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- BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.** Kids' market on  
26 September - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder, \$5 to share.  
Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

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# Brooklyn Tattler

## What's happening in your Community

Issue 269

September 2015

### Popular Kids' Market is back

Our annual Kids' Market is on Saturday 26 September from 9:30am to 1pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre. It's the market where kids have stalls. This year featuring the Zippity Zoo Farm Petting Zoo, face painting, a barbecue and a great variety of stalls on offer. Make sure you book early to secure a space at \$10 or share a table with friends for just \$5 each. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 or email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)



**ABOVE:** The Zippity Zoo Farm Petting Zoo entertaining all ages in the Brooklyn Community Centre playground. They will be back for this years Kids' Market.

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## Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

We hope you enjoy our extended colour edition of the Brooklyn Tattler which has been home delivered free to households in Brooklyn, Kowhai Park, Panorama Heights, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston. We are continually working to refresh the Tattler and include more news of interest to the local community. As always your feedback and comments are welcome.

We have a busy month coming up in September including two new Aerobic Dance classes starting in Vogelmorn Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15am – 10:15am. This is a 12 week programme combining Pilates, exercise and dance which includes a free introduction week. Gill Clark is the facilitator, please contact her for more details on 021 100 4851 or email: [adbiz@clear.net.nz](mailto:adbiz@clear.net.nz)

The competition to design murals for the panels at the front of the Brooklyn Community Centre closed on 11 September and the winners for each prize category will be announced at the Brooklyn Community Centre AGM on Sunday 20 September. We invite you to come along to our AGM and meet the people who run your local community centre, plus the popular school programmes we provide and of course the monthly Tattler and markets. The meeting starts at 2pm in the Brooklyn Community Centre hall and is open to everyone. Please join us.

Our annual kids' market is on Saturday 26 September from 9:30am to 1pm at

the Brooklyn Community Centre. It's the market where kids and parents can have stalls. Just \$10 for a standard sized trestle table or share a table for \$5. This year we have the Zippity Zoo mobile petting zoo with their friendly farm yard animals outside in the playground plus a face painter inside the front entrance. There will be lots of interesting stalls to browse and buy from, including the Brooklyn Toy Library who will have a range of toys for sale. Special thanks to Caribbean for supplying us with their great coffee.

Don't forget to reset your clocks on Sunday 27 September for the start of daylight saving. We are all looking forward to longer day light hours and warmer weather. Our next fortnightly school holiday programme starts on Monday 28 September and features 2 weeks of fun activities including several day trips. Full details under the What's On section at [www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

The Brooklyn Kindergarten fundraising committee is busy choosing the final photos to include in their 2016 Calendar which will be ready for sale in early October. As in previous years the calendar will feature historic black and white photos of early Brooklyn. The hardest part of putting together each year's calendar is deciding which images to include from the large selection available. We were able to provide a couple of photos from our own archives with help of Chris Rabey. The calendars will be for sale at our October market, through local retailers or you can email: [brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com)

Have a great month  
**Euan Harris - Coordinator**  
**Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall.** Phone: 384 6799

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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler**

**30 September 2015**

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## Councillor Corner

I was very pleased to hear the outcome of the appeal on the flyover for the Basin Reserve. At the time of writing, there has been no word as to whether NZTA will again appeal but I hope this outcome will give the participating parties time to think about a new approach for this special place in Wellington.

On another transport matter, I am pleased to see the city making progress on establishing priority bus lanes throughout the city but have significant concerns about the workability of double decker buses on some of our streets. Rule changes by the Government to allow for heavier buses on the country's streets may be of assistance but at the end of the day, buses can only be a short to medium term solution because of their limited capacity, modern trams will still need to be introduced.

My initiative of a trial of cheaper bus fares in the weekend is starting to be planned, look out for more detail later in the year but it will be a good chance to see if cheaper fares will lead to increased revenue. There have been a number of concerns raised around the affordability of fares so I hope this will make the case clear for lower fares.

