

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	3 to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8.30 to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 th Wednesday of the month Phone 387 8345 for details.
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays - meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9.30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 2.45pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesdays in the lounge. Morning & afternoon sessions. Contact: Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
PILATES	Mondays 9.15 to 10am. Fridays 9.30 to 11.30am. Ph. Beth 389 1599
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays and Sundays 6pm. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am to 11.30am in the hall and lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5.30 to 6.15pm & Thursdays 4.45 to 5.30pm Seniors: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5.30 to 6.30pm New classes - Kardio Karate and Karate Stretch. A no fuss 30 minutes pad work class. Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Evening Kardio Karate: Wednesdays 7.30 to 8pm. Day Kardio Karate: Tuesdays 10.45 to 11.15am & 12noon to 12.30pm. Karate Stretch: Tuesdays 11.20am to 11.50am Thursdays 6.30 to 7pm. For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6.30 to 8pm in the hall. Ph. Michael 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Wednesdays 8.15pm till late. Phone Philip 934 7445 or Ben 384 9060
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6.30pm First class free, \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market is Saturday 31 August 9.30am to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Phone 384 6799

Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall can be hired for functions.
Office hours: 8.30am-1.30pm Monday to Friday
Phone: 384 6799. Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler



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BROOKLYN SHOWCASE

Saturday 14 September 2013

Brooklyn Community Centre

18 Harrison Street

1 - 4pm

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Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Another month has gone and the school term is well underway. We had a very successful school holiday programme during the latter part of July, which ended with a party day on the last Friday, including a barbecue.

For preschoolers we have a new Tots Music class on Tuesdays in the Community Centre lounge with morning and afternoon sessions. For more details phone 976 8742, email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or go online to: www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz

Luckily neither Brooklyn Community Centre or Vogelmorn Hall suffered any damage in the July earthquakes. As for many people, the events were a timely reminder to stock up on emergency supplies both at home and also at work.

We are looking forward to September with a number of events planned, including the Brooklyn Showcase at the Community Centre from 1 – 4pm on Saturday 14 September. Fingers crossed for fine weather. We have our annual Kids Market on the last Saturday in September from 9:30am to 1pm, where kids can have stalls, plus there will be extra activities, and our usual core group of regulars. We recently surveyed stall holders about the idea of reducing the frequency of our markets to four a year. The majority of stallholders voted to continue with monthly markets, not only to sell their goods, but also to keep in regular contact with each other.

We have approached the Brooklyn Resident's Association with the idea to run a Meet the Candidates public forum at Brooklyn Community Centre, to which all the people running in the Lambton Ward will be invited to speak. More details in next month's Tattler.

In February this year we produced a special extended print run of the Tattler in colour, which was distributed to Brooklyn households. This proved so successful, that we decided to do it again next month. So look out for a free copy delivered to your mailbox in September. And a reminder that you can now view each month's Tattler online at our website, plus access information on activities and groups at Brooklyn and Vogelmorn Halls by going to:

brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

At the end of July we signed a three contact with Wellington City Council for continued operational grant funding, which includes money set aside for the running of Vogelmorn Hall. Many people, including regular and one off users, appreciate the facilities Vogelmorn has to offer.

And finally on 29 September, Daylight Saving begins, which most of us look forward to with the promise of warmer weather to come.

Have a great month

Euan Harris
Co-ordinator
Brooklyn Community Centre &
Vogelmorn Hall



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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 30 August 2013

Email: kunderwood@leaders.co.nz with your contribution.

Councillor Comment

At the time of writing Wellington has come through well after a significant earthquake. But it is a timely reminder to be prepared. It is not expensive or time consuming to make a plan and to get your emergency supplies together. For more advice go to www.getthru.govt.nz.

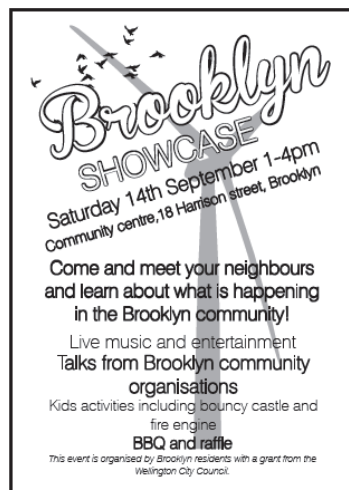
A more complex issue is how we will strengthen the hundreds of earthquake prone buildings around the city, a few which are in Brooklyn. We have made very good progress in the last few decades but much more remains to be done. The key issue is how we will pay. My view is that a partnership approach between building owners, the Council and Government is the best way forward. It is a critical public safety issue and government needs to be involved. Grants, targeted rates loans and tax breaks are all possible solutions.

