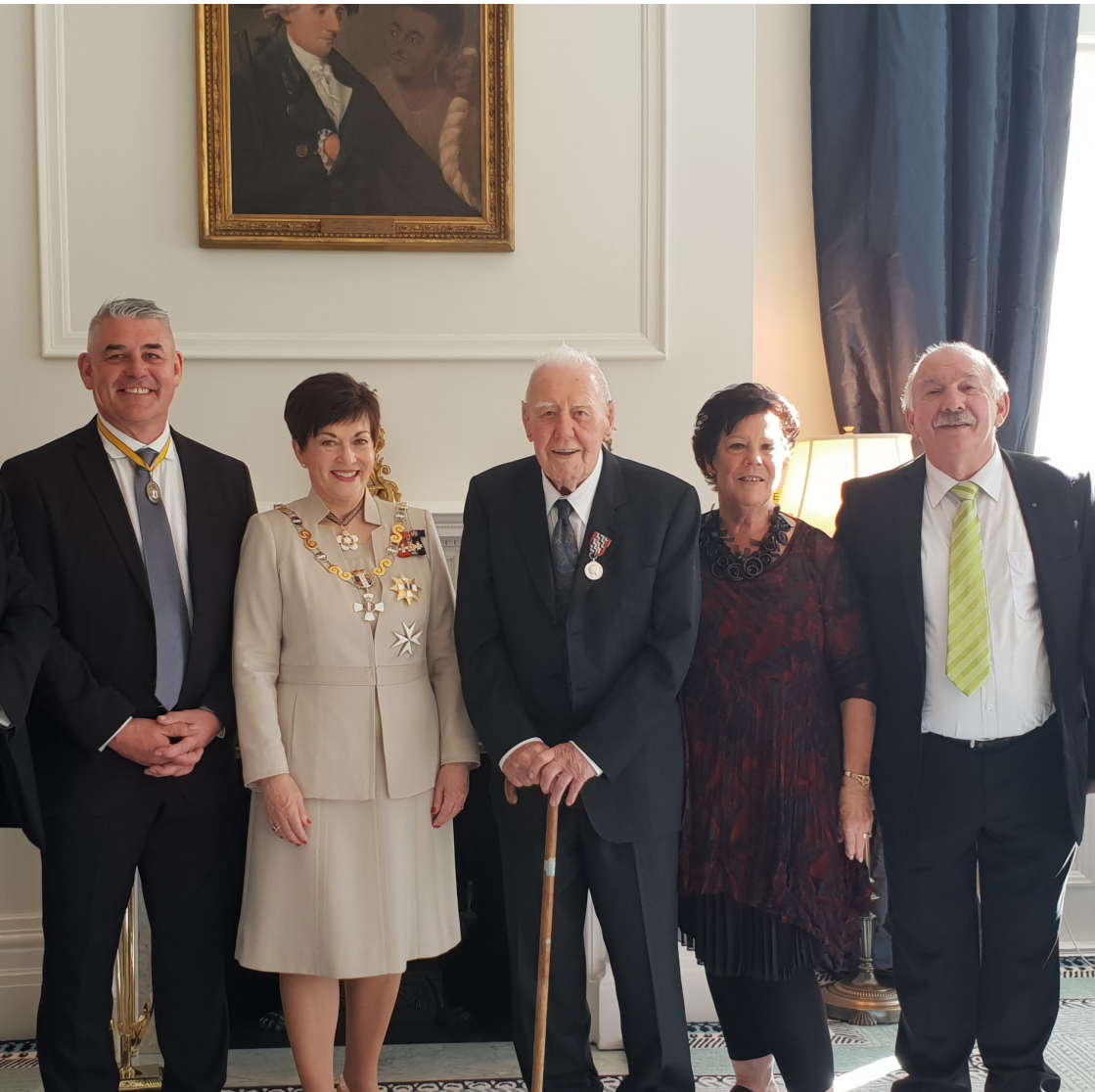


BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of Brooklyn resident Jim Drummond receiving his QSM for services to swimming from The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy

