sections, thus rendering available the whole area of land.

There were 703 sections in all, varying in size from a quarter to a third of an acre each. Commencing from a point near Goathurst Farm the people walked along a bullock track, and upon rising a hill (where top of Washington Avenue is now), descended into the valley on the other side for the purpose of seeing the back sections. The land was sloping and undulating, good soil, with a fair depth of surface soil and gravel with underlying rock. The soil was good enough for cultivation of fruit and vegetables. The block had a northerly exposure, thus sheltered from southerly blasts. From some points a magnificent view of Island Bay and Cook Strait could be seen. Looking down the valley there was the background of bush in the distance while three never failing streams rippled pleasantly at the foot of the slopes.

The working men could procure a quarter acre section for 16-17 pounds, with not more than 5 pound 10 shillings be paid up front in cash, the balance to be paid in 6 to 12 months, *without interest*.

### With ShakeOut this week, why is it important to practice Drop Cover Hold? It's easy, isn't it?

Jason Paul - Wellington Region  
Emergency Management Office

We all grew up practicing earthquake drills at school - the bell would ring and we'd all know that it was time to dive under our desks. Of course schools still practice, to instill this into our children, and often it's the children reminding us adults what we should be doing - DROP COVER HOLD! But why should we practice this? We're adults, we know what to do!

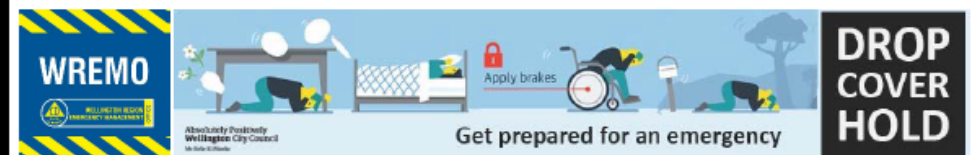
Here's two reasons - Just prior to ShakeOut in 2012 the lower North Island was shaken by a minor quake, but it was big enough to make me dive for my desk at home - where I promptly smacked my head and found the computer was in the way. Practicing when the ground wasn't moving would have meant I would have known that I'm bigger now and don't fit like I did when I was at school, and that I should keep a clear space under my desk in case I need to head there. Second, it's easy to panic when the ground starts to move under your feet - if you practice what to do then it will come more naturally and you won't need to think about it in the heat of the moment. Practice at home, at work, and think about what you might do elsewhere like when shopping.

### So why do we Drop Cover and Hold during an earthquake?

We **Drop** so we're less likely to be injured as the earthquake tries to throw us to the ground, and it also means we're not running anywhere. Most injuries during earthquakes are caused by trying to run while the ground is moving. We **Cover** to protect ourselves from the things around us that could fall and injure us - bookcases, TVs, light fittings etc. We don't expect buildings to fall, we have rigorous building codes that require buildings to be designed to stay standing; we're protecting ourselves from the unsecured items that will go flying. And **Hold** on, so you stay under or with your protection.

If you can't Drop Cover Hold, do your best to protect your head, and hold on tight to keep yourself from being thrown around.

Register at [www.shakeout.govt.nz/register](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/register) to show Brooklyn people are getting involved and practicing, even if it's not on October 15th!





# Are you ready for a disaster?

What would you do during an earthquake?

Join New Zealand and practice

**DROP COVER HOLD**

in the New Zealand Shake Out  
at 9.15am on October 15

or at any other time that suits you

This is a great time to think about what else you would do during and after an earthquake, and check your family has an up-to-date emergency plan.

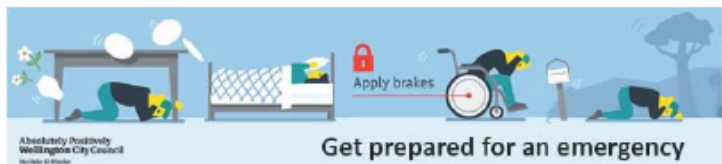


Register at [www.shakeout.govt.nz/register](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/register) for more information and to show Brooklyn people are getting involved!

## How will the wider Brooklyn community support each other during an emergency?

Brooklyn Community Centre, Brooklyn Scouts and other community groups in the wider Brooklyn area, along with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, are working together to make sure we are all prepared to assist each other during a disaster and make our community more resilient.

