

## 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
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Cats/kittens for adoption in the lounge. Saturday 21 September from 12noon to 3pm
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3 to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8.30am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph.385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	Meet in the RSA room on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month Phone 387 8345 for details.
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays - meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9.30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and school children Tuesdays 2.45 to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10am to 11am Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9.15 to 10am. Fridays 9.30 to 11.30am. Phone Beth 389 1599
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays and Sundays 6pm. Bookings and enquiries to Anu on 021 0269 7038 Email: <a href="mailto:indiancooking@xtra.co.nz">indiancooking@xtra.co.nz</a>
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am to 11.30 in the hall & lounge Ph. Hestia on 801 6814 Email: <a href="mailto:hestia.kelleher@porse.co.nz">hestia.kelleher@porse.co.nz</a>
REMBUDEN KARATE	<b>Beginners:</b> Wednesdays 5.30 to 6.15pm & Thursdays 4.45 to 5.30pm <b>Seniors:</b> Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5.30 to 6.30pm <b>New classes:</b> Kardio Karate and Karate Stretch. A no fuss 30 minutes pad work class. Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. <b>Evening Kardio Karate:</b> Wednesdays 7.30 to 8pm. <b>Day Kardio Karate:</b> Tuesdays 10.45 to 11.15am & 12noon to 12.30pm <b>Karate Stretch:</b> Tuesdays 11.20 to 11.50am 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: <a href="mailto:ferne.david@xtra.co.nz">ferne.david@xtra.co.nz</a>
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market is on Saturday 27 July 9.30am to 1pm. Tables only \$10. Ph. Euan on 384 6799

**Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall can be hired for functions.**

**Office hours: 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Friday**  
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# Brooklyn Tattler



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## WE'RE on the NET !

You can now read Tattler on the Net at  
[www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

If you prefer to have it in your hand, don't despair, we'll  
still be printing it and delivering it to the usual  
pick-up sites in shops and businesses around the area.  
It will also continue to be emailed to those who want it in  
their inbox.

The Community Centre site will also feature other  
interesting and in-depth information.

Well worth a visit - Check it out!

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## Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

This month, more details on our new website which is now live. You can find us at

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

We have been working on this project since late last year, and are pleased to have our own site. Special thanks to the people of Wellington ICT who gave their time voluntarily to make it happen, in particular Justin Meade, the project manager, and local resident Helen Robinson who wrote much of the text. We aim to keep our website updated with new activities and regular group details. You can read the Tattler online in colour, and download a school holiday enrolment form for our next programme which starts on 15 July.

I was reminded that we are now accessible around the world, when I recently received an email from Dave McArthur of Richmond, Canada. Dave wrote to say that his mother's family, the Staples, originally lived in the Brooklyn Community back in the 1930's and earlier. They were very involved with the construction of Vogelmorn Hall. Dave attached several fascinating black and white photos taken inside Vogelmorn Hall in 1933 and 1934. The 1933 photo is of the 1st birthday of Vogelmorn Hall. The stage is easily recognizable. There is a different type of ceiling, and the light fittings have changed. You can view these 2 photos under the gallery tab on our new website, plus photos of our monthly markets, the demolition of the

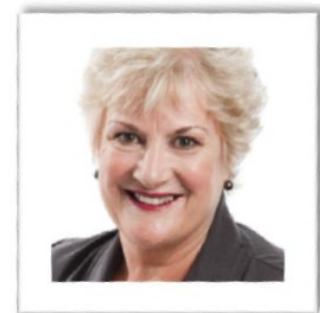
old boy's brick toilet block, and some images from our last school holiday programme.

The back section of the children's playground at the Brooklyn Community Centre remains fenced off, while work is completed on the vacant site, where the boy's toilets were. A new section of boundary fence has been completed. Talks are taking place with representatives of the Community Orchard and Brooklyn Scouts, about catering for their needs, with a proposal to install a shed and water tap for the orchard people and possibility a fire pit for the scouts to use.

