

## WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7:30 to 8:30am every school day for school age children. For details and bookings, phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: <a href="mailto:brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com">brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com</a>
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8:30 to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month Phone 387 8345 for details
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays - meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6 to 7:30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 2:45pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30 to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am - Friday classes at 9am and 10am Contact Beth. Email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the lounge from 9:30am. Contact: Encore School of Music on 976 8742 Email: <a href="mailto:info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz">info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz</a>
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am to 11:30am in the hall and lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:holly.cane@porse.co.nz">holly.cane@porse.co.nz</a>
REMBUDEN KARATE	<b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm <b>Seniors:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm <b>New classes</b> - Kardio Karate and Karate Stretch <b>Evening Kardio Karate:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm <b>Day Kardio Karate:</b> Tuesdays 11:20 to 11:50am & 12noon to 12:30pm <b>Karate Stretch:</b> Tuesdays 11:20 to 11:50am - Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6pm to 8:30pm Phone Michael on 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Wednesdays 8:15pm till late. Phone Philip on 934 7445 or Ben 384 9060
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm. First class free, \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: <a href="mailto:ferne.david@xtra.co.nz">ferne.david@xtra.co.nz</a>
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	- LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market is the Annual Kids Market and Cupcake Competition. Saturday 28 September 9:30am to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Ph. 384 6799

**Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall can be hired for functions**  
Office hours: 8:30am - 1:30pm - Monday to Friday  
Phone: 384 6799 E-mail: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

# Brooklyn Tattler



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## Annual Kid's Market 2013 and Kid's Cupcake Competition Brooklyn Community Centre 18 Harrison Street Saturday 28 September 9:30am to 1pm

A wide range of stalls with the emphasis on kids, plus lots of fun kids' activities.  
So Kids (and mothers) sort out those outgrown toys, clothes etc., hire a stall (only \$10 or \$5 to share) and make way for all the new Christmas stuff - and get baking!

For more information and to book a stall call  
**Euan on 384 6799**

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## Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Welcome to this special extended edition of the Brooklyn Tattler delivered to your mailbox.

September is shaping up to be a busy month. The Vogelmorn Tennis Club held their Senior and Junior Open Day and registration on 8 September to start the tennis season. The day featured oversized racquets, speed radar to measure serves, a fun ball machine, and mini tennis ball pop cakes. The Vogelmorn Tennis Club is on the corner of Mornington Road and Vennell Street, opposite Vogelmorn Hall, and features excellent well maintained courts that are lit at night, which is great if you want to have a game after work. More details online at [www.vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://www.vogelmorntennisclub.com)

Make sure you come down to the Brooklyn Community Centre on Saturday 14 September for the Brooklyn Showcase from 1 to 4pm. This event made possible by a Wellington City Council grant, has been planned by local residents Jess Bilton, Michelle Kempthorne and Jeff Goldsbury who have spent months contacting and coordinating stalls, local community groups, activities and displays. There will be live music and entertainment, a bouncy castle, a fire engine, BBQ, raffle and much more. We hope to see you there.

Voting papers will soon be delivered to you for the local body elections. This year in the Lambton Ward two long term Councillors' are standing down, and there's a range of candidates seeking your vote. To help you make the right

decision, the Brooklyn Resident's Association and Brooklyn Community Association invite you to meet the Candidates for Mayor and the Lambton Ward on Tuesday 17 September, from 7pm at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson Street. To view the candidates profiles go to [www.wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/elections](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/elections)

The Wellington SPCA is back at the Community Centre on Saturday 21 September from 12 to 3pm with their popular Adopt a Pet Day. Come along and check out the cats and kittens looking for new homes, and chat to the friendly knowledgeable SPCA volunteers.

We have our special Kid's Market on Saturday 28 September from 9:30am to 1:30pm. It's the annual market where kids can have stalls. Plus there will be activities for kids, including the Zippity Zoo Petting Zoo, who will have a selection of animals big and small in the playground, that love attention. There will be our popular Kid's Cupcake Competition. Entry forms available from the Community Centre and local schools.

Fun continues for kids when our fortnightly School Holiday programme begins on 30 September. Details at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

Don't forget to put your clocks forward the day before, on Sunday 29 September for the start of Daylight Saving!