If you are interested in helping to develop a Community Response Plan join our mailing list <https://goo.gl/R4XHhe> or email John Barnhill [barny1@clear.net.nz](mailto:barny1@clear.net.nz) and keep an eye out for "know your neighbour" here in the Brooklyn Tattler.



**DROP  
COVER  
HOLD**

When Goathurst Farm was sold in the late 1880's, and divided into sections by developer A H Miles and his syndicate, then given the Brooklyn name, it encompassed Goathurst, Ohiro, and all areas in between. The Kensington name was dropped, and the valley was given the name Happy Valley, and Ohiro Road was extended into the valley.

Gardens had already been established in this area, with Vogeltown Tea Gardens, and Short's Gardens being very popular at the time. More on these in a future Tattler.

**Chris Rabey**

## Brooklyn St John Cadets 2015 Regional Senior Champions



ABOVE: Brooklyn Senior team – Ivana, Daniel, Nicole and Laura.

Brooklyn St John Youth Division had great success at Central Region's Regional Competitions held recently in Te Puke.

Two Brooklyn teams qualified to compete from Wellington District Competitions held earlier in the year; a senior team (cadets aged 13-17) and an intermediate team (cadets aged 11-12).

The senior teams training, commitment and belief in themselves led to strong performances throughout each of their competition events. They gained first place in 3 events and second place in the other 3 team events, and a third placing in the second pairs test; providing convincing performances across all the competition disciplines resulting in being awarded the title of Senior Team Champions 2015.

Congratulations to Ivana, Daniel, Nicole and Laura for your awesome achievement!

A very young intermediate team, who include two members stepping up from the age group below, placed in one event and had commendable performances in their other events.

St John Youth is an organisation for young people aged 6 – 18 years who are keen to learn more about first aid and general life skills. We are committed to running programmes in a safe and secure environment, where young people develop a wide range of skill and their self-confidence. We run two programmes: Penguins for 6-8 year olds and Youth for 8-18 year olds which meet weekly during school term time:

Penguins: Monday 3:30-4:45pm at St Matthew's Lounge, 96 Washington Ave, Brooklyn.

Youth: Tuesday evenings 6.30 – 8:00pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St.

If you are keen to find out more, you can check out our programmes on the St John Website [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz) or give us a call.

Carol Bewley (Youth Divisional Mgr)

Phone (04) 388 3838

Karen on (Penguin Prg Divisional Mgr)  
phone (04) 389 4060

## UPSTREAM Friends of Central Park

Illona Keenan, Wellington City Council Biosecurity Technical Advisor for WCC gave a talk about pests and pest control at our last working bee – an interesting diversion from weeding!

We learnt that tradescantia beetles are being trialled in various parts of New Zealand with the best results to date occurring in Northland where a mixture of tip, leaf and stem beetles were released. Illona brought along a sample of 'ravaged' tradescantia and it was really pleasing to think that this weed might be controlled one day by something other than ourselves!

Two hundred tradescantia stem beetles were released last year in Central Park so far with little impact but we hope that all three beetle types will be released in the next trial. We will keep weeding in the meantime as it can take up to ten years for a colony to become well established.

Bellbird Central, our new animal pest control group will be monitoring pest activity in the park and reporting back next month on what we have found.

Sadly, about two dozen of our recent plantings were stolen by some selective thieves who focussed on 'garden' type plants like hebe and dianella from easy-to-get-at places beside the main path. Following this, the council will be using security cameras at random times to either deter or catch thieves red-handed. This is a very unfortunate event but only one small incident amongst a huge amount of goodwill that has been shown to Upstream, especially in the last year.

### Our next Working Bee is Sunday 25 October

(yes, that's Labour Weekend but please come if you're around).

### Working Bees

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

For more information, contact Lynne at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz) or 027 446 5837 or Debbie at [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)



**ABOVE:** Illona Keenan describing the life cycle of the tradescantia beetle



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## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

### Speaker line up for October and November

16<sup>th</sup> Oct

"BINGO BLING"

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Centre catch up & talk on up coming events

30<sup>th</sup> Oct DADS ARMY

6<sup>th</sup> Nov The Wadestown singers

13<sup>th</sup> Nov TO BE ME (Campaign on taking action to create an inclusive and accessible nation)

One of our members, Elizabeth Shepherd passed away last month. Elizabeth was a very supportive member for over 30 years. We will miss her friendship and care. Our thoughts are with her family.

