

## 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 PROGRAMME	Starts 29 September. Details online <a href="http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz">www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz</a>
SUNDAY PILATES	Sunday mornings alternating 10 - 10:50am and 9:30 - 10:20am Phone or text Sybill for details on 021 037 9951
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:15 to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am – Friday classes at 9am and 10am. Contact Beth via email: <a href="mailto:renewpilates@gmail.com">renewpilates@gmail.com</a>
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: <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 – 11.30 in the hall & 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>Adult Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm <b>Evening Cardio Power:</b> Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm <b>Stretch &amp; Tone class:</b> Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 11 October - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: <a href="mailto:codwg@paradise.net.nz">codwg@paradise.net.nz</a>
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$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. Kid's market on 27 September - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per table or \$5 to share. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

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

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

**Phone 384 6799 Email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)**

## Brooklyn Tattler

### What's happening in your Community

Issue 258

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#### Plenty on offer at the Brooklyn Resource Centre

Fridays are well catered for at the Resource Centre in Jefferson Street, with craft activities, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, an exercise group, and a guest speaker, plus a podiatrist is available every second Friday. Coordinator Jenny Swan says *"Our Friday Circle provides conversation and company in a warm friendly atmosphere. Do come and join us. There are no strangers here, just friends you are about to meet"* See page 19 for a complete list of activities provided at the Resource Centre or phone Jenny on 384 4299.



ABOVE: Members of the Friday Circle group gathering just before lunch

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## Coordinator's Corner



Hi Everyone

Welcome to this special extended colour edition of the Tattler, which has been delivered to homes throughout Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston, as well as to the Brooklyn Library and local businesses. We hope you like the changes that are being made to improve the quality and content of the Tattler, and as always welcome any feedback and suggestions.

By the time you read this, advanced voting will be well under way in the RSA room of the Brooklyn Community Centre for people who can't vote on 20 September. You can cast an advance vote on 15 & 16 September from 10am to 2pm, then on 17 September from 2pm to 7pm, and finally on 18 & 19 September from 10am to 4pm. Mainfreight have dropped off a big pallet of voting materials for election day which will be set up in the main hall on Friday night for Saturday 20 September. You can cast your vote from 9am to 7pm either at the Brooklyn Community Centre or Brooklyn School.

We are looking forward to our annual Kid's Market on Saturday 27 September. It's the market where kids and parents can have stalls. Just \$10 for a standard sized trestle table or you can share a table with your friends for \$5. Be sure to book in early as tables go fast.

We have booked a large bouncy castle for the children's playground, plus a trampoline, a face painter, a bake stall and dumplings to be sold from the kitchen. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on Sunday 28 September, to welcome in daylight saving. Everybody looks forward to the longer daylight hours for more leisure time.

The Vogelmorn Tennis Club has already had their first open day for the 2014/2015 summer season, i.e. the seniors on 7 September. The juniors have their turn on Sunday 14 September from 9am to 12pm. The Vogelmorn Tennis club have excellent well lit facilities so you can play long after sunset. Their colourful informative website is well worth a look for anyone contemplating taking up tennis. Go to [www.vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://www.vogelmorntennisclub.com) There is a great picture of the Mayor and other people playing with giant sized racquets.

With the closure of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club, we are fortunate to have successfully tendered for a number of resources to enhance Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall. One of our purchases includes four indoor bowling mats and balls. We just need some players, so if you are keen to set up, or be part of an Indoor Bowling Group either at Vogelmorn Hall or Brooklyn Community Centre please get in touch.

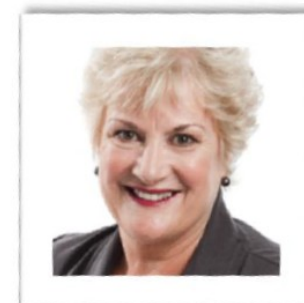
Have a great month

**Euan Harris**  
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Vogelmorn Hall

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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 30 Oct 2014**

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## Message from the Mayor

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Central Park is looking magnificent thanks to all of the working bee volunteers. It is always heart-warming to hear stories of residents rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in for the good of their community.

It is a very good time to live in a Wellington suburb like Brooklyn. Wellington City Council's Annual Report has just been finalised, and it shows that as a city, we are in great shape.