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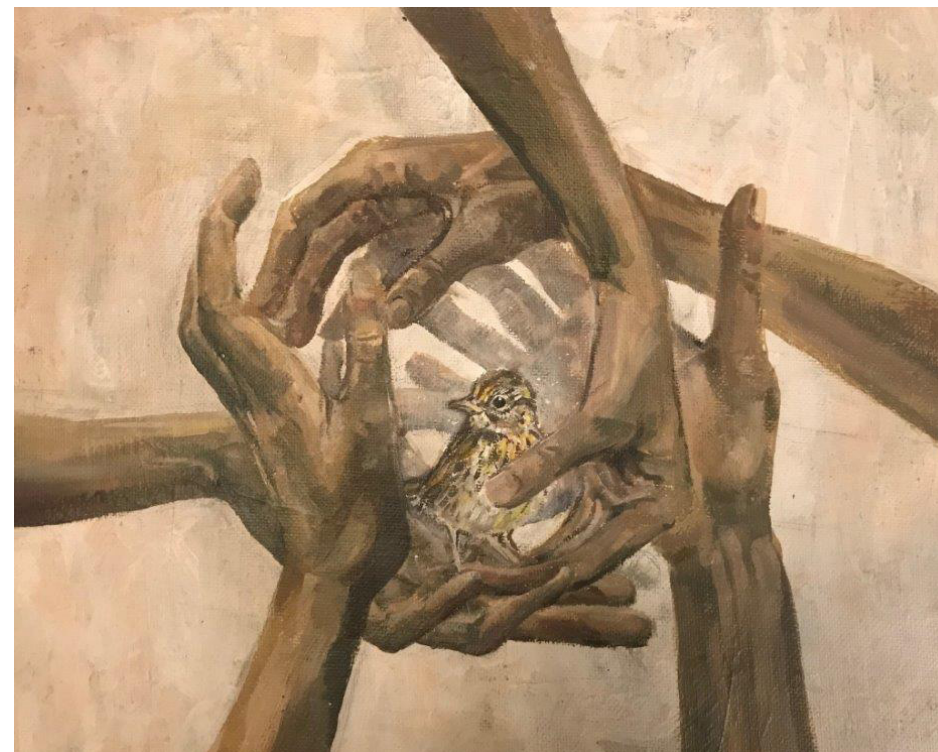
Our AGM was held on Sunday 16 September. We welcomed new Brooklyn Community Association Council members Joelene Skelton who has taken on the Treasurer role, Tracy Dillimore who will be our Communications Advisor and Megan Bibby. Dinesh Gupta resigned from the Council, we wish him well and thank him for his years of service to BCA. Our guest speaker, WCC Councillor Fleur Fitzsimons was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting so Councillors Nicola Young and Iona Pannett stepped in and both gave a talk. Thanks go to our neighbours Brooklyn Playcentre for once again providing us with an exceptionally delicious afternoon tea.

Market

Our September quarterly market had another great turn out with the weather coming to the party so people could enjoy the outdoors and the children could play on the bouncy castle. The final market for the year, to be held on Saturday 8 December, is booking up quickly so if you know someone who would like a stall tell them to contact us now.

Congratulations Izzy!

Izzy Johns, who works here at the Community Centre as a Childcare Supervisor and lives in Brooklyn with her family, recently won this year's Wellington Girls' College Art Award. The theme was



Izzy Johns' winning entry "Nestling"

"Nurture" with entries spanning a wide range of disciplines including painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. Izzy used acrylics on canvas to create her stunning visual of hands joining together to nurture a fragile bird. Her piece will remain on display at the College indefinitely. Well done Izzy on your great achievement.

Holiday Programme

The first two weeks of October are primary school holidays; Adam Hendry and the Childcare team are geared up for another action packed fortnight of activities including trips to the Penthouse, Laser Force, Kilbirnie Rec and the Great War Exhibition as well as lots of fun activities here at the Centre.

