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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8.30am–6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph 385-0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	Meet in the RSA room on the 4 th Wednesday of the month Contact Catherine on 387 8345
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays - meet at the Brooklyn Library 9.30am. Phone Susannah 384 7412 for information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7.30pm School Terms. Phone Margaret 389-3028
DANCE ACADEMY	Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers & school children Tuesdays 2.45-6pm Phone: Fiona on 476-7046 or 021 721-020
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10am to 11am Phone Karen on 380 1929
PILATES	Mondays 9.15–10.00am. Fridays 9.30-11.30am. Phone Beth 389-1599
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Tuesdays 10.30am, Saturdays and Sundays 6pm. Bookings and enquiries 0210269 7038 indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Ph. Hestia 801 6814 hestia.kelleher@porse.co.nz
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ROCK "N" ROLL	Thursdays Children's Classes 6.30-7.00pm Adult Classes 7.00-8.00pm General Dancing 8pm-10pm. Ph Gavin 934-5442
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6.30 – 8pm in the hall. Ph. Michael 385 0319 or 027 630 3063
TABLE TENNIS	Wednesdays 8.15pm till late. Ph Philip 934-7445 or Gwen 384-9060
TAI CHI CLASSES	6.30pm Thursdays. First class free, \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie 3891-433 of ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market is Sat. 25 May 2013 9.30-1pm. Stalls only \$10. Phone 384 6799

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

Brooklyn Tattler



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New President - Brooklyn Community Association

Scott Tingey was successfully elected as the new President for the Brooklyn Community Association at the recent AGM. He is a Wellingtonian, having spent most of his life in Lyall Bay/Newtown but has seen the light and moved to Brooklyn in 2009.

He has experience in computer support, business management and public transport. He worked for Go Wellington in Kowhai Park, which was his first involvement with the Brooklyn community and enjoyed reading the Tattler.

Scott has extensive involvement in community organisations including: Air Scouting, PHAB (Physically Handicapped/Able Bodied), Rovers, Armenian Association; motorbike, chess, and roller skating.

Scott looks forward to developing the Brooklyn Community Association for the future residents of Brooklyn.

A big thank you to Perry Aspros, Immediate Past President, for his dedication and commitment as President over recent years.

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Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

It's been a busy month at the Brooklyn Community Centre. We have hosted the Anzac Day morning tea, run a monthly market, and held our AGM during the middle of an exciting school holiday programme. The weather has been kind to us throughout this period, just a few showers on Anzac Day, but not enough to deter many people from turning up to the Community Centre after the service at St Matthew's to catch up over sandwiches, sausage rolls and a cup of tea. It was great to see familiar faces and make some new acquaintances.

Our monthly market was back on the last Saturday in April, with the usual mixture of stallholders, plus several new people. We still charge just \$10 for a standard sized trestle table, or you can have a smaller table at just \$5, like the people selling toffee apples and cupcakes did. Our next market is on 25 May in the main hall. To book phone me on 384 6799 or email:

brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

We had a good turnout of people to our annual general meeting on Sunday 29 April, not a large crowd, but reasonable for an AGM. Cr Justin Lester our guest speaker was well received with his talk on community facilities and libraries, and there were plenty of questions from the floor. After the usual formal business, it was time to elect the new committee. Perry Aspros decided to stand down as president of the Brooklyn Community Association, and he was warmly thanked

for all of his hard work by David Fowler, followed by a round of applause. Perry will stay on as a committee member. Scott Tingey was elected as new president. We also welcome the following people to the committee: Dinesh Gupta, Kay Miller, Fiona Shearer and Phillip Duncan who takes over as treasurer from Kaye Whitehead.

The old boy's brick toilet building on the edge of the Community Centre playground, between the Scout Hall and Community Orchard, has been a familiar fixture for years, but will soon be disappearing, as Council have recently confirmed, that due to the earthquake risk of the brick structure, the former toilet block is to be demolished, with work due to start shortly.