Have a great month

Euan Harris



**Grant ROBERTSON**

**Your MP in Wellington Central**

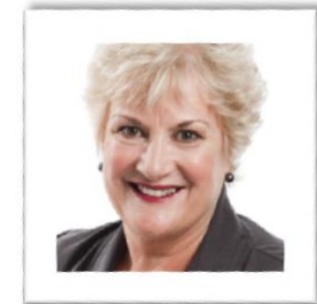
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**Your MP in Rongotai**

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

**Rob Young**

*Instructor, Kung Fu School (Wellington)*

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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 27 September 2013**

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

## FOOS

Are you an eco-purist? Or worse still, an eco-terrorist? Those of you who read Bob Brockie's science column in the Dompst will know what I am talking about, and know that he loves to act as a provocateur. In this case, railing against those in restoration and planting projects who insist on using only those species that originally grew in the area, and only seeds or cuttings sourced from the area. While others think a native plant is a native plant, and maybe even a few exotics might brighten the place up a bit and feed the birds. I have taken up my usual position - sitting on the fence, being able to see over both sides of it. Of course it is plain that different species have been spreading around the world since time immemorial both by themselves and with a bit of help from humans; so who are we to try and stop what would seem to be inevitable?

On the other hand, we have some unique plant communities in New Zealand, and I for one am very sad when I see them being diluted and altered with plants foreign to the area. For instance, the sand dunes where we have our family bach at Mahia,

which were once lovely sight covered in pingao and native spinifex, are now being invaded by marram grass and seedling pines. So - while it's rather late to stop planting pohutukawa in Wellington, there is a case to have restoration projects in certain areas that do just that - restore, as near as we can manage, to what was originally there. (Which is another question - when exactly was 'originally'?)

One thing I cannot agree with Bob Brockie on is his assertion that native plants are 'boring' - I find the different greens, emerald moss in beech forests, bronze tussocks in the wind, copper leaved libertia - all an absolute delight to the eye. Perhaps his preference is for geometric Victorian style plantings of scarlet salvia bonfire, framed by white and blue?

Weather for our last two planting days has been decidedly 'iffy', so sadly our big planting day was not so big after all. By next time it will be spring! and hopefully warm, fine, and sunny; so mark **Saturday 14 September 10.00 - 12.30 pm**, in your calendar, and come and give us a hand.

**Janet Campbell**  
on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream

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## Brooklyn History

The Brooklyn Post Office, on the Jefferson Street corner, has had an interesting history.

There was a marked increase in the construction of Government buildings in the early 1900's, fuelled by a rise in the country's population, better economic times and improved transport systems. The building of post offices was a key part of this. New post offices were built, or older temporary timber structures were replaced by more substantial masonry buildings. By 1915 the number of Post Offices reached a peak of 2,510, compared to 1,043 in 1895.

In the case of Brooklyn, it did not have a purpose-built post office, and the post office service had been run from a shop on the corner of Cleveland Street and Ohiro Road. This post office/general store was run by a Mrs Ferkins.

Plans for a separate post office were drawn up in 1912 by the Government Architect's office and were approved by John Campbell, the Government Architect. A drainage plan from early 1914 suggests the building was not completed until that year. The first post mistress was Miss E K Stewart. Counting methods and ways of describing different postal items changed significantly over the years.

Between 1945 and 1951 the post office handled well over 100,000 separate items each year. The volume dropped off during the 1950's and 1960's to the high tens of thousands.

By 1969 numbers picked up again, and returned to the volumes seen in the 1940's. The last record, 1986-87, describes a volume of 110, 476 items.

The Brooklyn Post Office operated until 1989 when the NZ Post Office became a state-owned enterprise and the Brooklyn office fell victim to a rationalisation of services and outlets. The building was bought by a couple, Martin and Jennifer Thomas, and work began in 1992 to turn it into a family home. Interior spaces were modified and the back was extended, but it largely retains its original external form.

After conversion, the Thomas's briefly opened part of it as an upmarket private restaurant, and called this part the "PostHorn Restaurant", catering solely for private functions. However this enterprise was very short-lived, due to a lack of bookings, and this area reverted back to family home status.

It was later run as a boutique hotel, but is presently a private home. Francis & Sandra Lepper, and Sybil Ramsden now own it.

Postal services, in a nearby symmetrical twist of fate, are provided from a nearby shop as they were in the early days of Brooklyn.