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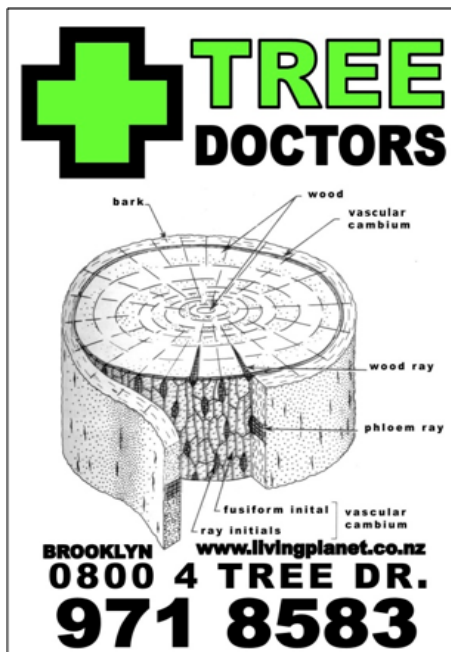
Another Wellington/New Zealand first; we have just have won the rights to host the 78th annual **World Science Fiction Convention** (Worldcon), in July 2020. This is expected to attract some 2,000 delegates from around the world and deliver \$4 million to the economy.

Makara Beach Project: This is a community led collaborative process (modelled on elements of the Kaka Project) supported by the Council. The goal of the project is to develop an adaptation pathway, community endorsed recommendation for how the wider Makara Community can prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise, storm surges and coastal erosion.

We now have three more **electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers** in Wellington: Grey St (by Noel Leeming), Inglewood Place (lane on corner Taranaki/Dixon), and Barnett St (near Te Papa). NZ is comfortably on track to achieve the Government's target of 64,000 EV by 2021. We hit this year's target of 8,000 EVs in Mar/Apr. We have more EVs than our friends in Australia, and we're becoming the Norway (the leading EV nation) of the Southern Hemisphere.

Car share schemes: There are now other players looking at setting up shop here in Wellington. This will be the new normal for car ownership and personal transport. Watch this space!

Ngā mihi nui



BROOKLYN IN 1898

The photo shown in my story this month shows Brooklyn, circa 1898. The 'new' township had only been formed less than ten years previously and already there was substantial development. Brooklyn School had recently been transported from its original site in Vogeltown (on a rise opposite Vogelmorn Bowling Club); the Baptist Church in the foreground is the only church built then; and there were only two general stores, both on opposite corners at the main intersection. Cleveland Street is formed, as is Jefferson Street and part of Washington Avenue. Harrison Street was not formed for a further five years after Jefferson Street - previously being only a rough track. Garfield Street was a narrow track leading nowhere. To the north of Cleveland Street the empty land was part of the old Goathurst Farm, and the building to the north of the school, above the end of Harrison, was part of the old Goathurst Farmhouse. This view would have been taken from the top of the Sugarloaf,

which was part of the Fitchett Ohio Estate. John Fitchett named it this way as that is the shape it appeared to him. There were no vehicles of any description on the street so the view may have been taken on a weekend day. Trams wouldn't arrive for a further ten years.

Brooklyn was slower to develop than a lot of other suburbs due to the steepness of the topography. Ohio Road was the only access route from the city, the present day Brooklyn Road not yet formed. Vogeltown had been established a good fifteen years before Brooklyn as access from the city and Newtown was a lot easier. Some tradesmen set up their businesses on their own sections in Brooklyn as it was simpler to gain business from local settlers than have the difficulty of getting to the city regularly. Horse drawn vehicles were the primary mode of transport and often they would make the journey down Ohio Road to the city, but on the return leg when full of produce they would travel right across town to the southern coast then up Happy Valley to Brooklyn. In winter when the tracks were very muddy, with multiple stream crossings this journey could take two days.

Chris Rabey



OUT & ABOUT IN VOGELMORN

This month Evan Harris talks with Sophie Jerram, current chair of the Greater Brooklyn Residents Association

Sophie Jerram spent the first seven years of her life growing up in Wanaka where her father was the local GP. A shift north to Nelson meant more job opportunities for her mum, plus Sophie was spared the boarding school experience as she could live at home and attend secondary school where art history and music were her favourite subjects. Then it was back down south to Otago University where Sophie lived two enjoyable years as a student.

A romance with a fellow student took her up to Auckland where she continued study and became involved with establishing 'Letting Space' with business partner Mark Amery. This was during the financial recession of the early 1990s at a time when there were numerous empty properties along Queen Street and K Road, so approaches were made to owners for use of their sites as art installation space. They re-formed this initiative in 2009 and now work with communities in revitalisation of buildings with artists.