There are two local fundraisers coming up this month. The Brooklyn Playcentre Fundraiser is on Friday 17 May from 7.30pm at the Vogelmorn Hall, and features a night out with Style and Colour Consultant Trudi Bennett of Wardrobe Flair. Then on Saturday 18 May, the Brooklyn and Kingston Plunket are running their popular Pre-Loved Kiddies Clothing, Toys and Equipment sale at the Brooklyn Community Centre from 9.30 to 11.30am.

Have a great month

Euan Harris



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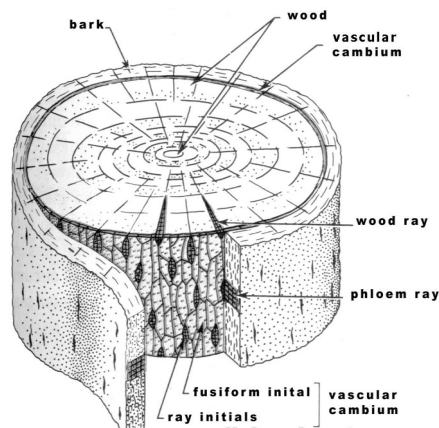
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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 26 April 2013

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Doggie Doos and Don'ts



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THURSDAY:

Spinners and Knitters

1st and 3rd Thursdays 1-4pm.

FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$10

Cars will collect you if needed.

Programme:

Craft activities 9.30am

Morning Tea 10 am

Lunch 12 noon

Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm

Guest Speaker 2pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

Speakers for 2013

10 May: Martina Verberkt

"The love of dolls"

17 May: Wayne Lincoln

"Living in Portland Oregon"

24 May: Robert Mclay
"Travellers tales"

31 May: Judi Thomson
"Greater mobility"
(mobility aids)

7 June: Marianna Richards
"Is ACC working for you?"

The Brooklyn Tattler was delivered further into our community in February and am pleased to report that the feed back was good.

I had 3 speakers come forward & our podiatrist Sharmila also had some new clients who did not know she was @ the centre every fortnight.

Last month one of our members David Wilkie turned 90 years old we all enjoyed his talk & DVD on his parachute jump he did for his Birthday. David travelled to Noumea earlier in April for Anzac Day to mark the 70th anniversary of New Zealand's involvement in the war. We look forward to David telling us about his trip so keep an eye on the Tattler for the date of his talk.

We are also looking for more meals on wheels drivers please. If you can help please give the centre a call.

We look forward to seeing you on a Tuesday for our community lunch 12-1pm. Come out of the cold & into the warmth of our centre for a lovely lunch & a chat.

Jenny

(The lunches are superb, do go and check them out. Ed)

GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Walkers

Join the Brooklyn Walkers and welcome in the New Year. We meet every Monday morning outside the Brooklyn Library and out walks cover most of the Wellington area but are easy and suitable for seniors. For information contact Susannah Ph: 3847412 or Clare Ph: 3849054

- 13 May: Petone Esplanade to Lower Hutt via Shandon Golf Club & Sladden Park (9.38 bus)
- 20 May: Box Hill, Khandallah Village, Bridle Path, Kaiwharawhara (9.18 bus)
- 27 May: Seatoun, Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay, Lyall Bay (9.30 start)
- 3 June: Queen's Birthday
- 10 June: Ashton Fitchett Rd, Polehill Walkway, Te Aro (Walkers 9.10 start, Bus 9.25 start)



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 for use if you do not have your own. For further information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.



Brooklyn Rock 'n' Roll

Come on down to the Brooklyn Community Centre in Harrison Street any Thursday night for an evening of fun.

If you are new to Rock'n'Roll one-on-one instruction is given for -
Juniors (School age) 6.30pm \$2 per night
Beginners 7.00pm \$5 per lesson or \$15 for 4 weeks
General dancing from 8.00pm
The Rock n Roll club is open to all every Thursday – 6.30pm for children, 7pm for beginners and 8pm for general dancing.