Rockabilly babe is now starting at 11am For details contact local mum Jim Stanton [rockabillybabewgtn@gmail.com](mailto:rockabillybabewgtn@gmail.com)

Kirsty our podiatrist has increased her prices. \$40.00 for an appointment. Home visits are now \$50.00.

Thank you to Mary Snowden for starting our craft mornings. We are working on a few projects and could use some more wool. Please contact me if you have any wool to donate. We are also doing colouring in for adults which is quite a bit of fun. Come along on Friday. You are welcome to stay for morning tea/ lunch followed by our quest speaker at 2pm and then afternoon tea.

One of our supporters, Zappo will be hosting a family magic show at the Opera House on Sat 24 October, called Pure Magic. Tickets can be purchased from Ticketek. I am sure it will be an amazing show.

**Jenny Swan**  
Co-ordinator



## WHAT'S ON AT VOGELMORN HALL

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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](mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz)

FELDENKRAIS CLASSES Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm  
Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am  
**The first class is free for beginners**  
Contact Toni on 475 3355 or [temcwhinnie@gmail.com](mailto:temcwhinnie@gmail.com)

TAMARIKI YOGA FOR KIDS - **NEW!** Classes for 8 - 12 yrs. Monday 3:45 - 4:45pm  
Contact Janelle 977 4991 or 021 0229 2806 or [tamarikiyoga@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:tamarikiyoga@yahoo.co.nz)

KARDIO POWER Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm  
STRETCH & TONE CLASS Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm  
Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049

AEROBIC DANCE - **NEW!** Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:15am to 10:15am  
Contact Gill Clark on 021 100 4851

POSITIVELY ZUMBA Tuesday evenings 7:15pm to 8:30pm  
Contact Beth via email at: [positivelyzumba@gmail.com](mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com)

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Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 or [f.haines.dance@gmail.com](mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com)

KIDS ART Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm  
During school terms

BABY SENSORY CLASSES - **NEW!** Fridays from 9am to 1:30pm  
Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or [wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com](mailto:wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com)

WELLINGTON NAGINATA Women's Martial Arts Group - Fridays 5:30 to 7:30pm  
Contact Alice at [henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:henryjonesjr@yahoo.co.uk)

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Beginners class Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm  
Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or [cam@camfindlay.com](mailto:cam@camfindlay.com)

The Vogelmorn Hall can be hired for classes, groups and functions.  
The Vogelmorn Green (next to the hall) is available for low impact activities.  
Contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

## Layout Artist/Web Administrator wanted

### Brooklyn Tattler

Our monthly A5 magazine the Brooklyn Tattler has increased from 12 to 24 pages in the past year which means preparing the layout is no longer a job for a volunteer.

We are looking for someone who is available 8-10 hours each month February to December to be the contact point for contributors and advertisers and create the layout ready for proofing and printing.

The copy deadline is the last day of each month and the layout is due to the proof readers within 5 days.

Currently the layout is done on Microsoft Publisher however alternative software users will be considered.

We would like applications from people who:

- Have layout and design skills and experience
- Create effective advertising layouts
- Produce accurate finished work
- Maintain good relations with contributors and advertisers
- Can commit to this work for a minimum of two years or longer and work from home.

We are in the process of upgrading the Brooklyn Community Centre website and when completed the role will include updating the website. Experience at doing this is not essential but would be helpful.

For information on the Brooklyn Community Centre website and the Tattler go to: [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

To apply, send a CV, work samples and references to:

Kay Miller, Brooklyn Community Association, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn  
or email [kaymiller11@gmail.com](mailto:kaymiller11@gmail.com)

**Closing date: 2 November 2015**

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### Vogelmorn Green

Adjacent to Vogelmorn Hall on the corner of Mornington Road and Vennell Street, Brooklyn. Opposite the Vogelmorn Tennis Club room and courts. Access through gates at the front and rear of Vogelmorn Hall.

**Hire rate:** \$14 per hour if hired on its own.

**Capacity:** 200 people. Vogelmorn Green has a soft surface so is suitable for low impact activities; football, tennis, fitness, children's parties. Flat/sports shoes or bare feet essential.

### BOOK NOW

Contact: Euan Harris, Coordinator. Phone: (04) 384 6799 or  
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## Vogelmorn Community Group Update

The Vogelmorn Community Group is delighted to be awarded first place in the inaugural Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Kick-start, run in conjunction with the Ākina Foundation!