Finally, the bill that I have been working on with other councillors to protect our precious Town Belt will soon be introduced to Parliament. The Bill limits the amount of commercial activity and land able to be leased on our Town Belt. This has taken much work on the part of the community and council so it is good to see it reach this stage.

I have some considerable concerns that it has been watered down in terms of compensation for land taken for public

works but overall, the Bill is a landmark for our city.

**Iona Pannett, Lambton Ward**

Phone: 384 3382 Mobile: 021 227 8509

## Brooklyn Food Group's Spring Workshop

### All About Bees

September is National Bee Awareness Month and the Brooklyn Food Group are celebrating by running a spring workshop all about bees.

Honey bees are crucial to our food supply, pollinating nearly three quarters of the diversity of our daily food. But they are at risk with declining populations around the world.

We can do something about this!

Now is the time to be helping them in our gardens. Come along to find out how to do that. Join us to learn about what flowers you can plant to help look after bees, do some honey tasting, and learn some basics of bee keeping. There will be honey for sale from the Love Honey crew.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September  
1 – 3pm at the  
Brooklyn Community Centre  
on Harrison Street.  
\$12.

Register by emailing:  
[thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com)



## Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times - this year's big planting day was scheduled for Saturday August 8th, right in the middle of that patch of very cold weather and howling southerly gales. We anxiously watched the weather patterns all week, but it remained much the same - rainy squalls and severe winds, with some clear patches. So, we were very relieved to wake up on the Saturday morning to a clear sky; alas, it did not last, and was raining by 9.30 am. Still - too late to cancel, and around twenty of our hardy volunteers eventually arrived and set to work.


On the plus side, the ground at Murchison St is quite soft and diggable, a change from our usual stony sites. Also, we were planting in mown grass rather than trying to fight tall grass and clumps of fearsome weeds, so planting proceeded relatively quickly, and everybody was able to feel a satisfying sense of achievement.

But the wind! Not only straight up Happy Valley road from the South but also, somehow, straight down Murchison St. An early morning tea was called for, to warm up chilled hands, and the barbecue lunch was very much appreciated - although it might never have happened, if the catering team had not decided to go home and get their tent, which was able to provide just enough shelter. So, all in all, a very satisfying day's work, in spite of the weather; our grateful thanks to those who took part, and also to the good Samaritan who, just happening to drive past, took the time to go off and buy cups of coffee for the early arrivals.

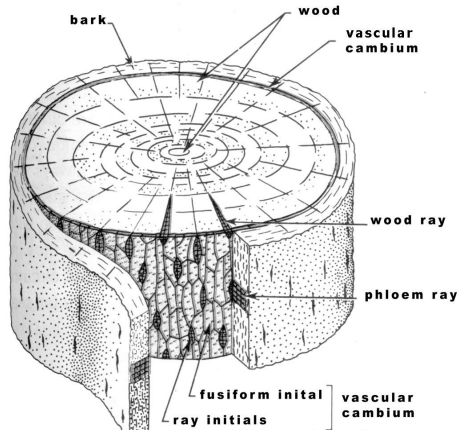
For some time, FOOS has been in contact with Owhiro Bay School, looking

for a way for us to work together. Parents, pupils and teachers, with the support of Wellington City Council, have been doing great work along the stream, which runs through school property. Large areas of blackberry have been dealt to by the Council, and could be ready to plant next year; a track along the streamside has been formed; and areas of previous planting 'released'. Last month, we met with the school to discuss how we could best help, and as a result, we are aiming to hold one of our regular monthly working bees at the school.

**Janet Campbell**  
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



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## Kaka Group Community Call

The Kaka Group that maintains an overview of the various current projects is due to meet in mid September to touch base and look for other community ideas to pick up on from the previous rounds of consultation. Cycling, ecological issues and emergency preparedness are looking to be top of the agenda for the remainder of this year. We'll keep you posted.

