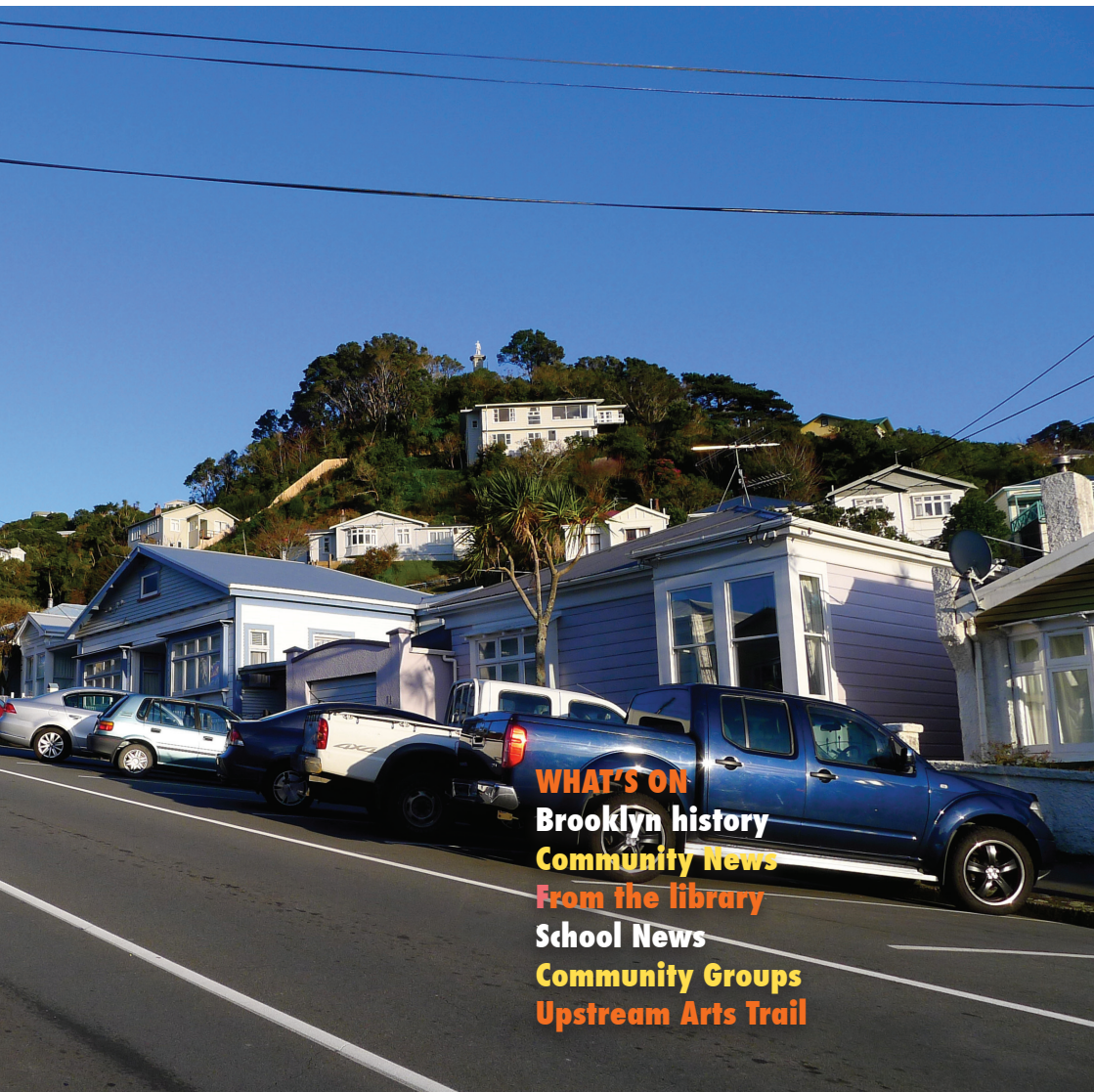


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what's happening in your community



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Hi Everyone

KIDS MARKET Our annual kids market held on the last Saturday in September was well attended and enjoyed by the many kids who ran stalls along with their parents. As one person said 'it was a good vibe' and great to have a fine day. Sue the face painter in the foyer and the big bouncy castle outside in the playground added to the fun atmosphere.