More next month

Chris

# Brooklyn SHOWCASE

Saturday 14th September 1-4pm  
Community centre, 18 Harrison street, Brooklyn

**Come and meet your neighbours  
and learn about what is happening  
in the Brooklyn community!**

Live music and entertainment  
**Talks from Brooklyn community  
organisations**

Kids activities including bouncy castle and  
fire engine

**BBQ and raffle**

*This event is organised by Brooklyn residents with a grant from the  
Wellington City Council.*



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

36 Jefferson Street

PHONE: 384 4299

OPEN: Weekdays 9am to 4pm

CONTACT US FOR;

MAH JONG;

Monday 1pm to 3pm  
Beginners welcome

PLUNKET:

Clinics: Monday 9am to 4pm  
Tuesday 9am to 4pm  
Ring for an appointment on 384 5253

COMMUNITY LUNCH;

Inexpensive lunch for everybody  
children welcome  
Tuesday 12noon to 1pm

SPINNERS and KNITTERS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays 1 to 4pm.

PODIATRIST;

Every second Friday  
9.00am to 11:30am  
Ring for an appointment on 384 4299

FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$10

Cars will collect you if needed.

Programme:

Craft activities	9:30am
Morning Tea	10 am
Lunch	12 noon
Arthritic Exercise	1:30pm
Guest Speaker	2pm
Afternoon Tea	3pm

### Speakers for September 2013

13 Sep: Adam Glover  
Adam Glover Cycling  
(London to NZ)

20 Sep: The final episode in the box

collection of the "Darling  
Buds of May"

27 Sep: Graham Micheljohn  
Aspects of Wellington  
through Photography

4 Oct: Belinda Giles  
Home Instead (senior care)

Thank you so much for attending our  
30<sup>th</sup> Birthday afternoon tea. It was  
nice to have so many past & present  
members along, including Ruth  
Garland, some of the original lions  
club members with the old photos of  
the house, and the many community  
members, helping to get our house  
ready to start operating. We have  
certainly come a long way.

Take a look at our interesting  
speakers this month. You may have  
something to share yourself and may  
want to be a speaker yourself. Talks  
are 2 to 3pm on Friday afternoons.  
Your offer would be appreciated.

Sadly Liz can no longer help with the  
community lunch on Tuesday. If you  
would like to volunteer to help on a  
Tuesday please give me a call.

We are always needing helpers  
throughout the week. You may even  
like to join our committee. We would  
love to see you at the centre, so come  
along for lunch and a chat.

Thanks

Jenny

## Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club - 2013 2014 season

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

We also provide coaching and team management support.

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

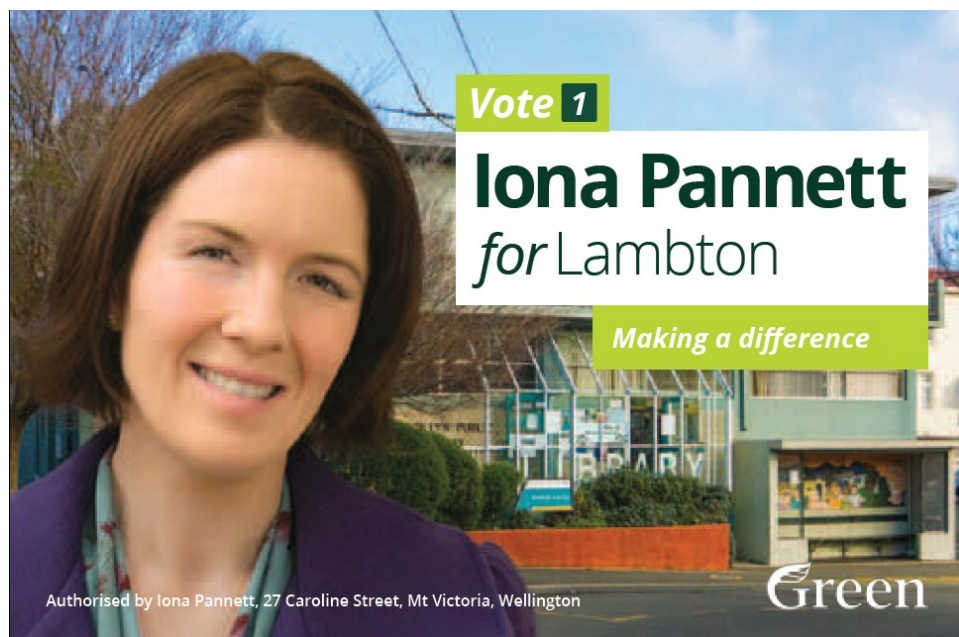
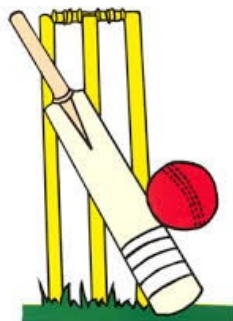
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Matthew Roche 021 463 432