The Kaka Project **Brooklyn Hub** Group formed in July and meets regularly to progress work on the Brooklyn hub. It includes representatives from Brooklyn School, Brooklyn Community Association, WCC and the Ministry of Education. Since forming, they have drafted a terms of reference for the group, carried out research to understand more about the people who live in the wider Brooklyn area, created a map of parks and community locations, and compiled the content from the earlier Kaka Project engagement where you told us what was great about Brooklyn, what could be improved and what we should focus on first.

The Brooklyn Hub Steering Group are using these elements to form a brief, from where they will recruit a design specialist to bring these thoughts to life by creating options of what a hub for Brooklyn might be. They will share

these ideas with you in the coming months – watch this space!

The group for the **Vogelmorn Precinct**, has now formed. Members of the steering group are Jaime Dyhrberg (WCC), Phil Clatworthy (Vogelmorn Tennis Club), Jeremy Macey (Vogelmorn Community Group) and David Bagnall (Ridgway School). The group is looking to establish a "participatory design" process managed by an enthusiastic team of local architects and designers. This cooperative design process will draw on the Kaka Project feedback and will involve further community consultation about options. The aim is to have a preferred option ready for the WCC to consider as part of its annual plan process next year.

Watch this space!

Contact: Jaime Dyhrberg 04 803 8686  
[jaime.dyhrberg@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:jaime.dyhrberg@wcc.govt.nz)





## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

We have a new Acting Chair.

Katie Underwood has kindly offered to take on this role until the next AGM. The Committee would like to thank the previous Chair for the last three terms, Simon McLellan. For those who are unaware, there has been some protest from the community at Simon having an official role as technically his residential address falls just outside the 'Brooklyn' boundary as defined by the Brooklyn Residents Association Constitution. There is ongoing discussion over just where those boundaries should lie. As the Vogelmorn Residents Association has not formally met recently we would like to open up the conversation about an enlarged boundary for the Brooklyn Residents Association that would extend from Panorama Heights and Kowhai all the way through Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogeltown and to Kingston. This area would then align with the broad catchment that generally consider themselves as associating with the Brooklyn area and also align with the boundaries of the Kaka Group.

Any change to the Constitution must be made at an AGM after 2 months notification of the proposed change. So the community has a bit of time for discussion before any change would be formally put forward or actioned. There may be other aspects of the Constitution that could do with review at the same time, so feel free to come forward with any suggestions.

Representatives from the Association were recently invited to attend a Mayoral event at the Begonia House in the Botanic Gardens, along with other

Residents Associations and Community Centre representatives. Our Treasurer, Sam Donald attended on behalf of BRAI and Euan Harris attended with John Barnhill on behalf of the BCA. It was great to meet people in similar roles from other suburbs and it was also a good opportunity to touch base with WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) representatives.

The Mayor and Councillors passed on their appreciation for the huge number of volunteer hours that get put into Residents Association activities.

As the ongoing role of the Kaka Group is still being developed their meetings will run separately instead of combining with BRAI.

The next meeting of the Brooklyn Residents Association is scheduled for **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm** at the Brooklyn Resource Centre. We hope to see you there.

Katie Underwood - Acting Chair: 027 248 2061

Carl Savage - Secretary: 934 9348 / 027 2808934

Sam Donald – Treasurer: 021 0231 3939  
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Please note BRAI no longer has a PO Box. The postal address going forward is:

Brooklyn Residents Association (Inc.)  
36 Jefferson Street  
Brooklyn  
Wellington, 6021

## Brooklyn Community Association **67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** **2pm Sunday 20 September 2015**