For more information call Gavin on 934 5442



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 (04) 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 04 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30 -8. pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph Kathryn Marsh 04 802 5049



Friends of Owhiro Stream

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



Brooklyn Community Association

Hall for hire and plenty of activities for all. See back page of Tattler for times. For further information and bookings Contact Euan at the Brooklyn Community Centre 3846799.



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:

11 May, 15 June, 27 July, 7 September, 19 October, 30 November

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: daytime: 3871487 or email sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com or Chris Rabey: 3849293

Mayoral Musings

Local and Global

In these tough economic times, I reflect that there are both local and global issues at play. Frugality, home vegetable plots, sharing community gardens and creative recycling certainly help.

Working people should be able to have the time to join in civic activities, volunteering to help others or standing as a School Trustee. Some people end up working several jobs to make ends meet. So I support the idea of a Living Wage for Wellington.

New technology changes what jobs are available and what can be manufactured where. Wellington's strengths include being the capital, having a close urban-nature connection and lots of talent in film, digital and programming wanting to live here. Your Council wants to attract businesses and jobs to the city, promote our educational institutes and keep the city buzzing with events.

Economic progress is happening and new businesses are growing - both authentic physical products - and the weightless economy exporting accounting software and smartphone games or services like architectural design. Our city remains a great place to live, work and play.

Send me your favourite *absolutely positive* story to mayor@wcc.govt.nz



The mayor put up a good fight in the recent Celebrity Bike Race as part of the Tour of New Zealand finish on the Parliament forecourt on 27th April.

Ewaste (Electronic Waste)

Wellington region councils have agreed to support my remit to the Annual Conference of Local Government NZ (LGNZ) for a national product stewardship approach for e-waste. e-waste, has for years been a frequent topic of discussion at the regional Waste Forum meetings.

A Waste Minimisation Bill was enacted in 2008, and provided a legislative framework for product stewardship. However, the Government has failed to recognise the need for follow-on regulations to implement the Act. The rest of the developed world put New Zealand to shame. They all have advanced product stewardship schemes while we sit and do nothing.

The switchover to digital television created a fantastic opportunity to address this issue. All we have seen is a subsidised interim take-back scheme (TV Takeback: <http://www.tvtakeback.govt.nz/>). There is an urgent need for a long-term solution to address computers and televisions coming into the country now and into the future.

e-waste initiatives are in the national interest and are relevant to local government because e-waste recovery and recycling is a cost to all of us.

It is hoped that my remit, when supported by all local Government councils at an AGM of LGNZ, will finally push National Government into action.

Cr Paul Bruce

Greater Wellington Regional Councillor

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Brooklyn History

Prior to World War 2, the Baptist church was led by Rev Russell Grave, who had a fruitful Ministry for 5 years till the early years of the War. Rev A Jamieson took up the Pastorate in 1942 and continued for a period of 7 ½ years, which covered the later years of the war and the period of returning soldiers. 52 of our men and women were engaged in serving our country at home and overseas. Five of the young Brooklyn men gave their lives. It was a difficult time owing to the shortage of workers, and Mr Jamieson helped to maintain the work amongst the young people, taking over the leadership of the Life Boys and position of Sunday School superintendent. By 1949 he accepted a position in the Mornington Church in Dunedin.

Mr J E Hopkins, known as the "singing Evangelist", was the next pastor. He always led the congregation in singing, and was known to sing hymns as he walked through the streets of Brooklyn, and other places he went to. However he became quite ill within a short time and had to retire after only two years.

Rev A Loudon then replaced him, and stayed for five years. Again he was keenly interested in the Life Boys, and led them on many occasions.