LIONS CLUB We're pleased to have the Brooklyn Lions Club at our monthly markets running the BBQ on the deck and helping out in the kitchen. Lions Club president Nick Ruane is looking at getting a fruit and veggie truck to park up and sell fresh produce from outside the Community Centre, as an added attraction. We're looking forward to our next market on 29 October which will include the Brooklyn Kindergarten 2017 fundraising calendars for sale, featuring historic photos of Brooklyn. These calendars make great gifts for Christmas and are keenly sought after.

WELCOME TO BROOKLYN We're after a photo of the **Welcome to Brooklyn** sign which was located on the reserve land by Rogers Corner on Brooklyn Road. Apparently the sign was removed sometime during the 1990's. There are several theories regarding the disappearance of the sign, including that a car crashed into the sign or that it was removed by contractors working on the reserve. You probably drive past

Rogers Corner on the way to Brooklyn several times week without taking too much notice of signs. However, there are moves to erect a new Welcome to Brooklyn sign and if you happen to have a photo of the original sign we would like to hear from you. Please phone me on 384 6799 or email: **brooklynca@paradise.net.nz**



BROOKLYN WALKING GROUP Now that daylight saving is here and the weather is warmer more people are getting into outdoor activities. The Brooklyn Walking Group meets for planned walks on Monday mornings outside the library. Start time is around 9:30am depending whether there is a bus 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.

VOTING closes soon for the local body elections so make sure you have your say by 8 October. Like many people I went to several Meet the Candidates meetings, including the Rates Cuts event at the Vogelhorn Bowling Club on 15 September, hosted by the Vogelhorn Community Group and the not to be missed Aro Valley meeting in the Aro Valley Community Centre, on 19 September complete with water pistols. Both were great fun community events.

BCA NEWS

Our AGM, organized by Beth Beard and Euan Harris, was a thought provoking event. Mel Beirne talked about the Brooklyn Food Group and how it has built a community. Thanks Mel! It made me think about how we can extend the community garden into the grounds around the community centre. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact Euan. We're always challenged by the WCC gardening schedule which leaves long periods through the growth season when our surroundings look unattractive.

The BCA Council for next year is Kay Miller (President), Carol Bourn (Treasurer), Jeremy Chang, Perry Aspros, Dinesh Gupta, Philip Duncan, Euan Harris (Staff representative), Chris Rabey (Historian), Jeremy Macey (Vogelmorn Community Group), Nick Ruane (Brooklyn Lions) plus Life Members Gwen Devereux and Min Janssen.

Thanks to those continuing this voluntary service to our community. Welcome Carol who brings fresh eyes to our financial reporting and will be a great ally for Julie Seevens, Phillip Bolton and Philip Duncan (our past Treasurer).

Brooklyn Scouts have done it again. After doing an outstanding job delivering the September Tattler they stepped up and provided afternoon tea for the AGM. I love the way the Scouts go above and beyond. They even provided people to serve drinks and clean up after the event! Thank you Oliver Mander and the Brooklyn Scouts. It's a pleasure to have such a wonderful relationship with you.

Kay Miller
On behalf of the BCA Council

from the COUNCILLOR

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At the time of my writing this article, voting has begun for Wellington's next Mayor and Council. It's my second local body election, and my first as a sitting councillor. As Ian McKinnon once told me: "your first campaign is the easiest, as there's nothing to lose!". The mayoral campaign has been gruelling, with about 40 debates - most of which had huge attendances.

I hope the voter turnout improves, although the disappointing numbers may reflect today's postal service. The Government put

its plans for on-line voting on hold; many were disappointed, but the shambles over Australia's recent census (with concerns over privacy and security risks) indicates that the time isn't yet right for e-voting. Frankly, I'd like to return to the ritual of the polling booth!

It's been a privilege to serve as your local councillor; getting to know so many Brooklyn-ites - and the local issues. At times it's been frustrating; at other times, hugely satisfying. I hope that - whomever is Mayor - the next Council spends less time sitting around the committee table, and more time working out in the community. The next Council will be relatively inexperienced, as the majority of councillors will have served two terms or less... that will present some challenges, but I am a great believer that councillors should not serve more than four terms (12 years); change is good for our city's governance!