Partly because of the expense of living in Auckland, a decision was made to move to Wellington during 1995 where Sophie gained employment as a communications advisor with the National Library. Sophie says she loved coming to live in Wellington, describing it as a creative and crazy place, but small enough to manage. Whilst at the National Library for two years she saved up enough to go overseas and live in Italy, a country she always had a youthful crush on and longed to visit. During her time in Italy Sophie became involved with Venice Biennale, a contemporary visual art exhibition.



After two years in Italy, Sophie returned to Wellington where she met her husband and after much house hunting they bought a place in Fortunatus Street during 1998. Their home was known back then as the 'Banana House' due to its brightly yellow painted exterior, which has since been changed to more subtle colours. Around this time Sophie took a role with Creative NZ as a project manager and arts advocate. Fast forward to 2018 and Sophie is currently enrolled in PhD research between Copenhagen and Wellington Universities.

At the Brooklyn Residents Association AGM in June, Sophie was appointed as chairperson and lists water awareness and 'Green transport' as two of her priorities. Sophie put herself forward for chairperson because she is influenced by grass roots organising that leads to people taking responsibilities for their communities. She is an enthusiastic rider of an electric bike and would like to see more local charging points installed.

As well as being a mother of two teenagers, Sophie is also a trustee of the Vogelhorn Community Group (VCG) who run the former Vogelhorn Bowling Club as a shared community space. She lists her involvement with the VCG as one of the great things about living in Vogeltown, in particular the way that all people who have collaborated on the project have worked to create a shared asset and grown personally while learning new skills.



Erin Smith, Richard Drummond, Andrew Smith, Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, Jim Drummond, Bev Aspros, Perry Aspros, Ian MacDonald

JIM RECEIVES HIS QSM

Congratulations Jim.

As reported in the July edition of Tattler, Harrison Street resident Jim Drummond was awarded a QSM in this year's Queen's Birthday honours list for his services to swimming. An article on Jim was featured in the April edition as these services had also been recognised by WCC, with Mayor Justin Lester presenting Jim with a lifetime membership to the city's swimming pools. Jim recently had his investiture and was presented his QSM by the Governor General, the Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy. Jim was accompanied on the day by close family members for the service.

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BROOKLYN SCHOOL 120TH ANNIVERSARY

Seeking photos and ex-pupils

2018 marks the 120th anniversary of Brooklyn School on its current site; the school originally opened in 1883 in Vogelmorn before being shifted to Brooklyn in 1898. This year also marks the beginning of a major re-development of the school.

The school is planning to celebrate this event and build up a pictorial history of the school. There are many class photos in the archives but very few of the school buildings, grounds and pool. If you have any school photos from the past we would love to see them.

We would also like to contact ex-students from the area who would be willing to be interviewed about their Brooklyn School experiences by our senior students. Please contact Bridget Bridgman at bridbr@brooklynprimary.school.nz or phone the school on 389 6758.

SCHOOL NEWS

October holidays are here marking the end of another busy term for our schools. September had a myriad of happenings and events including Maori Language Week which schools marked with a variety of Te Reo activities, Inter Zone Swimming competitions, and the annual Art Splash and Dance Splash performances at the Michael Fowler Centre. Ridgway have completed the first of three murals which has been named Toku Kainga (My Place). The mural depicts Ridgway's location and values and was made with design ideas the students worked on during term three. A blessing was performed by local kaumatua Peter Jackson. Building work at Ridgway is due to commence during the holidays on the sandpit and shade structure, and also the junior toilet and roof project. Brooklyn School are hoping for their redevelopment work to begin early in term four with the hall and new exit from the library being the first stages scheduled. These should be completed in April 2019, at which time the Takahe Block (years five and six) will start.

When school resumes on 15 October the onset of summer will be marked by the compulsory wearing of sunhats, sunscreen and St Bernard's summer uniform. Here's hoping we have another summer like the last one!

Julie Seevens



GAMES AND THE ART OF LOSING

Practice losing We all like to play family board games but we do not like to lose. When playing a game like Snakes and Ladders, do not let your child win or have an extra turn. Chat about how it feels to win and lose. Siblings make ideal practice opponents.

Explain chance Talk to your children about why we win things: Sometimes it's because of effort, sometimes it's luck, and sometimes it's both. Teach them catchphrases like, "It's the luck of the draw" so they do not always take failure—and triumph—to heart. If your child complains it's not fair, fight the urge to reply, "Life's not fair" and focus on their feelings instead. You could say, "I know you think it's not fair. Are you angry (or sad) that you lost?"