June will be remembered for the week of wild weather, which meant the cancellation of several bookings in both our centres. A wrestling match planned for a Friday night in Vogelmorn Hall was postponed. This event was organised by He Toa Sports. We recently had an advertising agency book Vogelmorn Hall for a day's photo shoot for a new clothes collection. The original interior of the hall was just what they were looking for to show case their collection. Plus, local resident Thomas Goss has been conducting piano rehearsals at Vogelmorn. It's been a month of variety at 11 Vennell Street, with wrestling, advertising photo shoots and piano recital bookings.

Have a great month

Euan Harris  
Co-ordinator



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- Class times – Adults - Mondays 6-8 pm, Fridays 5.30- 7.30 pm.  
Children - Mondays 4.45-5.45pm, Fridays 4.30 – 5.30 pm
- Where: Tanera Park Club rooms, 2 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn

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**Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 28 July 2013**

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

## Lines from the Library

I hope everyone is making the most of winter time. A lot of people like to get lost in a good story during the long winter nights - a very enjoyable pursuit - however non-fiction can be just as engrossing, particularly works by the new wave of 'funky academics' who write in lay person's style, illustrate points with examples from their own lives, and who can be very funny.

A friend recently introduced me to the 'School of Life' series that are a rethink of 'self help' books. Based in Central London, the School of Life offers a 'variety of programmes and services concerned with how to live wisely and well'. They have taken the basic idea of self help books and added wit, imagination, great design and a high degree of intelligent insight to create non-self-help, yet immensely helpful guides to modern living. Some current titles are "How To Change the World"; "How To Stay Sane"; "How To Thrive In the Digital Age", "How To Worry Less About Money" & "How To Find Fulfilling Work".

These books are excellent, offering refreshing insight into perennial challenges. In "How to Worry Less About Money", Melbourne Business School philosopher-in-residence John Armstrong begins by telling us: "This book is about worries. It's not about money troubles. There's a crucial difference. Troubles are urgent. They ask for direct action. ... By contrast, worries often say more about the worrier than about the world.

So, addressing money worries should be quite different from dealing with money troubles." He then goes on to explain clearly, and at times using hilarious examples from his own life, how what we perceive as money worries are, in fact, concerns about quite different aspects of our lives and that money has simply become a convenient blanket problem. When we take a peek beneath the blanket some surprisingly refreshing perspectives can be found.

They are quick reads that really can help change perspectives.....

Happy reading.

John.



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Morning Tea 10 am

Lunch 12 noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

**Speakers for June 2013**

12 July DVD

Best of the Queens' Jubilee

19 July: Nick Potter

"Using your computer for

everyday things."

26 July: Trevor Morley  
 "Music man - Old time  
 musical instruments and  
 request session."

2 August: "Bingo"

9 August: Speaker required

Thank you to the speakers at our AGM (Friends of Central Park). You are doing such a wonderful job of looking after a lovely park.

Thank you also to those who attended the AGM. Your time and support is much appreciated. We discussed our very small committee and would love to see new people coming forward to help out. It isn't an arduous task. If you have some spare time, maybe some new ideas, please do come along to our meeting once a month at 36 Jefferson Street.

We have a new addition to our centre - Speech Therapist Munu Richards will join us on Wed 10th July. We are thankful to have her in our community.

We also have a request for 3 & 4 ply pure wool. A lovely group has got together and are knitting booties and beanies for Wellington Neo-Natal Unit. If you have any of this wool, please do drop it off at the centre. I'd be happy to pass it on. Both my daughters were neo-natal, and the joy of a small baby having a pair of booties that fit, is the best feeling.

Jenny



# GROUP ROUNDUP

## Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied and cover 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 on 384 7412 or Clare on 384 9054.

- 15 Jul: Central Park, Tanera Cres, Aro & Norway Sts, Kelburn, City. (9.30)
- 22 Jul: Mana, Acheron Rd, Mana View Rd, Penryn Dr, through reserve, Pendennis point, down to Waterfront and along Camborne walkway back to Mana (9.18 #7 Bus, 9.44 train)
- 29 Jul: Wallace St, through High School to Adelaide Rd, #1 bus to Island Bay, walk to Lyall Bay, start @ 9.30
- 5 Aug: Southgate, Mt Albert, Zoo, Newtown, City (9.20 start for 9.48 #23 bus @ Adelaide Rd)



## Brooklyn Table Tennis

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

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



## Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn. Keas 5-7 years – Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm  
Cubs 7-11 years – Mondays 6.30-8.00pm  
Scouts 11-14 years – Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.  
For more information contact Gavin McGlashan. [gavin@mcglashan.co.nz](mailto:gavin@mcglashan.co.nz) phone: 939 3222



## Brooklyn Garden Club

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



## Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International, and holds

fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment.