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday morning 9:15am to 12:45pm Thursday evening 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Brett on 027 333 4240 Email: <a href="mailto:brett@spirit.net.nz">brett@spirit.net.nz</a>
BARBARIAN KIDS	Movement & expression classes with Jo Randerson Monday afternoon 3:15pm to 4pm - Wild things Monday afternoon 4pm to 4:45pm - Crazy Horses Email: <a href="mailto:jo@barbarian.co.nz">jo@barbarian.co.nz</a> View: <a href="http://www.barbarian.co.nz/kids">www.barbarian.co.nz/kids</a>
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday 10am to 11am Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO KARATE KARATE STRETCH	Monday evening 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evening 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Tuesday evening 7:30pm to 8:30pm Contact Beth. Email: <a href="mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com">positivelyzumba@gmail.com</a>
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday evening 4pm to 8:30pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or <a href="mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com">f.haines.dance@gmail.com</a>
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4:30pm
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or <a href="mailto:cam@camfindlay.com">cam@camfindlay.com</a>

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

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## Councillors Comment

An inspirational presentation from international thinker David Engwich about how we can recreate our public spaces on limited budgets. Great to be able to invite residents from Brooklyn to discuss some of these ideas and how we might be able to utilise the community's skills to improve the streets of Brooklyn. I look forward to further meetings on this topic.

I know that there are concerns about Meridian's plans to build a bigger wind turbine in Brooklyn as the current one comes to the end of its life. The turbine is an icon for the city but I appreciate that turbines do have some local negative impacts. I hope to facilitate meetings between Meridian and residents to try and address these concerns.

Light rail or bus rapid transit? The City and Regional Councils are consulting these options. Consultation closes the 30<sup>th</sup> September. You can have your say here [http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/ptspinestudy?module=survey&survey\\_tool\\_id=2#tool](http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/ptspinestudy?module=survey&survey_tool_id=2#tool)  
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## Daylight Saving

Don't forget to put your clocks forward the day before, on Sunday 29 September for the start of Daylight Saving!



### Wanted:

Garage to Rent in the Brooklyn area.  
Must be dry for a small classic car.  
\$25 to \$40 per week.  
Contact Julia on 021 645 547

## School News

For a winter term, as well as being a short one of only 9 weeks, this one has been exceptional weather-wise - the warmest winter term on record!

September is the month of the annual Artsplash Song and Dance performances at the Michael Fowler Centre. With most primary and Intermediate schools taking part, it is eagerly looked forward to by the students and the quality of the shows is always high.

The recent earthquakes and storm have been a timely reminder to make sure Policies are up-to-date and upgrade supplies of emergency food and water. The main component of all schools' policy is ensuring the safety of children and making sure that family details are up-to-date. Children are not allowed to make their own way home but must be seen directly into authorised adult care. Schools have supplies of food and water and must conduct regular evacuation drills.

**Ridgway School's** final Education Review Office report was very high, showing positive changes. New Principal Kathryn Smith has lots of great ideas to take the school forward. The end of the School's Statutory Intervention means that there is complete MoE confidence in the school's governance and management.

The Junior School took part in "The World of Maths", a fun maths activity with small groups of children playing games to solve problems of maths and logic. From the children's reactions it was a great way to teach maths.

**Brooklyn School's** 'Walk to School' ticket scheme re-started at the beginning of term. 30 clicks on a ticket earn children a prize and a special 'Walk to School' day was held at the end of August. Waterproof, high visibility bag covers were also re-introduced for walkers.

**St. Bernard's School** "Celebration of Learning" will be celebrated on 19 September in conjunction with a dress-up day for Favourite Book Characters. Family and friends are invited to attend school on the day. Friday sessions have been held at ASB Sports Arena, learning handball and gymnastics and a demonstration of Roller Hockey, a rising sport in NZ.

All children attended the NZSO performance of Little Red Riding Hood on 13 August.

Term 3 ends: Friday 27 September 2013

Term 4 starts: Monday 14 October 2013.