The VCG has been operating the Bowling Club buildings at 93 Mornington Road as a mix-usage community space for artists and the community with rehearsals, yoga classes, public talks, and a co-working space.

Contact Jo Randerson on [jo@barbarian.co.nz](mailto:jo@barbarian.co.nz), or just pop in!

### Koha Yoga Classes

Koha yoga classes with Sarrah Jayne – Wednesdays at 9.15am  
Sarrah is a qualified hatha/yoga therapy style teacher who loves teaching community classes. Suitable for all levels of experience. Mats available, bring your kids if you like - koha entry.

### Organic vege dropoff

VBC is providing a weekly drop-off point for fresh organic vegetables at affordable prices from Wairarapa Eco Farm. To sign up please contact Josje via [www.wefs.co.nz](http://www.wefs.co.nz).



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## Community Activities on Washington Avenue

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These range from the traditional church service on Sundays, other parish run activities to wide range of community group activities.

**Mainly Music: a thriving weekly 30 minute music and rhythm session** for carers and their under-fives with morning tea provided at the end of the session. Mainly Music runs during the primary school terms and is hosted by volunteers from St Matthew's and the community. Check out our website for more information on how to join our friendly volunteer team.

**Messy Church: a family orientated session** run regularly (approximately monthly) that allows those young at heart to come and explore bible stories through various activities, and includes the sharing of food as part of the session. Everyone is welcome to come and relax in a fun and friendly environment where you can choose what activities you get involved in. Check out our website for more details!

**Home Groups** – currently there is a daytime craft home group meeting fortnightly, which is a mixture of you doing your craft work, bible study, prayer and friendship. Please get in contact if you want to be part of a Brooklyn Home Group. Contact our office on 389 3470 or leave a message on our website.

### Community Groups at St Matthew's

St John Penguin programme for 6-8 year olds – Mondays 3:30-4:45pm term time

Brooklyn Cake Decorating Guild meets monthly

Brooklyn Toastmasters – meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings

Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre – for toddlers to 5 years, daily sessions available from 8:30am-2:30pm.

View our website for more information  
[www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz](http://www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz)

### Need a place to host a regular activity or one-off event?

St Matthew's has flexible spaces available for one-off and regular activities. It is well appointed on the rise on Washington Ave within easy access from neighbouring suburbs. If you are interested in seeing what is available and talking over your needs, please contact our office on 389 3470. Drop in on a Tuesday or Friday morning to have a look or leave us a message on [www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz](http://www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz)

### Light Party



Planning is underway for the popular community family Light Party on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. A safe environment is provided to enjoy an alternative to trick or treating around the neighbourhood.

Last year among the guests were fairies, a dragonfly, cats, a robot and superheroes. So dress-up in your favourite costume and come along to join the activities and have a whole lot of fun!

More information on our website (above)



# Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

Where do you stand in the flag debate? To change, or not to change? And if changing, what to? I personally am in favour of change to something that reflects both New Zealand's past and our modern bi-cultural present, but preferably not something (i.e. the fern-leaf) that looks like the logo on a wholesale food van. However - I have to say that I do feel a bit like someone whose tweet was quoted in the DomPost, who said now that we can vote for the Red Peak, I'm not sure if I want to! How contrary is that? Perhaps a few stars would liven it up a bit?

Hmmm.....

Another subject causing a bit of discussion at the moment is the suggestion that Wellington Zoo host some pandas for a while. Apart from the issue of whether Council should spend millions of ratepayers' dollars on something that seems very unlikely to be able to recover costs, there is a wider conservation question here. In taking pandas, we would be taking part in a world wide effort to rescue another species from extinction. But is this the best way to do it? The reason for their near extinction, as I understand it, is loss of their natural habitat due to commercial development. Would it perhaps not be better to help preserve their natural environment, where they can breed naturally?

The other question I ask is similar to the one Pharmac wrestles with when weighing up whether to buy expensive drugs for a few, or less expensive ones to benefit many. Should we be spending inordinate amounts of money and effort saving critically endangered species, or would it make more sense to spend that effort on species that are still relatively thriving, but could do with a little help. In New Zealand, for instance, weka, those cheeky thieves that we used to think were well able to fend for themselves, are 'declining' and 'vulnerable'. It is so easy to not realise they are 'declining', until one day you become aware that you haven't seen any for a year or two. How sad if some of our more common species like fantails and grey warblers were to disappear; and while it would be very sad if Maui dolphins disappeared, how much more sad if we didn't see 'ordinary' dolphins in our waters.