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- Melrose Estate (covered Vogeltown, Berhampore, Island Bay) - 50 acres, POA
- Roseneath Estate - 50 acres, POA
- Ashton Fitchett, part Section 11 Mitchelltown - 50 acres, @60 pounds per acre.
- Peter Wotton, Karori Range - 50 acres, POA
- Thomas Hawkings, land between Ngahauranga (now Ngauranga) and Kaiwharawhara - 50 acres, 1500 pounds

As we now know, the Karori site was selected. The reason given at the time, was its close proximity to Wellington, and accessibility. Goathurst and Fitchett's land were rejected, due to the fact the existing Ohiro Road then was a rough bullock track and too steep to be suitable. Brooklyn Road as we know wasn't to be formed for a further 25 years.

Another interesting fact at the time was the amount of cut totara used in road formation and development of settlements. Once footpaths were formed and metalled, all kerbing was erected using totara

wood. The construction of concrete kerbing hadn't been invented, so wood was found to be the most suitable, and totara was the favoured as there were abundant stocks of it.

Sewers through the streets were wood blocked, also using totara.

Later on, main roads were formed using wood blocks but by the mid 1900's, Australian hardwood was being used as the totara had become more difficult to obtain. It's a small wonder nowadays why Totara is so hard to come by!

Perhaps the magnificent stands of native trees would have been saved had there been the 'Greenies' 150 years ago. The hills around Brooklyn were covered in forests of rata, hinau and totara, all sadly cut down to make way for the Ohiro Estate, Todman Estate, and Goathurst Farm.

BROOKLYN'S NATIVE FORESTS AND A CEMETERY

BY CHRIS RABEY

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SCHOOL NEWS

BY JULIE SEEVENS

The school holidays are in full swing as I write this with students and teachers hopefully all enjoying a well-earned rest. Brooklyn School finished up Term 3 with the showcasing of their whole school production, "The Best is Yet to Come."

This was an amazing show which was performed over two nights at Wellington High School and was a sell-out both nights. There was lots of great dancing with some pretty fancy moves thanks to the Footsteps Dance Company who came in during the term to teach the children.

Students at St Bernard's who went on a school excursion to Mt Ruapehu early in September had a trip they will never forget when they were snowed in on the

mountain due to a blizzard. Thankfully no-one was hurt and everyone got off the mountain safely. Another exciting thing for the school this term was a visit of the Webb Ellis Cup, and the Rugby World Cup, on the last day of term.

Ridgway School are busy preparing for their gala to be held on 6 November. This occurs every two years and is always a great day out with lots of goodies and food to purchase and fun entertainment. Mark it in your diaries now.

The schools participated in the recent Onesie day to raise money for Wellington Free Ambulance, the only free ambulance in the country, a great fundraiser for a fantastic service.

Term 4 begins on Monday 10 October for all our schools.

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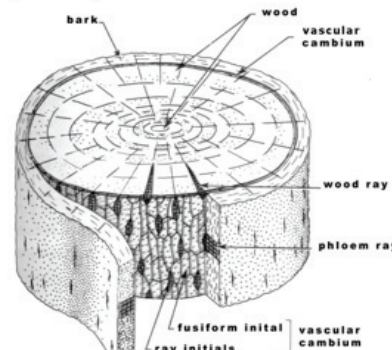
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from the LIBRARY



Greetings from the team at the Brooklyn Library.

New carpet and improved layout The Library was closed on the first of October to allow for fresh, new carpet to be laid. This is the first new carpet in the Brooklyn Library for 16 years.

We've also recently streamlined the interior of the library so that there is more room in the Young Adult, Newspaper, and Fiction sections. This has made it more roomy and comfortable to sit on the sofas and browse newspapers, magazines, and books.

The Young Adult section also has more display area and has been reorganised so that you can find books and comics more easily.

Audiobooks for adults have moved to sit with the adult CDs and DVDs and the New Fiction Display is now opposite the Issues Desk.

We're getting great feedback on this new arrangement. If you haven't been to the Library for a while come and check it out!

New books As always we have received some fantastic new books at the Brooklyn Library over the past month.

For kids:

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, a beautiful board book by the fabulous Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury that has already received a Librarian's Choice sticker!

The Alphabet from the Sky by Benedikt GroB and Joey Lee - find the letters of the alphabet in aerial photographs of cities in the USA. This is an imaginative way to practise the alphabet and hone observation skills.

They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel. A Librarian's Choice picture book with great illustrations and a simple story exploring the idea of perception. On each page an animal sees a cat, but what each animal sees is completely different. For example a mouse sees something scary while a fish sees something blurry.