The Life Boys were the junior arm of the

Boys Brigade and they took religious instruction at a basic level as well as many games and other activities, some times being invited to camps with the older Brigaders. Life Boys usually progressed to become Boys Brigade members, with badges earned for various activities. The Baptist Church was the beginning of the Boys Brigade in Brooklyn, and survived when branches at St Matthew's, and the Methodist Churches, who also started their own Brigades, faded due to lack of membership, and a lack of direction from their respective teachers. Eventually all Life Boys and Boys Brigade members were instructed at the Baptist Church as it had a the strongest troop.

While Boys Brigades are still in existence, they never achieved the same status as Scouts, as they were too church orientated.

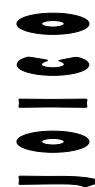
One teacher of these boys was Alan Stead, who was a very popular person with both the life Boys and the Brigaders. Alan moved out of Brooklyn in the 1970's and went to live in Te Horo, where he ran the big red General Store on the main highway, passed by thousands of cars daily, and which is now a popular café. Alan is still working as a store manager at New World in Otaki.

Chris Rabey

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The checks can be done by a practice nurse at your doctor's surgery. You will be asked some questions about your lifestyle and your family history. Your blood pressure will be checked, and you will need to have a blood test. Once the blood test results are through, a risk level is calculated.

Some people will be found to be at moderate or high risk and further follow-up will be needed. This might be working with your nurse and doctor to stop smoking. It might be medication for blood pressure and / or for cholesterol. The management is very much dependent on you and your health status.

Many people will be found to be at low risk and they will be encouraged to maintain this by advice about lifestyle – particularly a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Exercise is recommended not only for reducing risk of heart disease but also for its many other benefits – including feeling better; there is a definite link between regular exercise and good mental health.

For adults the recommendation is at least 30 minutes of exercise on at least five days a week. This can be incorporated into your daily routine, walk a bit further to school with the children or to work, take the stairs instead of the lift. Join a group for exercise, or ask your neighbour to go for a walk or to the pool with you.

The single biggest heart risk that people can do something about is smoking. Being a non smoker reduces heart diseases risk as well as risk of many other illnesses, the common ones being emphysema, lung cancer and visual loss. There are now several subsidised medications to assist with quitting smoking as support programs though Quitline and your general practice. Set a quit date, ask for some help from your family, friends and health professionals and make this a goal for 2013.

If you are in the age groups mentioned above please consider having a heart check and encourage your eligible family members to do so, it is straightforward to do and may make a big difference to your life.

Lynn McBain,
Brooklyn Medical Centre



A big **THANK YOU** to Perry Aspros who has stepped down as President of the Brooklyn Community Association. Thank you for all your hard work over the past few years. And your contribution to the running of the Centre. Hopefully you will still be available to provide guidance where needed to the new President and committee.

Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

The BRAI acts for and represents and advocates for all the residents of Brooklyn – owner occupiers and tenants. It has been active, in one form or other since the 1930's.

We took a keen interest in the WCC run public meeting at St Bernard's Hall (24/03/2013) that was well attended by nearly 100 people, including WCC Deputy Mayor McKinnon, Councilors' Pannett, Lester and Pepperell, as well as Council Officers and the head of the Library Service.

On the plus side, the meeting did put an end to rumours about the pending closure of the Brooklyn Library. It is not planned to close. However, the building does need some level of earthquake strengthening. The building has been "yellow stickered" for several years. This may entail a limited shutting the doors for strengthening work to be done, to both the library and the council run flats above it. The library service has suggested their current service may be shared between the Brooklyn School and use of a limited service use of the grounds at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

The not so good news is that the WCC

Library Service did say they have pressure to cut expenditure. They are looking at ending the Monday evening service. We will keep a close eye on how this progresses.