Highlights include establishing \$3 million per year to support events as well as initiatives and growth opportunities; upgrading community facilities such as pools and walkways; streamlining the water supply; and investing in the National War Memorial Park project, Te Pukeahu.

Wellington is one of the first local Councils to have our annual accounts audited and complete an Annual Report. Yet we still have plenty of work ahead of us, with projects such as the proposed extension to the airport runway and advancing plans for a film museum keeping us busy.

If you'd like to see the full 2013-14 Annual Report, it will be available on the Council website on September 26.

Enjoy spring in Wellington! Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at [www.wellington.govt.nz](http://www.wellington.govt.nz).

Celia Wade-Brown  
Mayor of Wellington

## Councillor Corner

During the City Council election campaign I was asked if there was anything good that the council had done. I thought about it for a moment and said no! Reading the Annual report, I know now that I was wrong.

Let's have a go at getting to grips with the numbers

The Council achieved a small surplus of \$1.2 million. This is about 0.3% of what Council takes as revenue. A low surplus / (deficit) is a good thing because it means that "each generation of ratepayers pays for the services they need, want and use."

Council spent less on "capital works" than budgeted, due largely to deferral of earthquake strengthening for the town hall. Capital works are necessary to build and maintain Wellington's assets and infrastructure (roads, sewers, pipes and drains). Spending less than budgeted is usually not a good thing. Work not completed now needs to be done at a later date.

The services we provide our ratepayers cost on average \$5.82 per day. This is broken down as follows: Governance, 23c; Environment, \$1.95; Economic Development 59c; Cultural wellbeing 24c; Social and Recreation, \$1.37; Urban Development 48c; Transport 74c; and Council 23c; making a total of \$5.82 per day.

We maintained our AA credit rating with "Standards and Poors" which means that the Council's interest costs (when it needs to borrow) are at the reduced end, a direct benefit to ratepayers.

This is good stuff to remember when we use our roads, parks, libraries, pools or even just have a glass of water. Everything we take for granted really.

Mark Peck, Lambton Ward.

## Councillor Corner Continued..

Green issues have taken up much of my time over the last month. Reducing waste is a priority as we begin planning for our 10 year budget. I am familiar with some of the concerns of Brooklynites about the local and city wide effects of expanding the Southern landfill so I am working with Council staff on some waste minimisation initiatives. I hope to be able to announce these initiatives soon.

As I write this, I'm pleased to say that the Environment Committee which I chair has agreed to send a Bill to protect the Town Belt to Parliament. This has been a long process but will provide important protections for this precious land. We will also be consulting soon on what we need to do to protect and enhance our suburban reserves which we hope will have a positive impact on all suburbs, including Brooklyn.

I'm pleased also to have been appointed to the new Regional Water Committee which will have an oversight role in managing the region's water. Protecting the quality of our water whilst finding efficiencies will be my priority.

And finally, the Board of Inquiry's decision to decline resource consent for the Basin Reserve flyover is one of the best environmental decisions for many years. I have been involved in the campaign to stop this project for a long time and I look forward to working with the community and other partners to implement a solution that will enhance the Basin.

**Iona Pannett , Lambton Ward**  
384-3382/ 021-227-8509

## Reviving the Annual Brooklyn Festival

An enthusiastic group of people is needed to explore the possibility of reviving the Brooklyn Festival and if it is feasible, prepare for a November 2015 or 2016 event.

Being on the Festival Organising Committee is no small task. However the records from 2000-2009 are available and a background report has been prepared by the Brooklyn Community Association as a starting point.

If you have a 'can do attitude', commitment, dedication, possibly event management experience and wish to be part of the organising group contact Euan Harris at the Brooklyn Community Centre.



**ABOVE: Brooklyn Festival 2007, looking down Cleveland Street. The last Festival was held in November 2009.**

## Constable Dann visits Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre

The children at Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre have been playing Police Officers for a long time now, and in the course of their play, there have been some important questions regarding road safety.

In order to answer the children's questions and reward their interest in such an important topic, we invited Constable Aaron Dann to come and talk to us about his job and of course road safety.

It was a wonderful chance for the children to learn about what police officers do, as well as hearing about the vital importance of road safety from someone other than a parent or teacher. And significantly, the whole learning experience was driven by following the children's own interests that had emerged during their play.