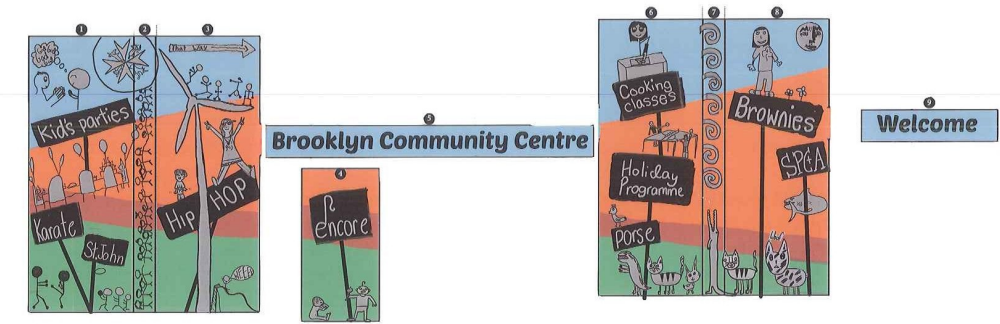
**Janet Campbell**  
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

## Seen on Stuff recently



Former Wellington dusty Adam Hendry with two children he looks after at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Cyrus Fa'aea, 9, and Ruby Harris, 6.

# Brooklyn Community Centre Design Competition winners



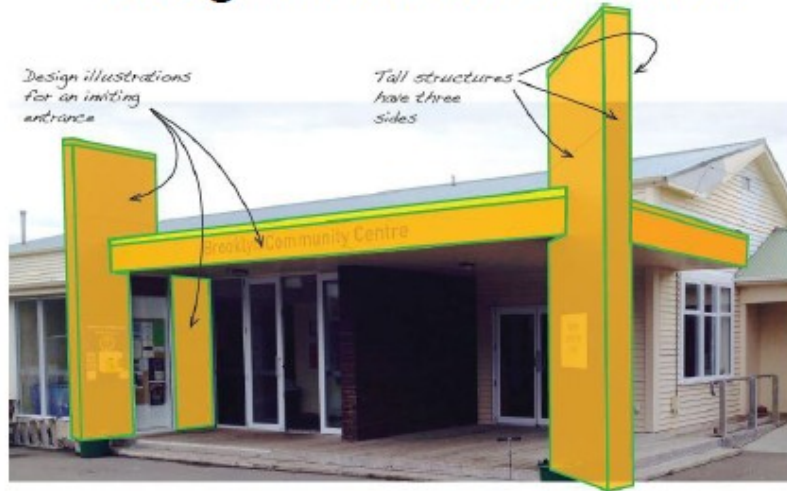
**Above:** The winning Design Competition entry by the Ridgway After School Art Class, which is to be painted as murals onto the front panels of the Brooklyn Community Centre by Kapiti Coast artist - painter, Ellen Coup.



**Above:** BCA President Kay Miller holds the overall winning entry by the Ridgway Afterschool Art Class with the judging panel on 18 September.

L – R. Liz Rhodes principal of Brooklyn School, Kay Miller BCA President, Cr Nicola Young, Euan Harris, Rod Macdiarmid from Pelorus Architecture.

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### WINNERS

#### Primary School Category

Entry 16 Adriann Burt

#### Secondary School Category

Entry 14 Rebekah Butterfield

#### Adult Category

Entry 20 Bridget Acton

#### Community Vote

Entry 14 Rebekah Butterfield

#### Overall Winner

Entry 13 Ridgway After School Art Class

Lucy Kos, Elliot Kos, Erika Fry, Noah Bernhardt, Luna Bernhardt, Tigerlily Donaldson, Isabelle Kettles, Kajol Patel. Teacher: Rowena Fry

For information on the competition visit  
[www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

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## School News

Our schools are currently on holiday but by the time you read this the fourth and final term of the year will have started. Art and fundraising seem to have been a highlight during the last few weeks of Term Three.

Brooklyn School students showcased a fantastic display of art from the whole school in the school hall and library. Lots of medium were involved as well as paint and drawing including tapa, photography, and tin foil sculptures.