Star Wars Year by Year - A Visual History (J791.437 STA) A comprehensive look at the inspiration and influences on Star Wars through to information on the Star Wars films being made today.

For adults:

Before We Visit the Goddess - a novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni about relationships between mothers and daughters.

Selection Day - the new novel by Aravind Adiga, the Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The White Tiger*.

The Jealous Kind - the latest novel from the sublime James Lee Burke.

We look forward to seeing you at the library.
 Ngā mihi, Louise

what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz	
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	Meet in the RSA room on the 4th Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm. Contact Jodie 938 8943
BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before and After School Care & Holiday Programs. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 or Brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursday 10am-1pm Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 3:15-5:15pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 29 October 2016, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm & Thursdays 5-5:45pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6-7pm, Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7.30-8pm. Strengthen & Tone: Thursdays 6:30-7pm. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. For bookings contact Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Susan 801 6814 or susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Contact Phillip on 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. \$10 casual or \$60 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Encore! 3-5yrs 9:45-10:15am. 1-3yrs 10:25-10:55am (and potentially 11:05-11:35am). info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or call 976 8742 or 022 645 6943

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AEROBIC DANCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15am-10:15am Contact Gill on 021 100 4851 or adbiz@clear.net.nz
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 1pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am and 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:30-7pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KID'S ART CLASSES	Thursdays 3-4:30pm for primary school kids. Contact Euan on 384 6799 or brooklynca@paradise.net.nz
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-12:45pm. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Helen Miller 021 216 9444 or h_miller@xtra.co.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10-6:40pm Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm and Saturdays 3-5pm. Contact Cam 021 263 0361 or info@wellington-iaido.com www.facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10:30am-12:30pm. Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
ZUMBA	Positively Zumba – Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com

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OPEN WEEKDAYS 9-4

MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies Contact Lois Ph 973 1650

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6-7pm Yoga

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

WEDNESDAYS Garden club

1st Wednesday of the month

THURSDAYS Wellington Handweavers & Spinners Guild. Every 2nd Saturday, morning and afternoon. Call Val Laybourn 934 7516

FRIDAYS Podiatrist Ph 384 4299

9am-11.30 Every 2nd Friday

Friday Circle - 9am: Craft activities

10.30: Morning Tea **12 noon:** Lunch

1.30pm: Arthritic exercise

2pm: Guest Speaker **3pm:** Afternoon tea

FRIDAY CIRCLE SPEAKERS We're looking forward to warmer weather. If you know anyone who'd like a day out we'd love to have them join us on a Friday, only \$15. Remember company and conversation boosts the endorphins! Result...happiness!

There are 3 speaker spots left until the end of the year. We really value our wonderful speakers and are always looking for people to speak and/or entertain our members on Fridays 2-3pm. If you'd like to speak please call Jenny on 04 384 4299 or email brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

21 October - Helle Argus
 Life in NZ in the 50s

28 October - David Dwyer.
 Piano as an instrument

4 November - Wadestown Singers

11 November - Irene Papp. Memory Lane

THANK YOU for the wool donated last month. We have a group of knitters that have started on a Tuesday morning. Come along, you might even like to stay for our community lunch.

MERLE MILLS who you will remember for her wonderful piano playing in Brooklyn, passed away. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

ROOMS FOR HIRE The Resource Centre has three rooms for hire, including a commercial grade kitchen. If you'd like to hire any of our rooms, kitchen, or the whole centre for an activity, event, small business or service, contact us to discuss rates and availability on 04 384 4299 or brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

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SCOUTS JAMBOREE



Nick and mum Jocelyn enjoying the downhill stretch of Helen Street!

Brooklyn Scouts are raising funds to get a total of 27 youth members to the Scouts 'Jamboree' event, to be held in Marlborough this coming December - January. So some of those children, and their adult helpers, took to the streets on a (luckily)

warm Saturday in September to deliver the Brooklyn Tattler! The delivery area is large, spanning Brooklyn, Vogeltown, Mornington, Kingston, Panorama Heights and Kowhai Park - a total of 3,500 delivery addresses. To make it easier we broke the area into zones, and started to pound the pavement. It was great to hear some of the comments from people enjoying their Saturday; looks like our community really looks forward to the Tattler!