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## Upstream - Friends of Central Park

Friends of Central Park have been fortunate in having help from the Periodic Detention guys with Corrections; they have cleared much of the wood out of the Moturoa Stream bed in the upper part of the stream where it fell during the storms last winter. The council had removed the large trees that fell and blocked paths but there were still a lot of branches clogging up the stream. The recent work will enable us to gradually work our way up the stream with some new stream side plantings and re-establish areas that have been 'wiped' out by last year's winter storm damage.

At our working bees in August we spread soil and compost over an improved drainage layer, ready for sowing the new lawn at the sunny end of the site and planting the garden area at the shady end. As well as some native plants, we will be planting rhododendrons, daphne, clivia and evergreen azaleas to provide some welcome colour and flowers. Later in the spring we expect to celebrate with a grand opening for the new picnic lawn and stream-side deck; watch this space.

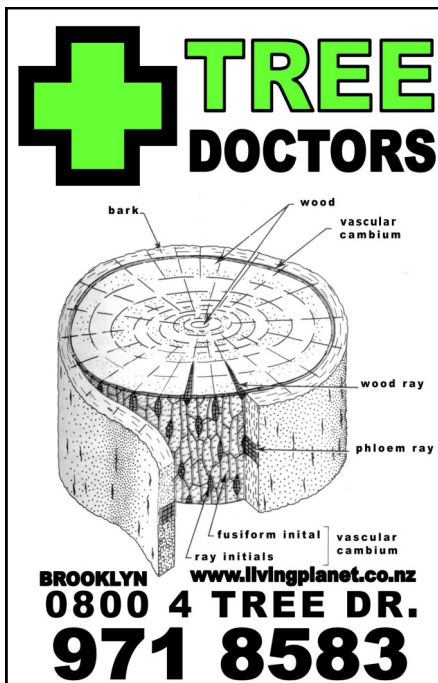
We are still looking for other community groups to help us make a real impression in removing tradescantia from the stream banks. So if you have a group of friends/neighbours or colleagues who are looking to spend a few hours in the sunshine in Central Park, please contact Lynne White at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz)

Our working bees are supported by Supreme Coffee, Capital Compost and WCC.

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

**Note: our next Working Bee is Sunday 28 September.**

For more information, contact Barbara at [behardy@clear.net.nz](mailto:behardy@clear.net.nz) or 3845249 or Debbie at [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)



## St John Youth

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

Both programmes meet weekly during term time:

Penguin Programme on Monday afternoons 3:30-4:45pm at St Bernard's School, Taft St  
Cadet Programme on Tuesday evenings 6.30 – 8:00pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St.

The Penguin Programme contains nine badges that are run in a fun, engaging and inclusive way. These include a wide range of topics within the Resourceful, Healthy, Safety, First Aid, Caring, Communication, Games, Hobbies and St John badges.

The Cadet programme is divided into three age groups; Green Level 8 – 10 years, Blue Level 11 – 12 years, Gold Level 13 – 18 years. The cadets work on different badge topics each term, working towards gaining their Grand Pri-

or Award. Some examples of topics are Fire Safety, Home Technology, Communications and Animal Care. We also offer the opportunity for the cadets to participate at First Aid competitions. At Competitions they work in teams, are given a scenario that the team works out how to safely assess and enter a scene, assess the patients and provide appropriate treatment until the ambulance has arrived.

Senior cadets (aged 13-18) have the opportunity to assist at local events and so learn valuable first aid skills first hand working alongside qualified Adult First Aiders. Leadership programmes are also offered to this age group.

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

Carol Bewley (Youth Divisional Manager) Phone (04) 388-3838

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## Brooklyn Community Association Update September 2014

In preparation for the next BCA Council meeting on 11 September, I collated the Jun-Aug staff reports and also notes from the operations meetings where staff and four Council members meet to progress day to day aspects. It brought home just how much is happening at the Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall. Welcome to Upstream-Friends of Central Park. Being a 'Group' under our umbrella provides them with important support. Residents may have noticed the changes to the Tattler including a community photo on the front page. Thanks go to Nicci Tong, Euan Harris and Fiona Shearer for coming up with ideas on how to strengthen it. Readers responded to the call for ideas and as a result we are looking for contributors to provide Kingston news. The regular print run has been increased to 600 to ensure all Brooklyn, Vogelmorn and Kingston businesses have sufficient copies. The improved print quality is thanks to Ricoh Express who copy and collate it each month.