The City and Regional Councils are currently consulting on what sort of transport system that we should have into the future through the CBD and out to the hospital. We have an option between light rail and buses.

evaluated (especially for light rail which have been overestimated in my view). But this is a once in a generation chance to have your say on how we get around the CBD. For more info [http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/ptspinestudy?](http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/ptspinestudy?mod=ule=survey&survey_tool_id=2#tool)
Submissions close 30 September.

A final reminder to make sure you are enrolled for Local Body elections in September/October. You can do that here <https://enrol.elections.org.nz/app/enrol/>

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Programme:

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

Speakers for August 2013

16 Aug: Laurie & Pat Perkins
'Travels of Asia'

23 Aug: 30th Birthday afternoon tea
1-3pm. Come & enjoy
afternoon tea with us past &

present members welcome.
You may have a story from
the past 30 years you may
like to share with us.

30 Aug: Glynis Denz
Healthcare field officer for
Bupa.

6 Sept: The Wadestown Singers

Its our 30th Birthday! The centre was
opened on the 20th of August 1983 by
our local MP Frank O'Flynn QC.

We have many groups and activities
on offer at the centre, please feel
welcome to come and join us. You
may have an idea to create something
new.

We have planted all of our vegetables
and pots of colour in the back garden.
The spring flowers are out already.

Thank you to all of our speakers, we
really enjoy Friday afternoons 2-3. If
you would like to be a speaker please
give me a call.

We are still needing a new piano for
the centre. If you have one you would
like to donate, we would love to
receive it.

We hope to see you on the 30th for a
cupper and a chat;

Jenny Swan



GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Walkers

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

12 Aug: Walk to Adelaide Rd, High School, No. 3 bus to Kilbirnie, walk to city (9.30 start).

19 Aug: Ashton Fitchett Rd, Zealandia, Mitcheltown, St (walkers 9.10 start, others 9.25 No. 8 bus to Ashton Fitchett)

26 Aug: Walk to Quebec St, Wharangi Track starts at left of Maori memorial, follow unsealed tracks in a series of loops to Happy Valley Rd walk to

Brooklyn (Walkers start 9.20, others 9.44 No. 7 bus).

2 Sept: Manor Park, river walkway, Melling Station (9.18 No.7 bus, 10.05 Hutt Valley train).

Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

A small, friendly group, we welcome new members of all ages and abilities. We have three tables with

good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use if you do not have your own. For further information phone: Philip on 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

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

Cubs 7-11 years – Mondays 6.30-8.00pm

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

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan gavin@mcglashan.co.nz phone 939 3222

Brooklyn Garden Club

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

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

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

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

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30 -8.00pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Phone Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohio Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call: Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995

Brooklyn Community Association

Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelhorn Hall for hire, and plenty of activities for all. View our website for details: www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz Coordinator, Euan Harris ph. 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Central Park Care Group

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 times.

Contact Debbie on debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

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

7 September, 19 October, 30 November

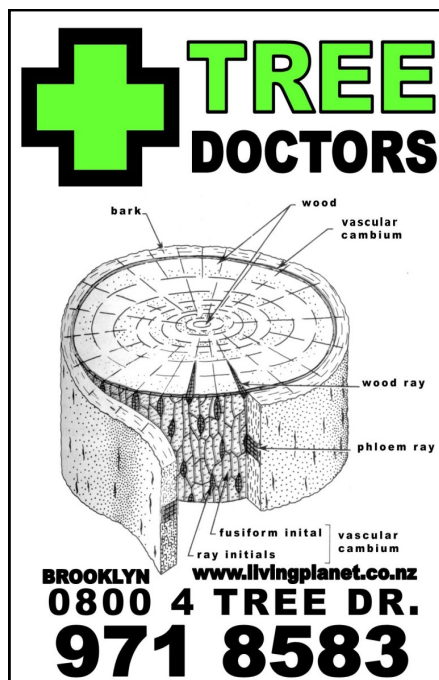
Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 387 1487, email sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com or Chris Rabey: 384 9293

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

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

A school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Their insight may surprise you.