Brooklyn Community Centre  
18 Harrison St, Brooklyn

### **Standing for re-election**

Kay Miller, President

Philip Duncan, Treasurer

Perry Aspros & Jeremy Chang, Facilities

Jessica Fa'aea, Childcare Programs

Dinesh Gupta, Community Liaison

John Barnhill, Civil Defence & Emergency Management

Chris Rabey, Historian

### **Standing for election**

Jenny Ralston, Communications

Jeremy Macey, Vogelmorn Community Group

### **Program**

Welcome

Design Competition Awards

Minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> AGM

President's and Treasurer's Reports

Elections

General Business

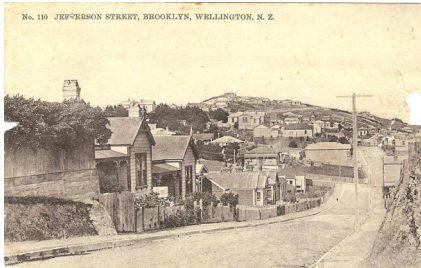
Afternoon Tea

**ALL WELCOME**

## History

Our Resource Centre in Jefferson Street, so very popular today, has had an interesting history, tinged with some sadness.

Jefferson Street was quickly built on when lots were subdivided after the breakup of Goathurst Farm, which covered a large tract of land stretching from Seagars Hill (top of Jefferson), across to Brooklyn School and beyond, and down to Ohiro Road.



Most of the houses were completed by the 1920's, among them No 36. The Hyde family of Arthur, wife Elizabeth, and children Jean, Nola and Norman, lived in the house until the closing years of World War 2. Arthur was a tram driver so was at home at odd hours. In 1943, both girls were grown up and living away with only the son at home. One day in December that year, a tragedy occurred when Elizabeth gassed herself at home, after hearing she had cancer.

Arthur and Norman moved out soon after, then the Mainland family bought the house and lived in it for about 12 years,

then the Vekula family from Niue bought it and lived there till the 1970's, then the Franks lived there but both parents died, and the family didn't want the house so it remained empty for a year or more.

A couple of years earlier, in 1977, a group of local residents formed a steering committee, with Shirley Rutherford from the hospital as coordinator, to set up a resource centre, after one of the committee, Ruth Garland, found services for the elderly to be quite scattered. They wanted a one stop shop where older people could get together and learn about community services available to them. Molly Brown and Mrs. Carr were also instrumental in the creation of the centre.

While Brooklyn already had the Community Centre, it lacked the facilities for the elderly the Committee was pushing for.

The Committee were a group of people and organisations from all walks of life - nurses, lawyers, tradesmen, Lions Club, etc. They found 36 Jefferson Street to be an ideal site for the Centre so decided to buy it. They looked for funding but were knocked back constantly.

Eventually the Committee approached the Lotteries Board, which initially denied funding. "They said we needed a backer", recalls Ruth. When the Brooklyn Lions Club offered to back the Committee, the Lotteries Board handed out the grant Ruth's late husband, Nick, happened to be President of the Lions at the time, so this no doubt influenced the Lions decision to support the application.

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## Brooklyn Tattler layout person needed

We're looking for a  
volunteer to take over  
the Tattler layout role.

Is it you?

Please contact Euan Harris  
384 6799  
[brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz)

## Brooklyn Community Association AGM

**Sunday 20 September  
at 2pm**

**Brooklyn Community Centre  
18 Harrison Street**

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The house was acquired by the Brooklyn Lions Club in August 1979 with the help of a grant from the welfare for the aged distribution of the NZ Lottery Board. The Lions then obtained the necessary building permits and consents then began the huge conversion project in March 1980 to turn it into a resource centre serving the Brooklyn Community.

For the next 3 years the Lions had working bees every weekend, where they gutted the house, repiled it, stripped the front and back areas of greenery, concrete, etc., and rebuilt the house. It was a unique project, with the Lions enjoying a near 100% commitment by its members. The Project gained lots of media attention as well. An added bonus was that there were tradesmen within the Club's members - builders, a plumber and an electrician, who could supervise some of the jobs. Other Lions Clubs pitched in as well. For Lions members still living in our area, Murray Snowden, Max Young, Chris Rabey, Paul Burgess, Robin Buxton, it became a 'labour of love', as we all enthusiastically pitched in each weekend.