Perry Aspros has done a fabulous job organising new heating in both venues, a Koala Care wall mounted baby change table in the Community Centre and getting a water fountain installed. Behind the scenes, he has spring cleaned the massive store cupboards, had new shelving put in for resources and also to store the archived BCA files.

The Community Centre now has its name printed on the yellow fascia. Thanks Jenny Ralston Design for the artwork.

The BCA staff, Euan Harris, Julie Seevens, Phil Bolton and Adam Hendry, have completed a Business Continuity Plan required by Wellington City Council

using the Wellington Regional Emergency Management template. It was a thought provoking piece of work!

I have spent two months assessing whether BCA's Incorporated Society model was still relevant and updating the Constitution. The result is a 70+ page proposal outlining the pros and cons of an alternative model, a Charitable Trust Board, and a detailed analysis of the changes we will be making to our Constitution. If you are interested in providing input, a hard copy of the proposal is available on loan from the Office. The new Constitution will be ratified at our December Council meeting giving us three months for consultation. Community Law in Wellington have provided excellent advice – thank you to the amazing volunteers.

Late August BCA received a request from WCC to take over the management of the bowling green that has been used by the Vogelmorn Bowling Club and the large garage next door to Vogelmorn Hall. We are currently working through the offer and hope to have a management plan in place by mid September; more news on this in the October Tattler and on our notice board.

Philip Duncan, our Treasurer has spent recent weeks preparing a draft budget for 2015. An early budget is essential for planning grant applications, assessing hire rates and childcare fees and managing future costs. Thanks to Phil Duncan and Phil Bolton for all the work. Looking ahead, the BCA is investigating the idea of bringing back the Brooklyn Festival. We are keen to hear your views. If there is a good amount of community support, a special organising committee needs to be formed to further



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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FRIDAY CIRCLE:

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Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10am

Lunch 12noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

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

19 Sept: Sally Carman  
"Turkey" (armchair travel)

26 Sept: Belinda Giles  
"Care on Call"  
Home & community support

03 Oct: "International day of the elder  
persons"(1st Oct)  
Group discussion of the good  
old days

10 Oct: Tony Ford  
Employment court judge &  
former Chief Justice of Tonga  
"The Tonga Experience"

Wow we have made it to the cover of the Tattler. Our Centre has just turned 32 years old. The Brooklyn Resource Centre committee would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our community, volunteers, drivers, gardeners, groups and our members of the Resource Centre who care and enjoy our wonderful house. I am in need of 8 more speakers, so come along & share your adventures with us. We look forward to our Friday speakers, so give me a call to make a time on 384 4299. Thank you for the wool that was brought in. We still need more as we have passed the baby wool on to the fantastic ladies who knit for Neo Natal Wgtn, so if you have any wool you no longer need we can certainly use & pass it on to others. We are thinking of holding a few night markets on alternate Fridays pre Christmas, so watch this space for further updates. Please contact me with any ideas you may have.

We hope to see you at the Centre soon.

**Jenny Swan**  
Co-ordinator

## WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 585 119 or email: <a href="mailto:louise@spirit.net.nz">louise@spirit.net.nz</a>
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am <b>New class</b> - 'Less is More' 11:45am to 12:30pm Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 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 evenings 7.15pm to 8.30pm Contact Beth via email at: <a href="mailto:positivelyzumba@gmail.com">positivelyzumba@gmail.com</a>
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 <a href="mailto:f.haines.dance@gmail.com">f.haines.dance@gmail.com</a>
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Alice at <a href="mailto:henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk">henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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 Vogelhorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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explore the possibility and if it is feasible, prepare for a November 2015 event. Being on the committee is no small task – if you have a 'can do attitude', commitment, dedication, possibly event management experience and can work collaboratively please contact Euan Harris. Thanks to Dinesh Gupta for his enthusiasm for this project and also to Belinda Brian who generously shared her knowledge, experience and records.

Finally, I wish to farewell Fiona Shearer from the BCA Council. Fiona and her family are moving to Owairo Bay next month. Thank you Fiona for your intelligent and community centred contribution and exceptional work on the Tattler and Hall Users Newsletter. We might just have to extend our reach to Owairo Bay just to keep you in our fold. It has been a joy working with you.

Kay Miller, BCA Council

## Resident's Association Meeting

Wednesday  
17 September 7pm

Brooklyn Resource Centre.  
Jefferson St.