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



## Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

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

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

**Brooklyn Guides** meet Mondays 6.30 -8.00pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh 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 on-going and if you would like to find out more about it, call: Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



## Brooklyn Association Community

Brooklyn Community Centre & Vogelmorn Hall for hire, and plenty of activities for all. See the back page of this Tattler for times. For further information and bookings, contact Euan Harris. Phone: 384 6799. Email: [brooklynca@paradise.net.nz](mailto:brooklynca@paradise.net.nz) View us at [www.brooklyncommunity.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunity.org.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.

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



## Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library @ 2pm on the following dates:  
27 July, 7 September, 19 October, 30 November

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: daytime: 387 1487 or email [sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com) or Chris Rabey: 384 9293

## FOOS

### Friends of Owhiro Stream

Well - that was the big storm that was! It seems as if most homes would have suffered some damage, even if only a broken branch or two; and of course many people had much more, trees and fences blown over and bits of barbecues and other stuff blown all over the place. Our favourite walking path down Moturoa stream in Central Park has had a bridge and part of the path destroyed, not serious in the bigger scheme of things but a bit sad nonetheless.

Most of the plants at the shade house are looking as perky as ever - and so they should, supposedly being tough varieties that can look after themselves, but the row of ribbonwood (*Plagianthus Regius*) looked very sad and slightly shrivelled. Could they have got frosted? Could it have been salt spray? Neither seemed particularly likely, given their situation. Looking in my books, they are able to stand up to, or rather bend with, strong winds that would snap other trees - but wait a minute, they're one of New Zealand's very few deciduous trees! So hopefully, come August or September, they will be springing back to life with lovely new growth.

Now for the serious stuff: Our Big Planting Day is this month, **Saturday 13 July 10.00-3.00pm at the Bagel Factory site.**

There will be a variety of planting places, some relatively easy, some more difficult; there will be juice, and biscuits, and a barbecue at around 12.30pm. Bring your children, enjoy meeting other locals, and get a free lunch while doing good work and feeling virtuous! This year we are suggesting that you might like to bring a gardening implement with you, a fork, spade, or grubber. This is because the end of June signals the end of our ten year relationship with Greater Wellington, in which they supplied us not only with funding but also support in the way of advice, manpower, and extra tools and equipment on planting days.

Greater Wellington are no longer continuing their Take Care programme, the result of which, is that instead of having funding for five years at a time, we will probably need to continually apply to Wellington City Council for specific grants. Anyone looking to help with this sort of work please get in touch! With either Martin: 389 8995 or Janet: 385 2077

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

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## What's on at the Movies



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**M** Contains violence and nudity

**1hr 35mins** duration

The 2013 New Zealand International Film Festival starts on 26 July until 11 August. Venues include Embassy Theatre, Paramount, Soundings Theatre, Penthouse Cinema, Roxy Cinema, Light House Petone, City Gallery. Look out for programmes at your local theatre.

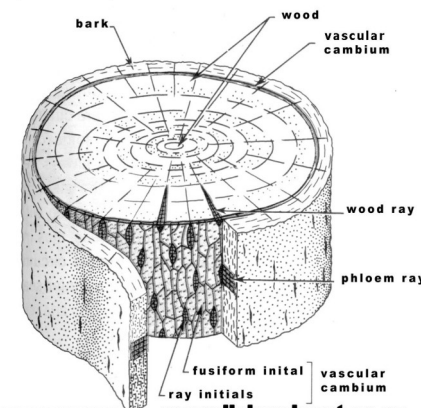
Check out the range of activities at the Brooklyn Community Centre, the Brooklyn Resource Centre and Vogelmorn Hall. There are a heap of activities to choose from; go on, dare to try something new and support the community as well.. Remember, that if we don't use these facilities' we may well lose them.