Pupils at Ridgway School had an art day where they enjoyed lots of different art related activities. Rather than stay in their own classes, students were in mixed age groups so enabling the older students to nurture and guide the younger ones and creating a sense of belonging for everyone.

Other fun activities at the end of term included a disco, concert and wild weather show at Ridgway; a visit to a science roadshow at Wellington Girls' College and the Catholic Cathedral in Hill Street by St Bernards pupils, as well as their school production; and a Rugby World Cup parade over at Brooklyn School with each class representing a different country participating in the World Cup.

Amidst the fun lots of fundraising has been underway as well. The students at Ridgway are raising funds for the Wellington Children's Hospital in conjunction with the Brooklyn Deli at 199 Ohiro Road. Students are icing

gingerbread biscuits to be sold at the deli with all proceeds going to the hospital. St Bernard's pupils have also been fundraising for the Children's Hospital with Room 4 students organizing a mufti and wheels day with gold coin donations going to the hospital. During the term Room 4 have been learning about social justice and how to help others and came up with the fundraiser idea as part of their learning.

Meanwhile, Brooklyn School had a "onesie" day one Friday where everyone wore their PJs and donated to the Wellington Free Ambulance.

Upcoming fundraisers for the schools include a quiz night at the Pines on Wednesday 21 October for St Bernards, a cookbook being collated for sale by Ridgway School, and the Brooklyn School Fair on Sunday 22 November.

During the holidays drainage and roof repairs are set to be completed at Brooklyn, and St Bernards is due to have renovations done on their school hall early in Term Four. They include re-roofing and replacing the ceiling and heating.

More news next month once our schools are back in session.

**Julie Seevens**



## GROUP ROUNDUP continued..

### Hockey for Kids

Come and practice with us during summer at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park (8 Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn).

**Every Friday from 16 October 2015, 4-5pm.**

**For yr1-3 (and yr4 in 2016) and new entrants.**

**Give it a go!**

Just turn up on practice day and we take it from there.

More info about us: [brooklyn-geckoshockey.weebly.com](http://brooklyn-geckoshockey.weebly.com)

### Brooklyn Toy Library

Brooklyn Toy Library offers a wide array of toys to borrow for children aged 0 to around 7 years. Toys and playing allow children to develop their physical, mental and social skills. Borrowing them allows parents to provide variety without needing to buy and store all those toys!

We're open during term time on Fridays 1:30-3:30pm and Saturdays 9am-12noon. Memberships per family start at \$45 for 6 months and \$75 for a year. There are no extra toy hire fees.

We're located in the Rear Prefab at the Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston.

Email: [brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com)

Web: [www.brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz/](http://www.brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz/)

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## GROUP ROUNDUP Continued...

### 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 on the first and third Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

[thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) and [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)

### Brooklyn Mainly Music

In a warm welcoming environment, volunteers at local churches run 30 minute music and rhythm sessions that develop gross and fine motor skills, and allow caregivers and youngsters to have a great time interacting together. After the session, morning tea is provided which allows for friendly adult conversation and child play time in a supportive environment.

Mainly Music runs in two Brooklyn locations during school term time. Join us in the session that suits you best or attend both.

**Wednesdays** - starting 10:00am at Reformed Church, 34 Harrison St. Contact Rachel 022 407 9652  
[www.wellingtonreformed.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonreformed.co.nz)

**Fridays** - starting 9:30am at St Matthew's Church lounge, 96 Washington

Avenue. Contact Lynne 389 3424  
[www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz](http://www.stmatthewsbrooklyn.org.nz)

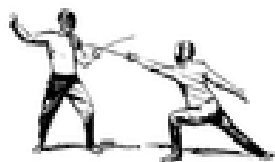
### Brooklyn Smallbore Rifle Club

If you are aged 14+ come and have a go! We have a special \$15 Introductory Package which includes personal guidance on firearm safety and range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition for two rounds of shooting (13 shots per round).

Training and casual shooting is on Sundays 4.30pm to 6.00pm from mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown, so give us a call or drop us an email and we'll sort things out for you (Dianne Grain, 0274 449 641, [d.grain@xtra.co.nz](mailto:d.grain@xtra.co.nz)), or visit our website [www.bsrrc.org.nz](http://www.bsrrc.org.nz).