Here are my favourites...



- 1: Don't change horses...
...Until they stop running
- 2: Strike while the...
...bug is close
- 3: It's always darkest before...
...daylight saving time
- 4: A miss is as good as a...
...Mr
- 5: You can't teach an old dog...
...new math
- 6: Love all, trust...
...me
- 7: The pen is mightier than the...
...pigs
- 8: A penny saved is...
...not much
- 9: When the blind lead the blind...
...get out of the way
- 10: Where there's smoke...
...there's pollution
- 11: Two's company, three's...
...The Musketeers
- 12: Don't put off till tomorrow what...
...you put on to go to bed
- 13: Children should be seen and not...
...spanked or grounded
- 14: An idle mind is...
...the best way to relax
- 15: Don't bite the hand...
...that looks dirty
- 16: Better late than...
...pregnant

Brooklyn History

St Bernard's Church, on the corner of Taft and Lincoln Streets, has had an interesting history.

It began its life as St Anthony's, having initially been offered a location at the corner of Connaught Terrace and Washington Avenue. However a more central position was needed the land came up for sale at the top of Seagar's Hill, which the Roman Catholic Church immediately took up. Mr Swan was the architect with Mr Browman being contracted to build the church. Under the direction of Father (later Archbishop) O'Shea, a suitable church was erected. The cost of the section was £525 and building the Church cost £750.

The church in Brooklyn was blessed and opened by Archbishop Redwood on 11 June 1911. It was reported "the day of opening it rained steadily and heavily all afternoon and the streets of Brooklyn were awash with muddy water, but nevertheless every seat in the Roman Catholic Church was filled at the consecration ceremony. The church stands prominently on the Brooklyn Hills and overlooks the city and harbour". Seagar's Hill, on which the church stood, is where the present Harbour View Flats are now, up the road past Manston Flats.

Ten years later, in the 1920's, the next stage in parish development occurred – the provision of a school to provide Catholic education for the children. The Sisters of Mercy generously offered two Sisters to begin the new School, namely Sisters Boniface & Fabian.

Despite having poor playground space (it was only hard clay and very exposed to all weathers), and the fact the school had

its equipment, desks, etc. removed each weekend to allow for Mass to be conducted, then put back on Sunday night the Sisters and 69 children worked, prayed and played with great success for close on 14 years.

In the 1930's a section in Taft Street came on the market and the Catholic Church decided to purchase, with the intention of building a school on it. In 1946, another section, on the corner of Taft and Lincoln Street also came up for sale and again the Catholic Church purchased it, as the current church had become too small with no space for expansion.

In February 1949 St Anthony's Church, still in excellent condition, was brought down from its site at the top of Seagar's Hill and re-sited to the corner of Taft and Lincoln Streets. It was transported in large sections on tram-lines down the steep hillside to Ohio Road. From there, horsedrawn lorries took the sections to Taft Street. On completion of the rebuild it was extended by a third of its original size. Another 25 feet was added and it was rebuilt on concrete foundations. There was a house on the site which was later used as a Presbytery Services from October 1949, but it was not until February 1961 that its name was changed to St Bernard's Church.

Another story next month.

Regards,

Chris Rabey



School News

Not a great deal of news from our schools this month as they've been on holiday. What a great winter holiday it's been with two weeks of brilliant weather!

In July all our local schools took part in the annual Orange Day Parade when children who take part in Road Traffic Patrols march through the city with their banners to Civic Square. Here they are addressed by the Mayor, thanked for their dedication throughout the year and receive prizes in various categories. This year Ridgway School patrol won the prize in the top category - Best Patrol! Well done Ridgway.

There was minimal damage done to schools in the area by the storm. **St. Bernard's** had a bank collapse, **Brooklyn** lost a window, a skylight and some guttering and **Ridgway** closed for one day because of hazardous road conditions around the school.

September should see the end of **Brooklyn's** leaky building remedial work and there will be a collective sigh of relief to have all their buildings and playgrounds back in use.

Thirty lucky Year 6 Brooklyn School children attended the State Welcome at Government House for Mr Taur Matan Ruak, President of Timor-Leste and were granted an audience with the Governor-General and the President.

Term 3 closes Friday 27 September.