Would the person who still does not pick up their dog poo please start to do so. It is disgusting to see it all over the footpath.

A big thanks to the Brooklyn Bar and Bistro and to the Realm in Hataitai. They have been collecting the tops of the bottles of wine and giving them to the Brooklyn Resource Centre. The tops are then given to Kidney Kids and are recycled. Apparently this helps pay for dialysis for children. You can collect the screw tops from your wine bottles and drop them into the centre.



Keep Saturday 14th September free for the Brooklyn Showcase. It will involve talks from community groups (including police, fire, civil defence and other groups), live music, a BBQ, kids activities (bouncy castle) etc. watch this space for more information.



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**971 8583**

## Friends of Central Park

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 long term 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 in previously clearing the area of 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, but 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](mailto:behardy@clear.net.nz) or 384 5249 or Debbie at [debbie\\_vanh@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_vanh@yahoo.com)

**Brooklyn Kindergarten** currently has spaces for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years old. Come check us out at 62 Todman St. or give us a call on 385 7313.



### Childcare

Jim Stanton is available for Childcare. She has experience and offers reasonable rates. She is also able to do mealtimes, naps and play time. Contact her on [contactjimstanton@gmail.com](mailto:contactjimstanton@gmail.com) or 021 174 7703

### Babysitting

I'm 16 with child care experience looking for babysitting work in and around Brooklyn.

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Margaret had a baby which died.

On his morning walk from Te Aro to Government house Mr Barwell would talk to Wilhelmina and Maggie Reid who lived in Jefferson Street. The Miss Reid's took the 7:30am tram down Brooklyn Hill and got off at Cuba Street. They worked at the Prestige (or Bonds?) stocking factory.

After retirement Mr and Mrs Barwell wanted a house on flat land, near the shops and doctor. In 1941 they moved to 41 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn. The house was previously two flats. Out the back was a separate flat with a toilet.

Late 1941 Dorothy (nee Campbell) and Rod Johns and baby son Rodney moved from the Cleveland Flats to 43 Jefferson Street, the house next door to Mr and Mrs Barwell.

Mrs Barwell would go to the shops each morning at a certain time. She wore a bonnet and a clean white pinafore, a long dress and carried a bag. Margaret Barwell died on 11/2/1948.

In retirement, Mr Barwell looked after his vegetable garden, carried out simple household repairs, listened to parliament on the radio and frequently went for long walks. He stood erect, with a straight back He made his own yard broom from brush he collected. In his top shed he kept his carpentry and gardening tools. Here he repaired the leather soles of his

walking boots.

In his bottom shed he did make-do plumbing jobs. A rusty section in a metal down pipe was repaired by smearing the hole with thick old paint; covering the 'wound' with a wrapping layer of old rag and securing the 'bandage' with wire braces. He covered the site with a thick layer of old paint.

After Mrs Barwell died, my mother became good friends with Mr Barwell. His house was not well kept and she thought he was poor. In the mid 1950s my mother prepared his evening meals. Part of the fence between the two properties was removed and my father built a small gate. After school I used the gate to visit Mr Barwell every day. I would collect his meal tray. Often he would give me a blackball. Later I took him a tray with his evening meal.

In the 1950s on Christmas day he and his nephew from Auckland, Tony Fernandes (who came to stay in the rear flat over Christmas) came to share the Christmas day meal with the Johns family.

Mr Barwell died on 20/11/1959 aged 86 years.

By Warren Johns  
Warren currently lives in Auckland and kindly supplied this material.

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## Councillor Corner

Thank you again to all of you who gave feedback on the Council's Annual Plan around the future of your library. After taking advice from experts in your community, Council has voted to earthquake strengthen your library to around 35-40% of New Building Standard, the minimum is 34%. The work will be done at the very modest cost of \$132,000. Advice from the community was that higher level strengthening options risked cutting off further options for development in the future. Council has clearly heard the message that you want to be kept better informed about Council actions in the future so we will be talking with you as plans advance for the strengthening the library.

I also heard you clearly when you told Council that you oppose cuts in library services so voted against all proposals to do just that. You may all be pleased to know councillors listened and services will not be reduced in line with that feedback.