Model fair play Whether you are playing a game or watching your favourite sporting team, model being a good sport. Instead of badmouthing a referee or the opposing team, you could say, "I'm upset the Hurricanes lost. But, it's just a game, and I know I'll feel better about it soon."

Emphasize the positive When your child is calm, talk about what it means to have a positive mind-set while playing games. Ask your child what they enjoy about a particular game and how they think they can improve. Keep the focus on pleasure and getting better rather than on winning or losing.

Acknowledge empathy When your child does handle losing (and winning) well, be sure to acknowledge it. Say something like, "I saw you congratulate the winner, even though you were upset you lost that race." When you talk about sports, focus on effort and empathy, rather than success or failure.

Be a calm down coach Teach your child to take a few slow, deep breaths or count backwards from ten when they start to feel upset. Let them know you're available to talk through how they feel about losing the game or race once they have calmed down.

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

A photograph of a young child with curly hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, sitting at a table and playing with colorful toys. The child is looking down at the toys with concentration.

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

NEXT MEETING:

7.30pm Tuesday 6 November, Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd
Come along, we'd love to have your input

Brooklyn bus hub	In use since 23 September. Relocation of stop outside Khana Khazana awaited, hoping we will get some car parks back for village shoppers to use.
Kingston bus stop Quebec Street	Urgent talks to revert to original layout. Majority of passengers live western side and have to cross road to an exposed area to catch the bus. Elderly and disabled passengers struggling and finding this unsafe.
Bus route 17e from Kowhai Park	Well done Kowhai Park parents! From 15 OCTOBER , your submission sees the 8:25am 17e looping through the bus hub, dropping children to safely walk on to school without crossing any roads = people power does count!
Bell Rd reservoir replacement	Opportunities for community involvement in the design. Bell Rd's planned closure for approx. 3 yrs from mid- 2021 with foot/cycle traffic redirected via Dorking Rd, opportunities to improve safety for pedestrians who currently cross Brooklyn Rd to and from Bell Rd.
Mobility Parks	Confirmed mobility park for Cleveland St (outside Fire Station) with another site still being sought. Final decision awaited on one for Vogelmorn.
Ohiro / Cleveland / Todman intersection	Request to escalate made as we feel our serious safety concerns and solutions are not being heard.
Truck movements through Brooklyn	Communications ongoing towards reducing impact.
Vogelmorn Precinct	Stage 1 works to open up the green to Mornington Rd and Vennell St underway soon, keep an eye out for Working Bee dates and times to get involved.
Come along to our meetings to be heard or email us with your queries, concerns and ideas: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com	

from the LIBRARY



Kia ora and welcome to everyone

First up is a welcome to our new team member Sue who will be working Monday, Tuesday and Saturday mornings at Brooklyn. Please give her a warm welcome. Sue has a background in libraries and comes with a knowledge Children's and Young Adult books. She is also very talented in the music field so expect some lively preschool story times on Tuesday mornings. As you will see, celebrations are in order with the completion of the Bus Hub and the fixing of our cobbles at the bottom of the library ramp. No more noise, dust or negotiating around a myriad of orange cones; however the regular arrival of buses is certainly audible within the library walls. Sadly, we mourn the loss of another tree that was inadvertently damaged during the hub construction and is beyond saving. On a happier note, the garden in front of the Library has been replanted with a range of shrubs and grasses. The Brooklyn Mural has now been mounted on the Library wall behind the bus shelter after having its surface covered with a weather proof film.