### Wellington Swords Club

Located at Tanera Bowling Club. Fencing classes: Tues, Wed, Thurs from 5.30-8.00. Sat. 9-12. Vicki Lamb - Head Coach Ph.970 7496 evenings.  
[Bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz](mailto:Bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz)  
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\$15 an hour casual. Party hire neg. rate \$150 weekend night.



## Lines from the Library

Kia Ora Everyone

My name is Intisar and I am very excited to be taking over the Tattler column from Hannah, who has left to have some adventures across the ditch.

As we enter into the final quarter of the year, I thought it would be a good idea to give a bit of an overview on our awesome collections that are available, for free, through our E Library.

To access our E Library, all you have to do is click on the E library button on the Wellington City Libraries website's home page. The three main access points are Borrow Box, formally known as Bolinda, Overdrive and Zinio.

Borrow box and Overdrive are both providers of audio and E books. Each of these services has their own app available for Android and IOs, which can be downloaded from the App Store and Google play. There are options to transfer items to e readers, MP3 players and to read on your desktop. E books are issued for three weeks to your account; there is a limit to 15 books at any one time. You can always renew items for up to three weeks if you need to.

At Brooklyn library we have a small collection of magazines which are quite popular with our patrons. However, when we do get the new magazines some people have to miss out that week. Fear not, Zinio to the rescue. Zinio has a large database of

magazines from all around the world. Just by logging onto the website or app you have access to hundreds of different magazines. The magazines have the same layout on screen as they do in print. The range of magazines is wide, including photography, business, sports, news, crafts, 'lifestyle', computers, music and more. Magazines can be viewed on desktop/laptops or downloaded to tablets or smart phones for offline reading via the free Zinio for Libraries app.

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If any of this sounds a bit overwhelming please come in and ask one of the friendly librarians. We will be more than happy to help.

On a final note, Hannah wanted me to mention that she saw Brooklyn's own Lorraine Ward perform some standup comedy few months ago and not only was she hilarious, but we should all endeavor to see her perform. Great job Lorraine!

Enjoy the warm weather!

Intisar



## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet on Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054. Walking Group programmes are available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

**19 Oct** - Walk to Adelaide Road through Hospital grounds, then Alexandra Road to City.

**26 Oct** - Labour Day Holiday. No walk.

**2 Nov** - Box Hill, Khandallah Village, Bridle Path, Kaiwharawhara, City. Catch 9:18am No.7 bus, 10:02am train

**9 Nov** - Otari Wilton Bush walkways. Catch 9:38am No. 7 bus, then 10:25am No.14 bus at Lambton Quay

**16 Nov** - Pukerua Bay to Mana via Te Ara Harakeke Walkway. Catch 9:18am No. 7 bus, then 9:44am train.

**23 Nov** - Pencarrow walk, Catch 9:38am No.7 bus, then 10:07am No. 83 bus at the railway station to Eastbourne depot and then walk towards Pencarrow for 1 hour. Return to Eastbourne for coffee.

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### Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

We are a small friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages.

We have three tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip on 934 7445 Email [codwg@paradise.net.nz](mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz)

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### Brooklyn Scouts

Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure plus. We 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, Tues 7.00-9.00pm.  
Venturers 14-18 years, Thurs 7.-9.00pm  
For more information contact Gillian Boyes, [gillianmay@paradise.net.nz](mailto:gillianmay@paradise.net.nz) phone: 972 9904

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### 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.

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### 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, Washington Avenue. For details phone Deb on 027 444 9622 or email [dlambie@live.com](mailto:dlambie@live.com).

<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

### Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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

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### Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro 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 or Janet 385 2077

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### 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](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

### Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is at 2pm Saturday 31 October in the Brooklyn Library on the corner of Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Sharon for details: 027 634 4455 or 388 8088 AH

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### St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions term time with some weekend camps and fun activities. Both programmes are structured to develop life skills and self discipline in a fun, friendly environment.

#### Penguin Programme (6-8 yr.

**olds)** Meet at St Matthew's Church Lounge, Washington Ave, Mondays 3:30 - 4:45pm.

#### Youth Division (8-18 year olds)

Meet at Brooklyn Community Centre Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm. You are welcome to come and have a look at what we do anytime. It's helpful if you make contact with one of the leaders first, to ensure they are not away on a trip during the session that you want to come and have a look at. Leader contact is Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204. [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)

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