As the entire rebuild was done with volunteers, except for one period when a joiner was hired, the project took 3 years, with its official opening as the Brooklyn Resource Centre occurring in August 1983. It quickly became a place where elderly people could meet for a variety of activities over a cuppa and a bite to eat.

The front and back of the property was landscaped and planted, the back section was planted with veges and herbs, and became a nursery, still used today by the Brooklyn Garden Club.

Since 1983 the Centre has been widely used on a daily basis, hosting films then DVD screenings, Mah Jong, a knitting circle, exercise classes, Plunket clinics, lunches, guest speakers, etc. There is a lawyer, a GP, a podiatrist, all on call.

Sister Monica was the mainstay of the Resource Centre in its early years. She had recently retired from Erskine College but needed another project to stimulate her, so she met Shirley's husband Peter who told her about the Resource Centre, so she came on board and was to remain there for many years.

Wellington City Council funding pays for coordinator Jenny Swan, who has been at the centre ever since it began, she works with a volunteer group which still includes Ruth Garland, one of the original instigators.

The Centre celebrated 25 years of operation in August 2008, and an afternoon programme of events was held on 22 August, culminating in the cutting of a cake followed by afternoon tea.

Recent recarpeting of the main room has further enhanced its appeal.

Regards

**Chris**



## UPSTREAM Friends of Central Park

We are proud to be the **Runners Up in the Community and Environment section of the Wellington Airport Community Awards for 2015.**

The award ceremony, held in August at Te Papa Marae, was an inspiring occasion, demonstrating the commitment and achievements of volunteers in a wide range of activities in the Wellington region.

The awards are jointly decided by Wellington Airport, Wellington Community Trust and the Wellington City Council and the winner of our section was deservedly the Newtown Fair which reduced its waste by 50% at the last fair by recycling and composting.

Thinking of other groups...the birds from Zealandia have literally flown the nest with several reports of breeding pairs in the Polhill Gully above Aro Street and Holloway Road. Central Park is only just over the hill and we are considering how we can best make the park a safe site for any adventurous pairs that are looking for nesting sites in a new neighbourhood! Already there are daily kaka visits and various other native species feeding in the area.

We will be exploring the idea with a talk at our September working bee from Ilona Keenan, Wellington City Council Biosecurity Technical Advisor for WCC. One option is to establish current baselines of birds and predators and decide from there what need there is for monitoring and pest trapping. Contact Lynne White at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz) or mobile 027 446 5837 if you are interested in helping in any way.

The last Sunday in August saw 19 of us, including several new members, busy planting – a lovely sunny morning in defiance of the weather forecast! We planted more kahikatea and rewarewa plus small shrubs on the slope next to the flaxes (top of Brooklyn Road and Ohiro Road). WCC previously sprayed the area which is a great help in allowing the shrubs a grace period to establish themselves.

### Our next Working Bee is Sunday 27 September

We will be weeding our previous plantings alongside the stream and now extended into other areas.

### Working Bees

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

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



**ABOVE:** Members displaying their Wellington Airport Community Award.



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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FRIDAY CIRCLE:

Cars will collect you if needed.

### Programme:

Craft activities	9.30am
Morning Tea	10am
Lunch	12noon
Arthritic Exercise	1.30pm
Guest Speaker	2pm
Afternoon Tea	3pm

### Speaker line up for September and October

18<sup>th</sup> Sep

Sally Carman  
(armchair travel)  
Iran in the spring

25<sup>th</sup> Sep

Megan Samuel  
from her own book  
of poems -  
Along the way

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Nicol Yan  
From China to New  
Zealand  
(armchair travel)

9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Toby Gilbert  
My weight loss  
journey &  
aspergers

We are currently looking for regular meals on wheels drivers for Mon/Weds If you can help please contact Gabby on 027 440 9980. Also if you have any spare time on a Friday morning or afternoon we would like drivers to help with our Friday circle pick ups and drop offs. Please phone Jenny on 384 4299

New people are welcome to join our Friday circle. We have some really great speakers, good food and company. Come along, we would love to meet you.