The next issue will be to work for increased services in next year's Annual Plan. Alcohol is shaping up to be one of the big issues over the next few months. The Council is consulting on its Draft Alcohol Policy and Strategy until the beginning of August. I very much welcome your feedback on what time you think bars and bottle stores should have to close, sponsorship, liquor bans and more. Info on how to submit is at [www.wellington.govt.nz](http://www.wellington.govt.nz).

Contact: Iona on  
384-3382 or 021-227-8509

It is Sunday and the vicious southerly storm of 19-22 June is abating as I write. It wreaked havoc in parts of the city, particularly the south coast, and electricity was cut off to a number of households. When temperature plummets, when trees block access and when infrastructure is seriously damaged, it is a time to ask ourselves how well prepared we are in our home. Whatever the major disruption, there is every possibility we will be isolated for a period – are we prepared?

The Council has distributed thousands of booklets which list requirements in times of an emergency, as does the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) website. Preparation is important so let this storm remind us: water, First Aid kit, torch and radio, batteries, food, loo paper, plastic bags, face masks.

Responsibility for resilience doesn't just apply to individuals though, for a city must also respond. Heritage gives a sense of place but if a building is earthquake prone (i.e. below 33% New Building Code) and the owner won't or can't strengthen it, if parts could threaten life, consideration must be given by city regulators to its demolition. Further, there must be reliable access in and out of the city, enabling the immediate movement of both people and goods, and this obviously means not just one but various access routes.

The storm was vicious but serves as a reminder and, too, of another important aspect, also promoted by the city: know your neighbours – you will need each other.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns: [ian.mckinnon@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:ian.mckinnon@wcc.govt.nz)

## Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

The Residents Association hope you and your family are all well after the Great Storm of 2013 and you did not suffer too much damage. Rated on a roughly the same scale/above the Wahine storm, we do not have far to look for damage and some terrifying stories. At the time of this article, the Village street lights had not been reconnected. However, residential and commercial properties have power. While there has been some minor damage, a house on Ohiro Road had a tree fall on it causing substantial damage and Carlucciland – a popular spot for minigolf suffered from a large number of trees being knocked down (but now back operating).

We extend our thoughts and thanks to Wellington Electric for their efforts city and region wide for reconnecting and maintaining electrical services.

Similarly, we applaud the efforts of Wellington City Council and their contractors and individual residents and groups who have pitched in to help clean up after the storm. We can, with certainty, say we have lived through a truly historical natural event.

We note with sadness the demolition of the historic toilet block in the Brooklyn Community Centre grounds by WCC. Despite efforts and advocacy to the contrary, they were demolished on the grounds of potential earthquake risk and projected cost of strengthening being too high.

On a more positive note, WCC have decided to proceed with minimum earthquake strengthening of the Brooklyn

Library (and associated flats above). This should not require any closure (at this stage). We look forward to this being done as soon as practicable.

We continue to question and note the WCC intention of selling 11 Vennell Street to the Wellington Housing Trust (WHT). While the WHT appear to have best intentions at heart, the status of the land; the impact on the Vogelmorn Bowling Club, Vogelmorn Hall and Vogelmorn Tennis Club do not appear to have been worked through. This possible land sale is ongoing.

We also note:

# the intended positioning of substantial water storage tanks on the Brooklyn / Prince of Wales Park border  
# WCC having reviewed the Town Belt and are in the process of agreeing to send to Parliament, documentation to enshrine approximately 520 hectares of land in perpetuity as an Act of Parliament, to protect our Town Belt (apparently its current status is legally murky)

# proposed developments along Ohiro Road, in the Brooklyn Rise development and proposed subdivision of land between Ashton Fitchett Drive and South Karori Road – at the back of Long Gully Farm. This all will have an impact on Brooklyn.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at 7pm August 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, on Jefferson Street.

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## Brooklyn History

Edward James Barwell lived at 41 Jefferson Street. He was born on 8/2/1873 in Rangiora. His parents, George, and Anne Barwell arrived (with Susan Barwell) on the ship Zelandia. They went to farm in Balcultha.