School Holiday Diorama Workshop

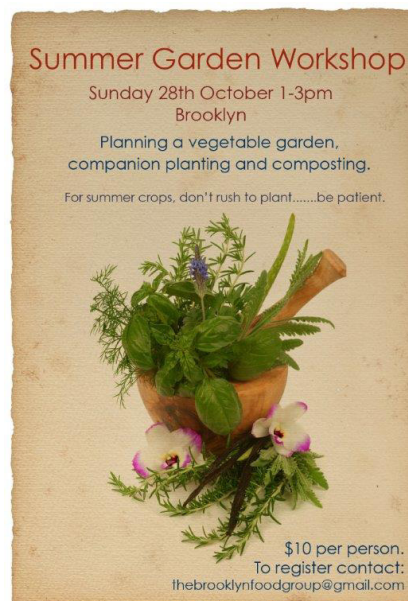
We are having a Diorama Workshop at Brooklyn Library on Thursday 11 October

between 11am -12pm. Get your creative kids motivated and bring them down to the library for this fun session; there is a family pass to the RNZB's The Nutcracker Season to be won! Recreate your favourite scene from The Nutcracker in a shoebox diorama - BYO shoebox; open to all ages. You will find a copy of the diorama entry form on the Kids' Home and What's On Pages. There is a full programme in Central Library including RNZB Dance, Let's Go Lego, LEGO Stop-Motion Movie and Storytelling and Puppet Making Workshops, together with Family Movies, Gamesfest, and Stories @ Six. Check out the handy link www.wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays

Remember we are open on Monday nights till 8pm and daylight saving makes it a pleasant time to wander on down and see us.

Nga Mihi

Heather and the team at Brooklyn Library



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 coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz	
BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB	Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the RSA Room. Contact Barbara on 389 4307.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am - 1pm. Contact Louise email: louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com
INDIAN COOKING	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am - 12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
MANDARIN EARLY LEARNERS GROUP	Thursdays 9:30am - 10:15am. Early learners (Under 5s) fun and interactive group classes. For info visit www.nihaocc.org.nz
QUARTERLY MARKETS	Brooklyn Market Saturday 8 December from 2pm to 5pm. Contact 384 6799 or market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS	Beginners Wed 5:30 - 6:15pm & Thurs 5 - 5:45pm Adult Beginners Wed 6 - 7pm & Thurs 5:30 - 6:30pm Kardio Power Wed 7:30 - 8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30 - 7pm. Contact Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9 - 11:30am during school terms. Contact 801 6814 or email susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
PILATES	Mondays and Fridays at 9am. Contact Liz 027 503 0211 or lizbirkett.yoga.pilates@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838.
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays 9am - 12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com .
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
GET THE BEAT	Music for under 3 year olds. Mondays at 10am in the RSA Room. Contact Lois McConnell on 973 1650.
KANGA TRAINING	Mondays 10:15am - 11:45am. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
VINYASA YOGA	Saturdays 10:30am with Jenn. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com
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BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10 - 11am & 7 - 8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40 - 6:10pm Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KANIKANI WELLINGTON	Free form dancing in the dark. Monthly on the last Wednesday. Doors open at 8 pm - Lights out at 8:15pm. Entry \$5 at the door. Go to our Facebook page for details. facebook@kanikaniwellington .
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9am - 10:15am with Rosa Santana. Rosa's teaching focuses on postural alignment and hands on adjustments to help you deepen in the asanas safely (postures). You can also practice some guided meditation and breathing techniques with her, and enjoy some guitar-chanting at the end of the classes sometimes. Email rosasantanadesign@gmail.com
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10pm - 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 & Saturdays 3 - 5pm. Cam 021 263 0351 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 8:30pm. Contact Beth at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
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WEDNESDAY CIRCLE PROGRAMME

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

SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

3 October – ROBIN PAGE

Guitar Playing – 60s music

10 October – NATALIA'S QUIZ

17 October – KATIE UNDERWOOD

Surprise Topic

24 October – MOVIE

Paddington Bear

31 October – MARY SNOWDEN

Our Experience on the Ghan

If you have a special interest, hobby or something you would like to share with others, please contact Jenny as we're always looking for guest speakers. We had a great outing in August to Eastbourne then on to Petone for lunch.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and the chance to explore beyond Wellington city. We're hoping to plan another bus trip before the end of the year as this was such a success.

Jenny Swan, Coordinator

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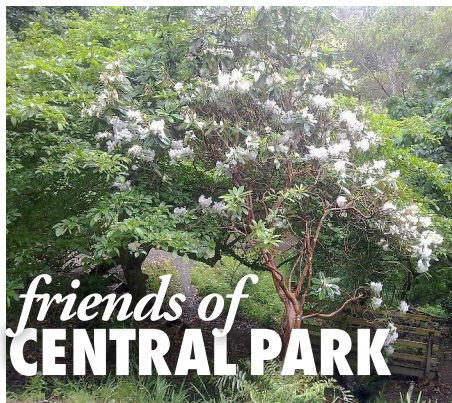
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Next Working Bee Is Sunday 28 October

One of the nice things about Central Park is its seasonal variation. The range of native and exotic vegetation means there is nearly always some feature of seasonal interest to see.