We are still after wool for our Tuesday and Friday craft groups. The Neo Natal ladies are always looking for ¾ ply pure wool.

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**Jenny Swan**  
**Co-ordinator**



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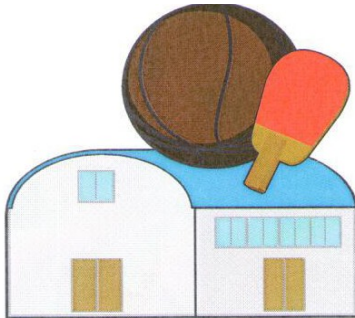
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## Vogelmorn Community Group Update

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

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

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

## Spring Uprising

Our upcoming events include Spring Uprising, a 9-day festival of works-in-progress, conversations and workshops focused on socially engaged and community participatory arts, hosted by Barbarian Productions – see <http://www.barbarian.co.nz/calendar/>

## Koha Yoga Classes

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

## Movie Night

Movie Night - Friday 11 September 7pm  
Featuring *The Yes Men Are Revolting* (2014) BYO bottle and dinner, koha entry

## Rite of Spring

Rite of Spring! Open percussion workshop + lawn party - Saturday 12 September from 4pm

## Kids percussion Workshop

Saturday 12 September 2pm  
For children 8-12 years hungry to learn and experiment! Led by passionate tutor/facilitator Andreas Lepper. Pay what you like, exit koha. Only 20 places available - email [jpmacey@gmail.com](mailto:jpmacey@gmail.com) to book. Andreas Lepper leads another fun-filled session. Just bring some courage and oomph! All ages friendly. Followed by family style party, beats, games and barbecue. BYO bottle and food.

## Organic vege dropoff

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



## Community Activities on Washington Avenue

Want to have learn, grow and have fun!

Check out the wide range of activities for a broad spectrum of the community run at St Matthew's Brooklyn.

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

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

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

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

## Community Groups at St Matthew's

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

Brooklyn Cake Decorating Guild meets monthly

Brooklyn Toastmasters – meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings

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

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

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

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

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## Brooklyn Guides celebrate their achievements

The hard work, commitment and determination of 7 Brooklyn Guides has paid off with the achievement of significant Girl Guiding New Zealand Awards. Stella McGann and Elinor Bann have completed the Guides Aotearoa Award, the highest Award for Guides. This included organising an outdoor camp for a group of younger girls.

At the Wellington Region Girl Awards ceremony on 23 August, Senior Guide Awards were presented to Isabella Soane, Megan Muir and Emily Hill. Ashleigh Gore and Maya Dobson, who linked from Brooklyn Brownies to Guides this term, were recipients of the Gold Koru Award – the highest award in Brownies.

Below the girls share some of the opportunities they have had in Guides, challenges they have taken on, things they have learnt and fun things they have done!

### Elinor Bann

I have been a member of the Guiding movement since I was 4 in 2006 in England and joined Brooklyn Pippins in 2007. I have a huge sense of achievement having gained my Guides Aotearoa Award. My journey through Guiding has given me new experiences, and taken me places I never would have expected. I've gained confidence, decision – making and leadership skills, and created many memorable friendships. Some of my favourite activities have been white water rafting at Regional Camp with the Rangers and taking a leadership

role in my unit as a Patrol leader.

### Stella McGann

I have done many things in my time at Guiding, I most enjoyed running my own camp which was part of my Guides Aotearoa Award. I have also been on many fun outings with Brooklyn Guides, like when we went to the SPCA, when we went to Lanes to go bowling and when we went Ice Skating down at the Wellington Waterfront – this was my absolute favourite experience. Over my time at Girl Guiding I have developed many skills but I think the top three skills which will be useful for my later life would have to be leadership skills through completing my Leadership certificate, camping skills and friend making skills.