Childcare

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A large group of volunteers met on a beautifully sunny Sunday morning to plant just under 200 Asplenium Oblongifolium (Shining Spleenwort) ferns around the Brooklyn Hill Road/Washington Ave entrance to the park. These ferns are native to the area and already grow in other parts of the park. The plan is to extend the planting further under the trees and down the banks creating an attractive glossy green understory that will contrast well with the existing gum trees. The council did a good job clearing the weeds so that the new plants can thrive without competition.

The path by the stream suffered severe damage in the recent storm; one bridge was completely destroyed and another damaged by fallen pines. A large tree has fallen across the path from Ohiro Road down to the main entrance. The path is still walkable providing you can cope with a small clamber through the branches.

Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at the bridge nearest the main gates at the bottom of the park.

For more information, contact Barbara at behardy@clear.net.nz or 3845249 or Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Dear Editor – just received a copy of the “Brooklyn Tattler” which was on the counter at the local wine shop, the cellar Room. I also brought a fabulous bottle of red wine.

New to your suburb – and a new and interested reader of “Brooklyn Tattler” – it would be great to support local businesses and include something like “Wine of the Month” in your newsletter.

The wine I just bought there was a bottle of Faustino V11 – Tempranillo 2010 – Rioja, and is from Northern Spain – and it is fantastic! Maybe the owner could write a little about the wine which is named...

Just think'in!

Kind regards
Christine

Feldenkrais

Classes at Vogelmorn Hall
Mondays 10am to 11am
7pm to 8pm

Wednesdays 10am to 11am
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FOOS

Storms last month, earthquakes this month! I hope all Tattler readers suffered no substantial damage. The saying is that things come in threes, and after these two disasters your columnist suffered one of her own, upsetting a paint tray onto our good carpet while painting the dining room. However, all is well, and the walls look lovely.

Last month I wrote that we were to hold our Big Planting Day on Saturday 13 July; however the weather during the week had been so abysmal, and the forecast for the Saturday not much better, we postponed it until this month. The continuous rain had made for a very slippery site and unpleasant working conditions, so instead of a large gathering planting various sites we had our usual stalwarts planting on the roadside. One advantage of all the rain was that the ground was mostly relatively easy to dig, rather than being its' usual rock hard state.

A month or two ago I wrote that we had a limnologist in our small team; you might like to know that at present we also have a dendrologist working with us. Dendrology is: the study of woody plants, usually focussing on economically useful woody plants. Rob is also a committed environmentalist, and at the shade house he is experimenting with planting plants in plant communities. This means that instead of nice neat rows of the same species, everything will be all muddled up! Having spent so much time making everything neat and orderly however will we shade house ladies cope! One definition of a plant

community is 'a group of plants that co-exist in space and time and interact directly or indirectly - by interact we mean affect each other's population dynamics.' It includes, for example, the whole forest population from the podocarp overstory (rimu and totara etc.) down to the mosses on the forest floor. So, we have some totara underplanted in the same container with some sedges, which will be planted out all together, the sedges acting as a ground cover to keep weeds away from the totara. It sounds a neat solution, and we will be thrilled if it actually works in practice.



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Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

The Residents Association hope you and your family are all well after the recent earthquake swarm – including the 6.5R murmur earthquake on Sunday the 21st of July. First, the Great Storm in June, followed by another big storm and now earthquakes. OK mother nature – enough!

That being said, we acknowledge we were very lucky that the earthquakes, especially the big one, were centered over 30km out in the Cook Strait, not under Wellington. We really got lucky here.

When the earthquakes occurred, we did a quick check around of BRAI and some other locals to see if all were ok – and thankfully all were. Noting that while we did this and it did work, the idea of a more formalized community network of contacts and contacting people is worth exploring and worthy of further investigation.

As well the immediate and ongoing local reaction to the earthquakes, the BRAI - as part of its brief to act for and on behalf of the greater Brooklyn community and area on local and citywide issues – are also being kept busy monitoring, reviewing and proactively commenting and challenging:

1: Proposed increases in the size and duration of both the WCC publically run Southern Landfill and privately owned C & D Landfill on Ohiro Road between Brooklyn and Happy Valley. These proposals will potentially mean a continued and possibly increased traffic volumes (especially of large vehicles taking waste to the landfills) that come

right through the heart of Brooklyn Village.

