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what's happening in your community



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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
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Hello, Kia ora, welcome to the first edition of the Brooklyn Tattler for 2025. We hope you and your family and whanau have had a restive start to 2025. Be sure to check your letterbox next month for the first of our two home-delivered editions for the year. We are always on the lookout for interesting and newsworthy content so if you know of something or someone in the greater Brooklyn area that you think locals should know about, contact us at the address on page 3. We also love receiving interesting photos of Brooklyn so send them in.

Grant

We have just found out we were successful with a grant application we made to help with costs for a replacement couch in the foyer. The existing couch which was very kindly donated to us by a local resident a few years ago has been well loved and has now seen better days. Thanks to Pub Charity and our local 1852 Pub & Kitchen who fund the charity, we are now able to get a brand-new replacement.

Childcare

The long school holidays are becoming a distant memory with our tamariki (children) once again back at school. That also means Before and After School Care has resumed here at the Community Centre. We are looking forward to meeting this year's new cohort of five-year-olds and any other children who may need out-of-

school care as the year progresses. If you need childcare for your primary school aged child, get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate. For those who finished up with us at the end of last year and have moved onto secondary school, we wish you all the best for the next chapter of your schooling. Pop in any time and say hello, we would love to see you.

Groups

The start of the year is a great time to try something new. We have a range of groups and activities here at the Community Centre including Rembuden Karate, Pilates, Tai Chi, Feldenkrais, Early Childhood Music, Table Tennis, Craft Connections, Yoga, Brownies, St John Youth, and our seniors group, the Friday Circle. Starting this year, we are also playing host to an exciting and energetic new Zumba group. Zumba with Angelica is in the hall on Wednesday evenings from 6.15 – 7.15pm. So, if you fancy a mid-week dance party, the Community Centre is the place to be. We are also pleased to be able to assist our friends at the Greater Brooklyn Residents Association, and the Brooklyn Anglicans and Ekkaalan Church groups with a place to meet. Contact information for all our regular groups are in the "What's On" centre pages.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

Recycling at the Community Centre

- » Food and beverage cartons
- » Plastic lids
- » Metal tops/lids
- » Household batteries
- » Aluminium cans



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from the LIBRARY

Happy new year!

Here we are sailing into February already! Chinese New Year, otherwise known as Lunar New Year, has just occurred and we are now in the year of the wood snake. This festival is thought to have originated in ancient China around 3,500 years ago. It is one of the most important holidays in Chinese culture, marking the end of winter and the beginning of the new year. To help celebrate we have a few topical books on display in our library.

Starting soon at Moe-rā Brooklyn Library - Baby Rock and Rhyme sessions for your 0-2-year-olds. Bring your little ones and enjoy rocking and rhyming with them. We'll keep you posted about when these fun sessions will begin.

Some of you have asked if we could start a knitting or craft group. If you're interested let us know, including which days may



suit, and we'll put it all in the mixer to hopefully get something going for term two.

And perhaps now is a good time to remind everyone about our library app. Known as WCL mini on both apple and android app stores, it's rather clever. Once you've downloaded it and added your library card number, it's like having the entire library right inside your phone. You can quickly check when items are due back, or if your reserves are in, search for, and reserve items. Ask us about it next time you visit if you'd like help.

And lastly, the new year readers have been adding their favourite books to our wall of recommended reads; take a look next time you visit us.

That's all folks.

Katie Underwood

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19 February 2025

Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say and look at contributing

Welcome to 2025	On behalf of GBRAI we hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holiday season, and we hope for a better (and improved) 2025!
Something smells	Offensive odours. Occasionally we are subjected to some nasty smells. No, it's not your neighbours' plumbing or even rubbish trucks going to the landfill. But likely the stench is from the sewage treatment plant at the landfill. Make your voice heard and complain! Ring the Regional Council pollution line on 0800 496734. AND email us as we follow up directly with our contacts at Wellington City Council (WCC).
Battery recycling & diverting them from ending in the landfill. Recycling total (as at mid-January) is 3 kg across all categories.	GBRAI have initiated our own local battery collection project in conjunction with the very successful Brooklyn Community Centre plastic and metal bottle top and tetrapak/liquid paperboard container recycling, with the intention to divert them from the landfill. From October 2022 to the middle of January 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled 330 kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 166 kg of AA batteries; 2) 52 kg of AAA batteries; 3) 24 kg of D batteries; 4) 23 kg of 9V (lithium) batteries, as well as other assorted types
Neighbours Aotearoa project – 1-31 March	Neighbours Aotearoa is a nationwide project to build community connections. Promoted here in Wellington by WCC, it encourages community events and connections. Ideas and events are being considered locally. For more information, see the website: https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/
Southern Landfill expansion -Southern Landfill Extension Piggyback Option (SLEPO)	Construction of the new stage of the WCC run landfill (SLEPO – Southern Landfill Piggyback Option / the revised version of the old Stage 4) has begun, with the intention of it opening and being operational in 2026, to coincide with the closure of the Stage 3 portion of the landfill. GBRAI joined other community representatives and manu whenau/ Taranaki iwi at a dawn blessing (4.30am start was a bit on the early side...) on 6 January.
West Gully (the old C & D landfill)	Halverson Civil Limited have taken over the resource consent/operations of this site. They will remediate the old landfill before commencing use of the neighbouring gully, in line with 21C practices.