### Izzy Soane

As part of my Senior Guide Award I did two hours of community service for the Brooklyn community, cleaning at the Community Centre and it was quite fun. Also at Guides we go on lots of cool camps. At the regional camp my friend Megan encouraged me (with the promise of a Freddo Frog) to go on the rock climbing wall. At the latest camp, Camp Wellywood, we made movies, cooked dinner out of mystery boxes and made tin foil parcels with marshmallows, chocolate and banana in them, which we then melted on the camp fire. It was great fun with great friends and new friends from the Island Bay Guide unit.

### Ashleigh Gore

Last week I attended a ceremony to celebrate me getting my Gold Koru. Continued...



## Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre is open for new enrolments

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Some of the things that I had to do to earn my award were: Science Whiz, 100 Year Anniversary of ANZAC Heritage, Camps and heaps more.

For all of these I got a badge and then we kept a record of it in my Brownie book. At the ceremony I got a certificate and an iris flower. I enjoy going to Guides a lot, and I enjoy it also because I do it with my best friend Maya – you can see her in the photo below with me.



ABOVE: Maya Dobson and Ashleigh Gore (right) with the other Gold Koru Award recipients and Margaret Shore the Wellington Region coordinator.



ABOVE: Izzy Soane and Emily Hill at the Awards presentation with their Senior Guides Award certificates

Brooklyn Guiding is always welcoming of new members! For more information about Pippins, Brownies, Guides, Rangers or leadership opportunities contact Anna Spencer on 027 6375480 or email [brooklynguides@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynguides@gmail.com)



Bouquets to Izzy Soane, Megan Muir and Emily Hill from the Brooklyn Girl Guides for the fantastic work they did at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

What a difference you made to the kitchen and surrounding rooms.

Congratulations on achieving your Senior Guide Awards.



## Photography Fundraiser for Brooklyn Playcentre

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## School News

Term Three is whizzing by and as I write this there are only three weeks left until the school holidays. All our schools have been busy this month with Artsplash with lots of enthusiasm and some great talent displayed all round.

A visit from the Epsom Girls' Choir was a highlight for Brooklyn School this month. The choir was in Wellington to take part in a "Big Sing" competition and achieved a gold placing.

The year 3 to 6 pupils at Brooklyn School have had some fun outings this month with a trip to the City Gallery to take part in the Lego Demented Architecture display; a visit to the Gallipoli exhibition at Te Papa; and an excursion to Capital E. By the time you read this Year 7 and 8 students will have had a trip over to Carterton School. Year 5 and 6 pupils and staff are also enjoying some new "modern learning environment" furniture that was recently delivered.

St Bernards' students and staff celebrated the feast day of St Bernard on the 20<sup>th</sup> August and have been busy rehearsing their production of "Pirates versus Mermaids." Demand for tickets has meant an extra evening show has had to be scheduled. The production is set to take place later in September. The students have also found some time to do some gardening this month with a load of compost being delivered to the school. Everyone is now keen to see the difference the compost will make to the growth of the plants. On the 21<sup>st</sup> September some of the students will be visiting Wellington Girls' College to take

part in a science roadshow there which focuses on exploring science and technology using "touch and feel."

Over at Ridgway basketball hoops and court markings are to be installed soon and ideas are coming in on how to have other parts of the outdoor areas brightened up with artistic designs for games. Fundraising money that has previously been raised has been earmarked for this work. On the subject of fundraising, Ridgway will be having a movie night on 12 November showcasing the new James Bond Spectre movie. Tickets will be on sale next month. Plans are now also well underway for the Brooklyn School fair to be held in November.

Term Three finishes on 25 September for all our schools with Term Four commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> October. **Julie Seevens**



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### UPCOMING EVENT

**Brooklyn School Fair**

**Sunday 22 November 2015**

## Lines from the Library

Hello and Goodbye Brooklyn.