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## School News

St Bernard's celebrated two special feast days this month, the Feast of the Assumption on 15<sup>th</sup> August which is a Holy day of Obligation, one of only two each year, and the Feast of St Bernard on 20<sup>th</sup> August. St Bernard of Clairvaux who is the patron saint of the school was born in France in 1090 and died on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1153. The school celebrated the mass with lots of parents and grandparents also attending which brought a lovely family feel to the occasion. Another highlight of the month was a visit from the Brooklyn Kindergarten children. The school is now busy preparing for a farm visit on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September to the Wairarapa.

Ridgway School has also had a country theme happening with the Juniors visiting a farm this month and getting to see up close where milk comes from before it gets bottled and distributed to supermarket shelves. Room 5 children did a writing exercise about their wishes for the future which was included in a music-drama performance at the Wellington Cathedral in August and the year 4 - 6 children are now busy preparing for Art Splash to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

After many months of discussions with the Ministry of Education, Ridgway School is now seeing some tangible progress towards the school building re-development and improvement program. Coffey have been appointed as the Building Project Managers and the school is in the process of selecting an architect-

tural design company. Once this appointment is made final plans will then be developed. The re-development will see the Junior area transformed into a modern learning environment, with the prefabs (Rooms 6, 7, 9, and 10) likely to be replaced.

Over at Brooklyn School, the Kiwi syndicate children were excited to be paid a visit from Commonwealth Games gold medalist Sally Johnstone this month. Sally won gold for shooting at the recent games in Glasgow. The Kiwis along with the Tui syndicate have also had Life Education visiting them this month. The modules they learnt were focussed on "Healthy Food" and being "Happy and Healthy". With the looming General Election, the Moa syndicate have been learning about political parties and their ideologies. They have been very enthusiastic developing and marketing their own political parties and have also all had a chance to visit Parliament. The whole school is now busy preparing for a production which involves all the children and is focussed primarily on the Arts curriculum. This is the first time since 2005 there has been a whole school production so is a new experience for all the children – and many of the teachers!

More school news next month.

Term 3 runs finishes on 26 September for all our schools.

**Julie Seevens**

## History

In 1973 the new subdivision of Kowhai Park was formed and the developer, Wrightson NMA declared "*this new Kowhai subdivision is to become one of atmosphere, image, and class, leaving suburbs like Karori and Khandallah for dead!*"

Wrightsons developed the sections and another company built the houses. One architect oversaw the entire subdivision with two landscaping firms involved. One landscaper developed the road sides and park access, while the other landscaped sections.

Stage One comprised 45 houses while stage two comprised 43. Earthworks began with the extension beyond Mitchell Street which previously ended at the crest of the hill and rolling farmland was beyond that. The developers vision of "*atmosphere, image, and class*" was building cul-de-sacs, providing a quiet street scene, combating excessive thoroughfare..

Stages 3 & 4 were to include a large park and tennis court complex. Lookout areas were provided so residents and sight-seers could take advantage of the views across the harbour. The sole architect's plan was to have houses toned in, in a way that no views from each dwelling would be obstructed. House sales were slow initially but later picked up.

The one downside to this new subdivision was the developers failure to incorporate any community facility or any retail facility, citing its close proximity with Brooklyn. Original plans included a second access from Reuben Avenue, but

this plan was dropped due to the excessive gradient between Reuben Ave and Mitchell Street extension. Nowadays, with further extensions occurring as the subdivision has moved further south, the sole access into the city has become quite clogged at times, though there are no plans to find alternate routes.

Close to this new subdivision was Elliot's Farm in Karepa Street, occupying the Mitchell Street corner. Len Elliot ran the farm, living in his house there most of his life. When he was young he accompanied his mother but at the ripe old age of 10 he went to work on Fitchett's Farm. Working with cows at first, Len then drove bullock teams in the area. He said there weren't many houses in Brooklyn then (1888), and half those were as "rough as guts". He liked Brooklyn then. Len remained on the farm till his late 90's, but then moved to Central Park Hospital after suffering a stroke.

More next month.