To end we invite you to our
Annual General Meeting
7pm, Thursday 6 June
Brooklyn Resource
Centre
Jefferson Street.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Simon McLellan Chair
04 972 5102
Carl Savage Secretary
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Funnies

Many thanks to Stuart Bridgeman, Brooklyn, for the 'Witty Cisms' in the April Tattler. Stuart is to be commended as they were all original. My favourite was 'Attenuate: you had a late breakfast'. If you have jokes you would like to have included in the tattler please do contact me. kunderwood@leaders.co.nz



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FOOS

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Rain, rain, and more rain - well, we did say we wanted it, and certainly our plants and gardens are very thankful. and it hasn't deterred our helpers, and didn't stop the wonderful celebration for the opening of the Catchment Community art work, which Charles has written about elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our April working bee was held at the upper end of the stream, which had been planted a couple of years ago. A large amount of very large weeds were removed - along with, we have to confess, the occasional enthusiastic removal of a native plant, or possibly even two. The following list is the score card for the day: blackberry, broom, climbing dock, montbretia, tree lucerne, stachys, brush wattle, nightshade, pampas grass, and one unidentified specimen. A weed, as you know, is a plant in the wrong place, and of these, tree lucerne is still sometimes used as nursery cover for native plants, acting much like gorse in that respect.

Stirling efforts by more than one were needed to remove the huge clump of pampas grass (cortaderia

selloana), which presumably escaped notice before because it so closely resembles our own native toetoe (cortaderia toetoe). Many people are unsure how to tell the difference between the two, so here is a run down of the differences. Toetoe flowers in the spring, pampas in the autumn; (unfortunately plumes of both may hang on for months if they are in a sheltered spot, so both can be sporting plumes at the same time) Toetoe is **generally** arching and graceful (but can be upright), pampas is **always** stiff and upright; toe toe is **always** dark cream, pampas can vary from silver to cream to purple; and if you are able to get close up and personal with the plant, there is one sure test. Pampas leaves may be easily torn across, while toetoe is very tough and can't be torn. Pampas also makes a larger, denser clump, and real botanists look for differences in the leaf base, but the above points are enough for most of us.

Pampas is a particular worry because it such a close relative of toetoe that the two species can interbreed; and we wouldn't want that, would we? While I am sure pampas looks magnificent on its native pampas plains, it looks out of place here compared to our graceful toetoe.

Janet Campbell

Friends of Central Park

The Friends of Central Park formed about nine years ago to improve the environment and make a more pleasant, accessible and enjoyable park for all to use. The park is a mixture of native and exotic species and the projects we undertake reflect this heritage and the mixed usage of the park, - daily commuters, the playground, stream walks and even exercise!

Many people will have walked through Central Park and seen the improvements we have made to the stream surrounds with plantings of native trees and bushes plus railway sleeper steps to give easier access by the picnic table. In addition to this, we have a mass planting of flaxes on the corner of Owhiro Road and Brooklyn Hill. This used to be a popular unofficial rubbish dump but is now home to several hundred flaxes which will soon be providing a food source for tui and other native birds as part of the bird corridor through Wellington.

Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month; join us from 10.00 to noon 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

Plunket Fundraiser

Brooklyn & Kingston Plunket are running their annual Pre-Loved Kiddies Clothing, Toy and Equipment Sale .

Brooklyn Community Centre
Saturday 18th May
9.30 to 11.30am.

Come along and grab a bargain for either yourself, your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. There will also be a bake sale and sausage sizzle something for everyone.



The Brooklyn Branch, Wellington RSA

would like to thank the Brooklyn Community Association for organising the ANZAC Day service this year, to St Matthew's for the use of the church and to all those who attended the service. A special thanks to the young people of Brooklyn many of whom as well as participating in the service collected for the RSA on Poppy Day.



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Catchment Community

In a slightly wet, yet very special event FOOS and the Owhiro Stream Catchment Community celebrated all the work they have been doing over the last ten years, and also the opening of the bagel factory site public space. This event was a joint effort by FOOS, Te Rakau Trust, WCC and St. Bernards School and was made possible by Creative Communities.