Our thanks to the Brooklyn Community Association - we raised enough to send 1/2 a scout to Jamboree, which is a great effort for a single day. And our thanks to the GIS team at Wellington Water, who gave us a hand to create the 'delivery zones'. We've still got a little bit to do to reach our target, so keep an eye out for other Scout-related fundraising activities - including our Quiz Night on October 2nd!

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The weather has been so changeable lately, stunning windless sunny days alternating with nasty rainy spells, that I had been thinking of making the theme of this letter 'March came in like lion, and then went out like a lamb'. I had always imagined this was a quote, perhaps from Shakespeare, but according to many Google sources, it is an old country saying, maybe American. And it sounded so English! And, it may not only be a reference to the weather, but also to the fact that in the Northern hemisphere, the constellation Leo is rising at the beginning of March, and Aries at the end. Of course Google is not always to be trusted.

Unfortunately our last working bee was on one of the more nasty days, and as we were working at the Murchison St corner, our sturdy volunteers were well and truly exposed to the showers and southerly

'breeze'. Fortunately - help came in the form of a huge pot of hot pumpkin soup for morning tea - thank you Esther! Although we didn't get quite as much done as we might have if it had been good weather, when more people might have turned up and stayed longer, we were well pleased with what we did accomplish in the way of infill planting and weeding. Our next working bee, on Saturday 10 October, will be back in the shelter of the Jamieson's Towing site, and we are expecting a perfect spring day. This will really be our last chance for planting our quota of trees and plants from the WCC nursery, so we would welcome all comers.

And then - it will be back to the weeding and the spring blackberry growth - a gardener's work is never done!

Janet Campbell
Friends of Owhiro Stream



Luckily, the forecast rain held off for the 20 enthusiasts who met in Central Park for the September working bee. There was a lot to do - check on the recent plantings, repair the lawn beside The Jetty, and, as always, some weeding - but time too for

the park through the main gates near the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

For more information contact Max at jennyandmax@xtra.co.nz

chatting and enjoying coffee with plenty of home-baked goodies.

It was also a chance for the group to catch up on the progress towards the next Upstream Art Trail, to be held in the Park at the beginning of March.

Our next working bee will be on Sunday 30 October from 10am to 12. Join us in Central Park at The Jetty - enter

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THE UPSTREAM ART TRAIL

Work is now well under way to prepare for the second Upstream Art Trail, to be held in Central Park over the four days 2 to 5 March 2017.

'We were thrilled that the Art Trail has been granted \$7,000 from the Council's Arts and Culture Fund' said Max Kerr, convenor of the organising group. 'That together with the grant we have already received from the Creative Communities Fund means that we are roughly halfway towards our fundraising target.'

The next phase is a crowdfunding campaign which we'll be launching in mid-October.

We intend to use Boosted (www.boosted.org.nz), a website specifically set up to support the funding of arts projects.

The campaign will run for four weeks and we are aiming to raise at least \$7,500. The key to success of course is to have lots of supporters going to the website and making a donation while the campaign is running. We hope that many Tattler readers will be keen to help.

One of the most popular features of the

first Art Trail, in 2015, was Supercity, the collaborative work created by children from four local schools.

For 2017, we have again approached those four - Brooklyn, Te Aro, Ridgway and St Bernard's - plus Berhampore as well. All replied within a day or so, all very keen to be involved.

The first stage for the children is a series of brainstorming workshops to explore their ideas about "structure", the theme that

will guide all of the artists. Gabby O'Connor, our resident artist, will lead these workshops and the larger workshops to be held next February when each school will develop its

contribution to the finished art work. We are also on the lookout for more proposals from emerging artists who want to be considered for selection. We had an encouraging response to the first call and have some exciting art works in prospect.

On the other hand, Central Park is a big space and we could support some more. Readers who know emerging artists who might want the chance to show their work in the Art Trail will find all the information they need on our website:

www.upstream.org.nz

For more information contact Max at jennyandmax@xtra.co.nz



BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Local Body Elections are coming up on the 8th of October and the Brooklyn Residents Association held a Meet the Candidates event on Thursday the 8th of September with Lambton Ward and Greater Wellington Regional Council candidates.

We also helped support the Vogelmorn Community Group hosting the Mayoral, Southern Ward, GWRC and District Health Board candidates. Both events were well attended showing local democracy is alive and kicking - so remember to cast your votes!