**Chris**





## Friends of Owhiro Stream

As I write this - rather early as we are going to be away when the copy is actually due - I have just received an email from the Brooklyn Community Association, giving notice of a meeting to be held by Council to discuss the transfer of management of the Bowling Club green and garage to the community, an issue that I am sure will be written about elsewhere in this edition of the Tattler. FOOS has an interest in this matter, as the garage backs directly onto the space behind Vogelmorn Hall that we use for our nursery, and it would be extremely handy, to say the least, if we could use part of the garage (the dirt shed, as we were told it was) to store gear. In particular, it would be wonderful for potting mix, as it could be delivered up the driveway to the door.

As I wrote last month, our working bees have been quite productive, but goodness me, here it is September, officially the last month of the season for planting, and there are still many, many plants down at the Bagel factory site waiting their turn. The Wednesday morning workers have been doing their bit by planting, rather than working at the



Catchment Community art installation

shade house, but there are not many of us! Our next working bee is on Saturday 13 September, and as it will be lovely spring weather by then, if you have never been before, this is your chance to do your bit for the stream. We're quite friendly, and provide morning tea - though unlike our sister group at Central Park, we don't promise home baking!

Part of FOOS' work is to advocate in the community about what is good for the stream, and the catchment as a whole; spreading the word about 'what goes in the gutter, goes into the stream - and sea'; talking about the importance of appropriate planting to attract birds and encourage aquatic life; and the need to keep those nasty weeds at bay! We especially like to involve children and young people, so that hopefully they will develop an appreciation of the environment that will continue throughout their lives; and this month we have a group of young people working on a project led by a member of the Britannia Sea Scouts, who will be working to clear and plant a particular section of the stream

**Janet Campbell**



FOOS Working Bee in February 2014

## Lines from the Library

Hello Brooklyn!

Welcome to spring! The sun is shining (sometimes) and the flowers are blooming (hopefully) which means it's time to stop hibernating. This month I want to bring to your attention the great selection of home DIY and project books we have for both adults and kids at the library. Spring is refreshing and if you're looking for refreshment inspiration then the Brooklyn library is the place to start. We have a grand collection of Home, Gardening, and DIY books in the adult and children's non-fiction sections, including the brand new book *DIY furniture 2: a step-by-step guide* by designer Christopher Stuart. The guide showcases 30 new designs of modern and classic furniture. 5-step instructions as well as straightforward diagrams are included for each piece and the materials should all be accessible from your local hardware store. The innovative book provides a brilliant source of spring inspiration and motivation to start a new project. Brooklyn library is also the new owner of *Project Kid* another fantastic DIY guide. It is the perfect way to get kids interested in DIY and includes 100 different projects for crafty parents and kids. To accompany the spring theme all the library branches around Wellington are partaking in a new endeavour called *Branch Refresh*. Each week a significant amount of library material, such as a selection of DVDs, Audio Books, or Biographies are rotated around the libraries. Brooklyn began by sending 100 Large Print books to Johnsonville and in return received 100 new Large Print books from Newtown. The idea is to provide smaller branches,

such as Brooklyn, with a splurge of new material for those who have churned through our reasonably stagnant collection. It is worthwhile coming in to check out our renewed collections, feedback is also super welcome. Much love, and hope to see you soon.

**Hannah Gorman**





## Annual Kid's Market

The Annual Kid's Market is coming up on **Saturday 27 September** (see Coordinator's Corner and page 15 for more details.)



**ABOVE:** Kids manning their stall at last years Kid's Market

**BELOW:** Fun, bouncy times at the annual Kid's Market held in the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.



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# Annual Kid's Market

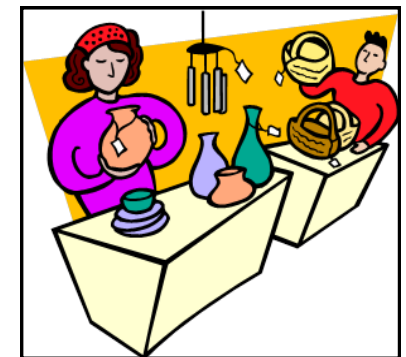
## The market where kids have stalls!

**Saturday 27 September**

**9:30am to 1.00pm**

**Brooklyn Community  
Centre, Harrison St**

Bouncy castle  
Trampoline  
Face painting



Book early to secure a table (\$10 or \$5 to share). Phone: Euan on 384 6799.