Back in August, the daffodils planted by the community more than ten years ago were bringing some winter cheer to the main pathway. They were planted on a grassy slope beneath a lovely stand of lime trees which lose their leaves in winter after a colourful display of autumn foliage. These are not the fruit bearing citrus trees but are a member of the Tilia family from the northern hemisphere, otherwise known as linden trees. They will produce fragrant pale yellow flowers in summer with sticky nectar attractive to bees.

Right now, spring flowering magnolias and rhododendrons are in full display. Some are located in the formal gardens at the main Brooklyn Road entrance but look out for other specimens in places around the edges of the park on Owhiro Road and Brooklyn Road.

We have planted kowhai along Owhiro Road in recent years and have been delighted to see some in flower, especially considering the trees are still quite small and have withstood not just drought but also over-zealous

roadside maintenance crews! In years to come we hope these roadside kowhai will be a springtime feature, attracting plenty of Tui.

In November, Tui will be able to get drunk on nectar of a different sort at the top of Central Park. There, the harakeke (or flax, *Phormium cookianum*) that we mass-planted on the steep slope below the road in 2012 will be producing spikes of dark red, nectar-bearing flowers. We've seen signs in that planting of the yellow-leaf disease that can afflict harakeke but, so far, most of the plants seem to be doing well and are certainly an improvement on the tangle of rank weeds that formerly covered the slope.

A month later, pohutukawa flowering will usher in summer properly.

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In the CPW shelter, Minerva can usually be found at the top of her favourite climbing tower by the kitchen. She isn't keen on other cats and will warn them to stay away from her, but she adores attention from the volunteers, often washing our fingers for us. Minerva's namesake is the Roman goddess of wisdom, and we hope she watches over our little cat and wisely brings her the perfect forever home.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for daily pictures and updates on all our cats – you can find it at www.facebook.com/cpwgtn

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ROSA'S HIGH SCORE

Every year the University of Canterbury runs a series of competitions for primary and secondary students in English, Science and Maths for year five students onwards. The competitions are skills based, designed by New Zealand teachers, and are administered online. This year Rosa Burton, a year five pupil at Brooklyn School, was awarded a prize for gaining the highest score in the country for the Year Five Science Competition. Along with her certificates Rosa received a letter acknowledging her fantastic achievement and a voucher. Well done Rosa!



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BUS WIN FOR KOWHAI PARK PARENTS

With all the bus issues that have occurred since the new timetables and routes came into effect in July, a win has been scored for Kowhai Park residents who use public transport for their children to get to Brooklyn School. Prior to the changes, the Kowhai Park service would run via Brooklyn library with children alighting there for school, leaving their parents to continue their journey. With the bus changes the Kowhai Park service is now predominantly a round service to the Brooklyn Library and back. During peak times there is an express service to the railway station which foregoes Cleveland Street instead turning left into Ohiro Road from Todman Street. This means children catching the 8.25am express bus now have to get off at the brick bus shelter in Ohiro Road, the most dangerous bus stop in Brooklyn. A temporary bus stop was initially erected at the bottom of Todman Street. Numerous complaints were laid as to the unsuitability of the location due to the bus needing to stop behind diagonally parked cars and wait in a queue of traffic. Scooter traffic would pass on the left side of the bus resulting in several children narrowly avoiding being struck.

As a result of these incidents the temporary bus stop was removed.

The impact of the change in route has meant some parents are now driving into Brooklyn to drop their children at school and continuing into town in their cars.

Local resident Louise Beauchamp headed up a lobby group to get the 8.25am express service to go via the library. The campaign was presented to the Residents Association meeting in September with several councillors in attendance. Prior to the meeting the lobby group was told by GWRC that children could catch the 8.10am bus that hubs at the library and the parents could catch a connecting bus into town. This was unsatisfactory on two counts, the first that children are not permitted to arrive at school prior to 8.30am so would be too early, and the second being that parents would have to wait approximately ten minutes for the connecting bus – almost an extra hour a week waiting for buses.