Our last meeting was held on 21st September where a range of topics were discussed,

including the possibility of a 'Welcome to Brooklyn' sign reappearing somewhere on the approach from the city centre. Thanks to Cr Iona Pannett and Lambton Ward candidates Brian Dawson and Mazz Scannell for their attendance.

We learned that long time resident, BRAI Committee member and local historian Chris Rabey is departing Brooklyn in the very near future, but only to Newtown and he assures us that he intends to maintain his many links with Brooklyn. Best wishes for the move Chris!

Our next meeting is 7pm Wednesday 16th of November at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, all welcome.

Get in touch here to join our email list at: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com You can also find us on Facebook here: facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington



Off the Beaten Track: View of the 'Tuscan tower' when heading down Karepa St (from Mitchell St). Access is past the house at 58 Karepa Street, Brooklyn. The 5-level tower houses Salon Bella, and VirtualSilver Studio Commercial Photography & Website Design.

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Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265

Brownies

Margaret 389 3028

Brooklyn Guides

Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Have a passion for creating local food and community through workshops, shared gardens and community orchard. Contact us to get involved or join our working bees from 5pm every Monday at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

1st Wednesday each month, Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

For years 1-4 and new entrants. Practice with us Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn. Just turn up on practice day and we will take it from there. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2pm Saturday 29 October at the Library. Contact Sharon on 027 634 4455 or 388 8088, or Chris 384 9293 or email ships.pubs@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minute music group for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills through music, action songs and more in a loving shared family environment. Morning tea provided following the session.

Venue: Wellington Reformed Church

34 Harrison St. Wednesdays 10am. Rachel 022 407 9652

Venue: St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave.

Fridays 9:30am. Contact Nicky 971 1265

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure. Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs, Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Special \$20 Intro Package: firearm safety, range etiquette, coaching, use of specialised club equipment, targets and ammunition - 2 rounds/13 shots per round. Sundays 4.30pm-6pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join the club contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12 Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. Small friendly group. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or codwg@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz www.facebook.com/Brooklyn-Toy-Library-1413096478974 270

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE WELLINGTON

The cats at the shelter are waiting to be adopted every Saturday and Sunday, from midday to 4 pm. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove), in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.nz

CRAFT CONNECTIONS

Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm Contact Louise brockway@paradise.net.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside the Brooklyn Library. For more info phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

10 OCT Bell Rd, Nairn St Park, Hankey St, High School, Basin Reserve, Ellis St, Brougham St, Majoribanks St, Waterfront to Railway Station.

24 OCT Wallace St for 9:57am No.11 bus to Seatoun. Fort Dorset to Churchill Park. Walk over hill to Miramar.

31 OCT Johnsonville, Gully, Ngauranga, Newlands, Blackrock Rd, Wakely Gully. 9:18am No.7 bus, 10:02am train.

7 NOV Otari Wilton Bush walkways. 9:18am No.7 bus arrives at Railway Station at 9:37am, then walk to Molesworth St, wait 17 minutes to catch 9:54am No.14 bus to Otari.

14 NOV Somes Island. 9:18am No.7 bus to City

(Farmers stop) 10:10am Harbour Ferry arrives Somes Island at 10:20am. Leave on 12:20pm Ferry to Eastbourne, arrive at Days Bay 12:30pm for coffee stop. Catch no. 83 bus back to City.

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

The vastly improved Owhiro Stream and its environs has been achieved by this group. Martin 389 8995 Janet 385 2077

LIONS CLUB We're a new Lions club in Brooklyn. Help build the community while making new friends along the way. 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, RSA room, Brooklyn Community Centre. Contact Alice at aliceerdickson@gmail.com or 027 725 4195

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're welcoming the friendly "screech!" of visitors from Zealandia by starting Predator Free Brooklyn. We'll be looking for volunteers to host traps on their property. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060

Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Local chapter Toastmasters International. Meets Tuesdays 7:30pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Call Caroline on 971 8494 or Christian 913 5985 chris.del82@gmail.com <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM - FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Meet last Sunday of the month 10am-12 at the picnic table next to the big bridge. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

We run community events + shared office space + private hire at the Club rooms, 93 Morningside Road Website: vogelmorn.nz

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings bishop.lamb@paradise.net.nz

Tanera Bowling Club

8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn

Venue hire: maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.



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