This is sadly my final contribution to the Brooklyn Tattler on behalf of Wellington City Libraries as I am moving to Australia.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you who visit the Brooklyn Library and I will sincerely miss being involved in your community.

To coincide with my international move I would like to recommend four very different and remarkable new travel books in the Wellington City Libraries' collection.

"The Trivia Lover's Guide to the World: Geography for the Lost and Found" by Gary Fuller is a fact filled guide that teaches you the best bits about a place. Do not confuse the trivia with being trivial though; the information Fuller provides is useful and eye-opening for anyone who wants to get to know their world better.

Contemporary travel books are no longer needed just to explain how to get from A to B, engaging travel guides now address the untold stories and histories of places to enlighten and beguile travellers with their destinations. In the late nineteenth century, people were obsessed by one of the last unmapped areas of the globe: the North Pole. "In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeanette" by Hampton Sides tells the tale of the ambitious explorers who set out to find what existed beyond the ice at the northernmost point of the world. The thrilling account exemplifies the

dangers pioneering travellers faced in their determination to reach their destination.

Kate Brown, the author of "Dispatches from Dystopia: Histories of Places Not Yet Forgotten" has sought to explore the ways people come to understand a particular place, its people, and its history. Dispatches from Dystopia powerfully and movingly narrates the histories of locales that have been silenced, broken, or contaminated. A pioneer in her own right, Brown visits relatively ignored locations to discover their secrets and the people who keep them.

"Travel with children: family-friendly travel without the fuss" written by Sophie Caupeil and four others is a practical guide to traveling with children and actually enjoying it. "Discover how travel can be the greatest education as your kids explore different cultures, meet local families and answer the age-old riddle, 'Are we there yet?'" It includes destination ideas, practical information and kid's activities compiled by Lonely Planet, the original travel gurus.

The world is your oyster, or so I'm told. I hope to see you all before I go.

**Hannah Gorman**





## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Food Group

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

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

### Brooklyn Mainly Music

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

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

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

**Fridays** - starting 9:30am at St Matthew's Church lounge, 96 Washington Avenue. Contact Lynne 389 3424

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

### Brooklyn Smallbore Rifle Club

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

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

### Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club for primary school kids (yr1-3)

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club is open to all primary school kids aged 5-8 (yr1-3) who want to play hockey.

Just come along. Practice time is between 4-5pm on Fridays. During winter (term 2 and 3) we will mainly practice indoors at Bell Rd Gym in Brooklyn. These are the confirmed days at Bell Rd gym in 2015: 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 24, 31 July, 7, 14, 21, 28 August. Visit <http://www.playhockeynz.com/brooklyn-hockey.html> for more info.

## Are you ready for a disaster?

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

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

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

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



## GROUP ROUNDUP

### Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Next meeting:

7pm on Sunday 11 October at  
Brooklyn Community Centre  
Singing, meditation & medium.  
For details phone Tania: 384 8968 or  
0274 838 565

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### Brooklyn Walkers

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

**14 Sept** - Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Stellan Memorial Nth walkway, Grant Rd to City. Take 9:18am No 7 bus to catch 9:53am No 23 bus on Lambton Quay.

**21 Sept** - Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens to coincide with rose or tulip viewing.

**28 Sept** - Mana, Acheron Road, Mana View Road, Penryn Drive, through reserve, Pendennis Point, down to water front and along Cambourne walkway back to Mana. Take 9:18am No 7 bus to catch 9:44am train.

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### Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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

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

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### Brooklyn Scouts

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### Brooklyn Garden Club

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

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### Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church, Washington Avenue. For details phone Deb on 027 444 9622 or email [dlambie@live.com](mailto:dlambie@live.com).

<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

### Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

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

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### Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call: Martin 389 8995 or Janet 385 2077

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### Upstream -

#### Friends of Central Park

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

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

### Brooklyn Local History Group

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

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

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### St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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

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

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

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

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

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