2: Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) ongoing proposed changes to bus services, timetables and reorganisation of bus routes (we look forward to the proposed local service expansion of the Kowhai Park / Panorama Heights full weekend bus service) and how they join together.

3: WCC / GWRC "growth spine" proposal of intensified urban development between Kilbirnie to north Johnsonville. Further development of Brooklyn – these Resource Consents for construction are generally considered Non Notifiable activities. So we have no control or even a modicum input as to what some parties can literally just build and dump in our suburb, or consider the potential scale or impact on traffic for example

4: WCC intention of selling 11 Vennell Street to the Wellington Housing Trust (WHT). This is still a work in progress as to whether it will proceed. The intended positioning of substantial water storage tanks on the Brooklyn / Prince of Wales Park border (possibly 2 years worth of construction here)

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Mayoral Musings

The recent storms and earthquakes have underlined the importance of Wellington's resilience, and how the city's investment in physical, social and community resilience has paid off.

Decades of strong building codes and careful planning have created an increasingly robust city. Our more recent story is an emphasis on community resilience, including Neighbours Day, community earthquake briefings and our Quakecheck offer. This winter Neighbours helped one another and looked out for vulnerable people. Central Park planters are out although clearing the fallen trees will take Council some time. While technology helps us connect globally and get important information in disasters, our local connections stood strong.

Wellington's collaborative strengths mean we also have economic opportunities in this area. I'm excited that Wellington is one of only ten cities worldwide chosen for the UN Habitat 'City Resilience Profiling Programme'. We are also an International Centre of Excellence in resilience research.

It was great to see the Council and

our emergency services partners pull together after the big earthquake. Teams decisively swung into action, ensuring Wellington was rapidly open for business. Check your own emergency planning by visiting www.getthru.govt.nz.

Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington



Harbour City Rotary

donates Defibrillator to Penthouse Cinema & Café

On 24 July members of Harbour City Rotary gathered at Penthouse Cinema to hand over their gift of a defibrillator. It is sited at the theatre for use by staff/patrons and the Brooklyn community.

Jennine Kane of the Penthouse gratefully accepted the presentation by the Past-President Diana Linforth-Howden and thanked them for their earnest fundraising efforts. Jennine stated that "With the broad range of patrons who visit our cinema, it will be most reassuring to have a defibrillator and we look forward to extending our first aid training in this area".

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Lines from the Library

Winter weather has finally arrived and the perfect time to catch up on DVD Box sets you have been meaning to watch.

Over the past few years a quiet revolution has occurred within the film industry with talented writers, actors and directors turning to television, a medium openly spurned by Hollywood for years previously. This trend is due to the rise of a new concept called 'long-form' movies. As explained by Martin Scorsese on the DVD extras of the HBO series 'Boardwalk Empire', TV series are able to present an ongoing story arc over many episodes allowing for deeper character and plot development than offered by the two or three hour duration of traditional movies. Incorporating great scripts, excellent casting and creative directors, the genre was firmly established by the 'The Sopranos', the overwhelming success of which was followed by 'The Wire' and 'Madmen'.

Other early examples worth mentioning are the black comedy drama 'Six Feet Under', which over 63 episodes traces the development of a family funeral business after the sudden death of the head of the family. Dealing with the theme of human mortality, this series won nine Emmys and three Golden Globes. 'Deadwood' also won eight Emmys and a Golden Globe for its fascinating depiction of 'the wild west' as it probably truly was (with lots of cussing), telling the story of the infamous frontier gold rush town that was outside the jurisdiction of American

federal law in the 1860's.

Following are a few recent titles from our collection that come recommended. The fifth season of 'Breaking Bad' has just arrived and this story of a mild mannered chemistry teacher turned drug lord lives up to the hype with its not for the faint-hearted, oddly compelling picture of contemporary America.

For lighter fare, the four seasons of 'Parks & Recreation' come highly recommended as possibly the funniest TV show on offer at the moment.... and if you enjoy that, then the earlier series 'Party Down', which also stars Adam Scott, is great – presenting a hilarious black comedy take on Hollywood and the quest for fame through the eyes of a catering crew.

Last, but definitely not least, is Laura Dern's 'Enlightened', an extra-ordinary HBO comedy/drama, beautifully written, superbly acted, moving, poignant and funny and one of the best series of the year, with season 2 (the final) due soon....

Happy viewing.

John



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