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# GROUP ROUNDUP

## Brooklyn Walkers

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

Please contact the organisers for this months walks.



## Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 8.15pm till late every Wednesday evening right up until Christmas.

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



## Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn. Keas 5-7 years – Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm  
Cubs 7-11 years – Mondays 6.30-8.00pm

Scouts 11-14 years – Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

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



## Brooklyn Garden Club

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



## Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

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

Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details . Phone: Caroline 971 8494



## Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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



## 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:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



## Brooklyn Community Association

Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall for hire, and a variety of activities on offer. View our website for details:

[www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

Co-ordinator, Euan Harris  
Phone: 384 6799

Email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)



## Central Park Care Group

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

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

## Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library at 2pm on the following dates:

19 October & 30 November

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 3871487, email [sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com) or Chris Rabey: 384 9293



## St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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



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## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

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

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

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

**1: Childcare Centre in Cleveland St / middle of Brooklyn village** – we are keeping a watching brief on how

things progress as the childcare centre's role expands. We have concerns about parking, pickup and drop off zones.

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

**3: Tanera Park / old bowling club (WCC site):** now being used by a fencing club, Brooklyn Northern United football and another club. The public wants to see continued community ownership of this important local asset.

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16 October at 7pm in the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson Street.

Our meetings are open to all residents of Brooklyn, Kowhai Park and Panorama Heights. We encourage you to attend.

**Simon McLellan - Chair**  
**Hm 972 5102**

**Carl Savage - Secretary**  
**Hm 934 9348 or 027 2808934**

# Brooklyn Meets the Local Body Election Candidates

Brooklyn Resource Centre  
36 Jefferson St. Brooklyn  
7:00 pm - 9:00pm  
Tuesday 17th September 2013

Brooklyn Residents' Association and the Brooklyn Community Association invite you to meet the Candidates for Mayor and for the Lambton Ward in the forthcoming Local Body Elections. All candidates have profiles published on the [Wellington City Council website](http://Wellington City Council website)



**Vote 1**

**Sue Kedgley**  
for **Greater Wellington Regional Council**

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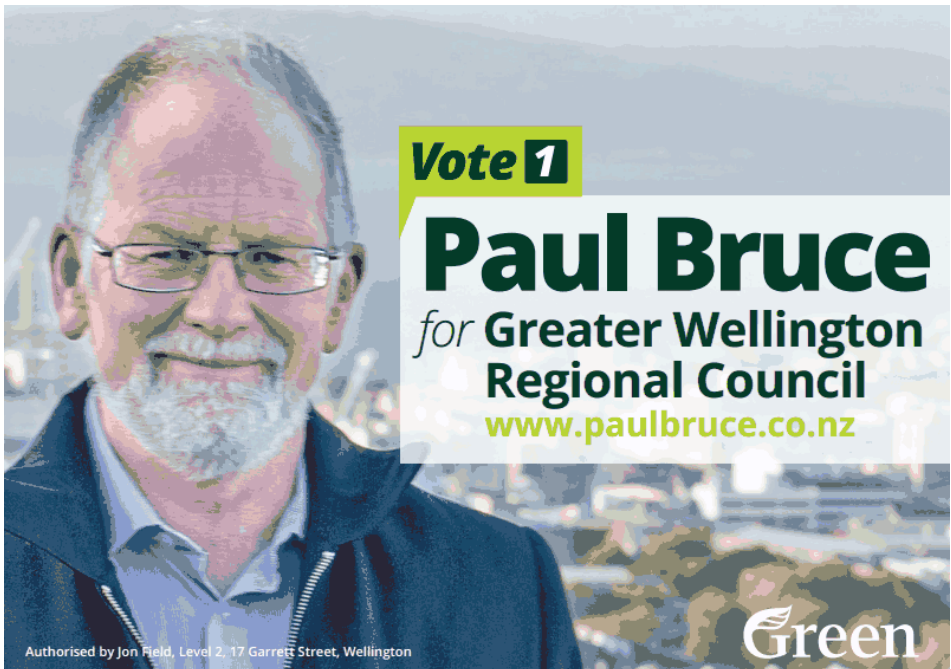


**Vote 1**

**David Lee**  
for Southern Ward  
[www.davidlee.org.nz](http://www.davidlee.org.nz)

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**Vote 1**

**Paul Bruce**  
for **Greater Wellington Regional Council**  
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## Lines from the Library

A useful feature of library services is the ability to delve deeper and cross reference a field of interest. If you enjoy an author, chances are a biography has been written about them, and quite possibly audio books of their works are also available - perfect for long car journeys. Diving deeper into information resources widens one's perspective and helps place works into a richer context, further enhancing one's enjoyment. I have always been a big music fan and always seek out well written books about music.....