Edward Barwell enlisted in the Royal NZ Artillery as a gunner in 1897 and shortly afterwards was appointed to Government House. Over 43 years he served as an Orderly to 9 successive Governors and Governors-General (from the Earl of Ranfurly to Viscount Galway) until he retired 24 October 1940.

Orderly duties included handling the Governor's mail, newspapers and periodicals; answering the telephone, answering bells, attending to the visitors book, hoisting and lowering the flag, recording all registered correspondence, instructing messengers regarding letters for delivery, general office routine, controlling motor traffic, controlling the cloak room and fire guard.

The hours of work were from 8am to 6.45pm Monday to Saturday. Sometime he was on duty in the evenings. His salary in 1932 was 17 shillings per day, £310.5.0 per annum.

Letters held in National Archives, Wellington; Government House files show he was highly regarded: "Invariably courteous and helpful under all circumstances...his genial manner and keen sense of duty...he is a first-class man."

Edward Barwell sometimes accompanied Viscount Bledisloe on his walks. They would go along Cambridge Terrace and come back along Kent Terrace. About 1930, one day they were walking along Cambridge Terrace, near Sussex Street when a 10 year old girl bumped into them. This was Dorothy Campbell who was with her brother Colin and father Walter. Later Dorothy would become his neighbour in Jefferson Street, Brooklyn.

In 1935 the Governor-General Viscount Bledisloe was anxious that Barwell's services might continue to be made available to him until the conclusion of his term of office in New Zealand. He wanted Barwell to continue his work until retirement in 1940. From a letter written by the Official Secretary, 23 March 1935: "Barwell continues to be a well preserved and active man, his efficiency and all-round usefulness have not deteriorated in any way, and these factors combined with his wide knowledge and experience, make him a somewhat difficult man to replace."

In 1938 Edward Barwell was awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for long and valuable service.

Staff Sergeant-Major Barwell took no leave for 15 years. Leave due was 28 days a year for years 1926 to 1940. At his retirement he was granted three months leave on full pay.

He first lived in the army barracks, Buckle Street. He married Margaret Dobson in November 1900 at Sefton. They lived at 6 Irvine Street, Taitville, Wellington. In the early years of their marriage she went on trips with her husband.

## School News

All our local schools suffered minor damage in the recent big blow, but all remained open, except Ridgway which closed on the Friday because of hazardous road conditions.

All schools took part in Matariki celebrations this year. This Maori celebration has become more well known and widely celebrated throughout the country.

All schools are taking part in the annual national Cross Country series with some great local results in the Wellington Central Zone competition.

**St. Bernard's School** said farewell last month to Dr. Kathy Orr-Nimmo who has been a recent member of the School's BoT and a large part of the school's life.

The big storm did some damage to the school's roof and left a huge gap down a bank. That area of the grounds is out of bounds until repairs can be made.

There have been recent changes in the Ministry of Social Development Funding with a large reduction of funding to St. Bernard's Out-of-School Programme. A decision has been made not to run Holiday Programmes for the foreseeable future. After School Care will continue as usual.

A new flyer advertising St. Bernard's is now available from the school.

It is becoming traditional for **Brooklyn School** to celebrate Matariki with lots of activities at school culminating with the "Brooklyn Twinkle".

Our hilly suburb lends itself to this activity which involves the flicking on of lights across the suburb, starting at 8pm from the school.

Brooklyn School did particularly well at the Central Zone Cross Country, with Year 8 girls taking the first five places in their section and overall 40 students going on to the Interzone competition.

Congratulations were in order last month, when Brooklyn School received a complimentary email from a passer-by on Tinakori Hill, where the students were helping plant trees, and then a complimentary phone call from a relieving teacher at Mt Cook Technical Centre commenting on how "well mannered, patient, thoughtful and great listeners" they were. Well done, Brooklyn kids!

**Ridgway School** also celebrated Matariki with activities between 5-7pm at the school including a talk by an astronomer.

Kathryn Smith, the school's new Principal will be starting at Ridgway at the beginning of Term 3. She is currently Deputy Principal at South Wellington Intermediate School where she has been since 2009. She has wide teaching experience over many teaching areas and is looking forward to her time at Ridgway.

All local schools finish Term 2 on Friday 12 July.

Term 3 opens on Monday, 29 July.