Guests were treated to a unique Mihi Whakatau ceremony including Karanga, Haka and Bagpipes! Speakers included Councillor Paul Eagle, Mayor Wade-Brown and Green MP Eugenie Sage.

Event goers were then offered a glass of local spring water and taken on a tour of the new tracks, with a special poem performance from St. Bernards School ' the Kaitiaki of Owhiro' and a musical interlude along the way.

Following the tour, participants were then invited to explore the new site and artworks, take part in some environmental art and to offer their ideas for the future of the site.

What a great day! Please see www.catchmentcommunity.tumblr.com/ for a blog post and photos of the event, go take a look at the beautiful site yourself, and watch this space for Catchment Community phase 2!

Charles Barrie

Councilors Corner

Thank you to everyone that has written to councillors saying that you want to keep your local library and that you in fact you want more services. This feedback will be taken into account when councillors vote on our Annual Plan in June. But the library will continue, the thing that we must concentrate on is what strengthening solution is best. I know that there are wider issues in the community around facilities and the quality of the village and there will soon be further discussion with the community on how to address these issues.

Town Belt matters are on my mind at the moment. I am deliberating along with a few of my colleagues on the excellent submissions that we received on our new Draft Town Belt Management Plan and drafting instructions for a new Act to protect this precious part of Wellington. There are a number of complex issues to consider including whether Council should have "flexible powers" over the Town Belt, the amount of land that can be leased, whether community education is allowable or not and what constitutes recreation in the 21st century. A report will be presented to the full Council in June. For those interested, there will be a further chance to submit when the Bill goes to Select Committee.

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So long, farewell....

This is my last review for the Tattler as I'm leaving library - land for greener pastures quite literally – work needs doing on our lifestyle block and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves.

My new discovery is Vivian Swift a traveller, writer and illustrator whose charming book "When wanderers cease to roam" fed my soul through some very long train delays. Swift decides to settle in Long Island inlet after twenty years of travelling and working around the world. The quiet life nourishes her after decades of living out of a suitcase. She delights in owning cats again, getting to know neighbours and revels in the comforting fact that nothings happens in her new hometown. Her illustrations are beautiful and her observations are hilarious. I am now reading Le Road Trip, her new book about her honeymoon in France.

Kate Atkinson's latest "Life after Life" is completely absorbing and well worth the queue on the reserve list or splashing our on a bestseller if you pop into Central. Atkinson is taking a break from her Jackson Brodie series to explore the London Blitz in a refreshing way. What if you had the chance to live your life over and over so that you had the chance to make it better? Once you get a copy, cancel all appointments and ignore your responsibilities.

Stella is the new DVD TV series written by and starring Ruth Jones. Having loved her last series "Gavin and Stacy" for its wacky characters and naughty humour I was more than ready for Stella.

Set in a tiny Welsh town, Stella is a divorced mum with kids getting in and out of trouble, an executive ironing business thwarted by an unreliable car and a lollipop man hell bent on wooing her. At times the humour is so subtle it can be missed and other times deliciously coarse. Stella is pure fun in a world otherwise full of ghastly reality TV and crime scene investigations.

I'm always up for a revolution and I thought I'd sample "The one-straw revolution" by Masanobu Fukuoka. Apparently it is all about minimal disruption of nature, less labour in the garden and good yields. It also has very beautiful illustrations and Mr Fukuoka wears a cool safari suit. Having just started, it is possibly too soon to know if I am a convert to the faith. However if you hear of manifestos being printed and thrown from the top of the Carterton clock you will know it worked. In the meantime it is perhaps easier just to reserve your own copy.

Wishing you well in all your reading and life outside of reading...

Odette

A big **Thank you** to Odette for all her wonderful recommendations.

Demolition starting in 3 weeks on the old boys toilet - a lovely small brick building in the grounds of the Brooklyn Community Centre. Rather than strengthening it for other uses, the Council has seen fit to demolish this wonderful piece of history. Did you know?