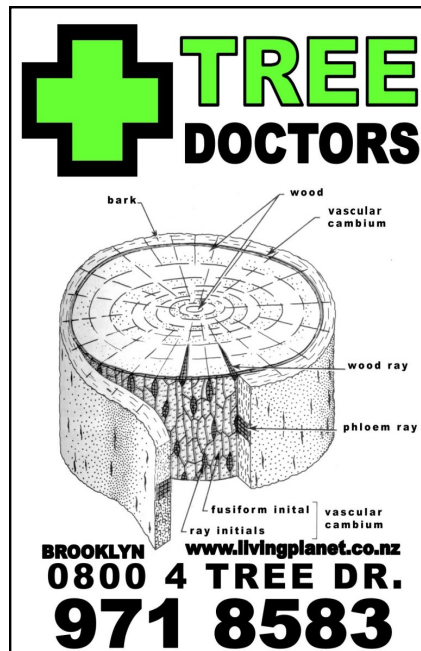
BBC radio announcer Mark Radcliffe's 'Reelin' in the Years', in which he tells his story by choosing a landmark song from each year of his life, is an incredibly funny, and very human reminder of just why music is so important to us. The book is worth reading if only for the story of his first DJ experience at age 12, playing one Rolling Stones single over and over again at a church fete until the vicar is forced to intervene, but there are many such stories that are sure to have you laughing out loud and scrambling through your music collection.

On a different note (pun intended) is Nick Coleman's compelling and moving 'The Train in the Night: A Story of Music & Loss'. This is the autobiographical account of a professional music reviewer of 25 years who woke one morning with 'sudden neurosensory hearing loss'. From his soundless world, he reflects on a lifelong interest in music, illustrated with a collection of lovely anecdotes

covering topics such as culture, religion, mortality, love, and identity.

Craig Schufftan's, 'Entertain Us!: The Rise and Fall of Alternative Rock in the 90's' is a great read for those with an interest in contemporary musical history. The author's highly readable year by year cultural analysis of indie rock through the 90's offers an overview of the cultural movements that shaped the decade, made interesting by inside stories of the major bands and personalities of the era. While Stuart Maconie, in 'The People's Songs: The Story of Modern Britain In 50 Records', selects 50 songs around which to tell the story of the nation's growth into the modern age. This fascinating book, that I found hard to put down, is also relevant to our own cultural development, reflecting, as we did, the culture of 'the Mother Country' for so many years.

John



**Capital Montessori** is one of New Zealand's oldest preschools for young children aged from 3 - 6 years old. Our community run school provides a learning journey for every child at the most important time of life.

As an authentic Montessori programme, children discover the joy of learning and independence as part of a warm, respectful and caring community, in a spacious rural setting close to the heart of Wellington.

This month, the children have been enjoying celebrating spring and creating a wild garden to enjoy and attract birds and insects while exploring the hills. The older children have been practicing their singing to perform at the Brooklyn Showcase in September.

Plus, there is the Rata Parent and Infant Community for parents and children under 3 - a special place for parents and children to make friends and to learn more about Montessori and the School. Families meet on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings and attend a workshop each term with Lois McConnell - Capital Montessori's Principal and one of New Zealand's most experienced Montessori practitioners and teacher trainers.

Over the past six months, Rata has been renovated and re-certified by the Ministry of Education.

For more information:

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View: [www.montessori.school.nz](http://www.montessori.school.nz)

## Vogelmorn Bowling Club

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

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

Most of the green is owned by the Wellington City Council, and with no evidence that the Club is a fully functioning entity with sufficient playing members, they are unlikely to renew the lease which expires in July 2014. Treasurer and Green Keeper Paul Burgess, says he'd like to see the community enjoy one good last season, and the greens will be in great shape during the next few weeks. Friday night beers and bowls have been popular in the past few years, and Paul would like to see families once again bringing takeaway dinners or something to cook on the barbeque while enjoying some casual bowls.

Come and enjoy the last Vogelmorn season with an open day on the Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