At the meeting it was pointed out that the majority of users of the 8.25am bus have no issue with the bus going via the library and acknowledge that the safety of children, some as young as five and six, is paramount. Luckily common sense prevailed and the group were successful in getting the bus to now run via the library.





Last month, after our regular Saturday working bee, we had the pleasure of hosting the Britannia Sea Scouts, or rather, the cubs, to a session on the Sunday afternoon. These were youngsters between eight and ten years old who came to learn about the stream and our work on it. They listened to Martin explain about why planting was good, providing habitat for fish and invertebrates; and correctly labelled photos of 'goodies' (eels, stoneflies, koura) and 'baddies' (rabbits, possums, rats). They then went on, with help from parents, to plant some nikau babies up the bush track, and check on the weta hotel which some of the older scouts had presented to us a couple years ago. (Yes, there was a resident.) We hope the children and parents were as entertained as we were, and that they might join us again some time.

One of the questions their leader suggested we could consider talking about was "What difference have you made over the fifteen years you have been operating?" which gave us pause for reflection. Can we say that there is more abundant fauna - koura, kokopu, invertebrates - than there was? Absolutely not, although we still have our resident eel. More birdsong? Possibly, but no

proof really. Yes, the trees are growing up amazingly, providing attractive walking areas; but there is no comprehensive predator control, and there are problems with fish access near the mouth of the stream. So what good are we doing? Talking to people there seems to be consensus that there is much greater community awareness of the stream, and that it has brought diverse members of the community to work together for a common cause. And given another twenty years, who knows what amazing things we will see?

He aha te mea nui? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

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Authors Hels Ryan and Angelique Praat at the launch of their books

BROOKLYN AUTHORS' BOOKS LAUNCHED

Brooklyn has two newly published fiction authors with local residents Angelique Praat and Hels Ryan recently launching their novels *The Empathy Code* and *The Boy with a Suitcase*. Both books deal with the subject of Artificial Intelligence and the potential impacts of these new and existing technologies on us. The books ponder questions such as what our technologies say about us as people and how they make our lives and the lives of others better or worse.

Angelelique and Hels met each other at the Whitireia Writing Programme and after discovering their common interest decided to work collaboratively on their novels. While both stories are stand alone, they have common characters and the authors compared notes to see how a character in one book would fit into the other.

Angelique has a background as a social researcher for the government and now does freelance business writing. She has lived in Brooklyn for ten years and says what she most loves about the suburb is the community, being able to walk everywhere, and the closeness of the bush.

Hels started her writing career as a journalist, first with Radio NZ, then Fairfax and later in Australia with *The West Australian*. She has been published in two non-fiction books but always dabbled in fiction. Hels has lived in Brooklyn for around six years since returning from Australia and says it has everything you need; library, deli, corner stores and lots of amazing birds. Like Angelique she loves the closeness of the hills and also being able to walk into the CBD.

Hels and Angelique are currently at work writing sequels to *The Boy with a Suitcase* and *The Empathy Code* as well as other, unrelated books.

Both books are available from Kilbirnie Paper Plus or from hello@brooklynhill.press. The e-book version is available from Amazon.



AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR

CHESS Wednesdays 3.30-5pm @ St Bernard's School, Taft St. Does your child love chess? All abilities welcome, ages 8-12. Try your first session free – \$60 per term
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BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

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

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

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

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

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

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

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting 2pm Sat 27 October at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome.
Chris Rabey 3849293
ships.pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided.

Wellington Reformed Church 34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave. Lynne 027 248 9349

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Email inquiries to bnufc@gmail.com or visit us at www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynbnufc

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP

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

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

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

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

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 6.30pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

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BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

8 October Mana, Acheron Rd, Mana View Rd, Penryn Dr,

through reserve, Pendennis Point, down to waterfront and along Cambourne walkway back to Mana 9.03 No 7 bus, 9.53 train

15 October Nairn St cottage – seniors week tour Need to book

22 October Labour Day

29 October Pomare, river walkway 9.14 No 7 bus, 10.10 Hutt Valley train

BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

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

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO

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

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UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

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

Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

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WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

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

EVERY GIRLS' & BOYS' RALLY

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