## Mainly Music Classes

Mainly Music is a fun affordable 30 minute music group for parents or caregivers to enjoy together with their preschooler(s). The session is followed by a provided morning tea enabling some social time for both adults and children alike. Throughout the session, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills. This is achieved through music, action songs and more in a loving shared family environment.

Each mainly music group is associated with and run by volunteers from a local church. The Brooklyn area is fortunate to be served by two Mainly Music groups:

**Tuesdays starts 10am** at Wellington Reformed Church, 34 Harrison St  
Contact: Rachel 022 407 9652  
(recently opened)

**Fridays starts 9:30am** at St Matthews' Co-operating Parish, 96 Washington Ave  
Contact: Nicky 971 1265  
(has been operating since 2009)



## Scouts Den Opening

Over the last year, Brooklyn Scouts has been refurbishing and upgrading their basement space as a den for their growing Venturer group. The den was officially opened on Thursday 31 July with Ruth Mahy (Scouts NZ Regional Development

Manager) officially cutting the ribbon and speeches from National Scouting representatives and local MP Grant Robertson. Three city councillors also attended, commenting on how positive it was to see great support in the Scouting community.

With the extra usable space, Brooklyn Scouts is now actively recruiting for Keas and younger Cubs. If your child is 5.5 to 9 years old, contact Group Leader Gavin McGlashan on 934 5442 to find out more, or visit the Brooklyn Scouts website [www.brooklynscouts.org.nz](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz)



**A great turn out at the Den opening.**



**Thomas Mander (left) and Harriet Zelas (right) with Ruth Mahy (Scouts NZ Regional Development Mgr) cutting the ribbon declaring the Scout Den open.**

## Local Business Feature

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design

Nicci Tong, Space Designer and owner of local Brooklyn business, Room Space Design, is passionate about helping people love the home they're in.

Nicci believes everyone deserves to live in a home that works well and looks and feels great. She works alongside people to create comfortable homes that really work. She helps them re-think how they use their spaces, and how they might use their existing furniture and accessories differently.

Working closely with her clients, Nicci seeks to understand how they use their space, and what they need their spaces to achieve. "It's important that they are involved in the process, as this ensures the end result works for them", she says.

Having previously spent many years working in senior support roles within the building industry, as well as being a soft furnishings consultant and an artist, Nicci has been developing her business since late 2010 after some life coaching. Quite unexpectedly, this exploration of possible career paths lead Nicci to a business idea that encom-

passed all of her core values, skills and passions.

"My love of colour and creating spaces started very young," she says. "I grew up in a home that always felt calm and organised. The style of our home was timeless and reflected us as a family, rather than being based on what was fashionable at the time.

"I am passionate about making the best use of resources, and helping people save money and be more resourceful. I also love interior design and home improvement. The combination of all these factors, has led to my working for myself as a Space Designer and I love it.

"Once you learn to see your spaces differently, it is with you for life. My clients learn and gain confidence in their own creative ability from the work we do together, which I find hugely satisfying."

Nicci's fresh perspective and new ideas means families don't have to wait for money to renovate or move house. She has some very happy clients in Brooklyn! For more information about Room Space Design, contact Nicci on 021 912 238 or 04 8311 488 or visit her website [www.roomspacedesign.co.nz](http://www.roomspacedesign.co.nz)

The new Local Business Feature is to showcase local businesses. If you have a story about your business that would appeal to the wider community, please contact [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz).



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## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting  
Brooklyn Community Centre  
7pm Sunday 12 October  
Singing, meditation & medium  
All welcome. Donation.

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### Brooklyn Walkers

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

**15 September** - Paekakariki to QEII Park and return via beach (9:09 No.8 bus, 9:44 train).

**22 September** - Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens via various routes. (tulip viewing)

**29 September** - Walk to Wallace Street, bus to Karori, walk Karori Cemetery, Kaiwharawhara Stream, Otari Wilton Bush, (9 - 10 start for 9:35 No. 18 bus at Wallace Street.)

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

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### Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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

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### 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

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### Brooklyn Garden Club

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

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### Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Caroline 971 8494

### Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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

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### Friends of Owhiro Stream

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

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995

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### Upstream - Friends of Central Park

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

Email: [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

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### Brooklyn Local History Group

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

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### St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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

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### Brooklyn Food Group

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

Contact us to get involved or drop in to our regular working bee at the Brooklyn Orchard every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 3pm till 5pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) and [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)