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:
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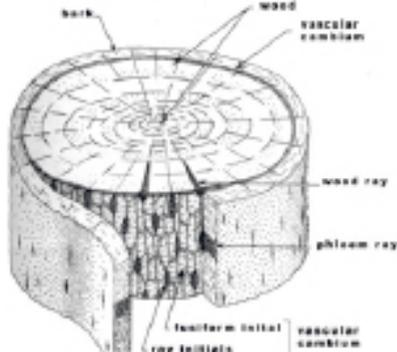
Established at the end of 2020, The BRC Charitable Trust holds two funding cycles at the same time every year. The first in March, and the second in September, to coincide with the delivery of the Brooklyn Tattler to all households.

Last year The BRC Charitable Trust distributed grants to a pre-school, primary schools, community organisations, and various sports clubs based in the greater Brooklyn area. Any not-for-profit community organisation, group, or incorporated charity that provides an activity, programme, or service for the benefit of people in the wider Brooklyn area can apply (with a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project). Over the past four years The BRC Charitable Trust has distributed grants totaling almost \$140,000 in the local community.

If your group or organisation has a project or activity in mind, now is the time to plan and organise quotes before applications open at the beginning of March. Details on how to apply for a grant from The BRC Charitable Trust will be published in next month's column.

The BRC Charitable Trust

Opening Date for Applications	Closing Date for Applications	Trust Board meets
1 March	31 March	April
1 September	30 September	October



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Friday Circle
SOCIAL GROUP FOR SENIORS

Brooklyn Community Centre
11am - 2pm Fridays

Tea/coffee on arrival
Light lunch

Activities include:
gentle exercise, guest speakers, quizzes, bingo and movies

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RUPERT'S A DASHING BOY

Outgoing and overflowing with personality, Rupert is ready to be the centre of your world!



This handsome seven-year-old adores attention and has a lot of love to give. He's a big, charming smoothie, and happy to get up close and personal with you. Rupert needs a new home as his elderly owner moved to a care facility and couldn't take him.

While he's affectionate, and enjoys chin scratches and strokes down his back, he can get anxious if he's over-fussed. He needs an understanding family who can help him stay on top of his stress by recognising when he needs time to calm down. He's also on meds to support him with this.

Rupert absolutely has to be an only pet in his

next home, as he doesn't like other cats and can be dominant around dogs. He wouldn't cope with younger children, but cat-savvy teenagers could be ok. He loves the outdoors and is a great hunter of mice, rats, and rabbits, so a big, safe garden will be his idea of heaven. If you think Rupert belongs in your family, come and meet him this weekend!

There are more cats looking for homes at catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.

BROOKLYN ANGLICANS

We are a local church with a big heart for this neighbourhood. Come and join us for a one-hour, family-friendly service

9.30am Sundays, Brooklyn Community Centre

Tea and coffee prior from 9.15am
MORE INFO: WWW.BROOKLYNANGLICANS.CO.NZ

BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

Guide to Vitamin D

Wellington summer hasn't produced much sun this year, so are we getting enough Vitamin D to stay healthy?

Benefits of Vitamin D

Vitamin D - a family of compounds that includes vitamins D1, D2, and D3 - regulates the absorption of calcium and phosphorus in your body. It is important for healthy bones and teeth and essential for healthy immune system function.

- Needed for growth, development and maintenance of healthy bones and teeth.
- May make severe flu and COVID-19 infections less likely. A recent review found that low vitamin D levels contribute to acute respiratory distress syndrome.
- May reduce risk of infections and autoimmune diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, type 1 diabetes, and inflammatory bowel disease.
- May regulate mood and reduce depression
- May support weight loss

Sources of Vitamin D

Your body produces this fat-soluble vitamin D naturally when it's directly exposed to sunlight, under certain conditions.

Foods with natural Vit D include salmon, sardines, herring, canned tuna, cod liver oil, beef liver, egg yolk.

Vitamin D deficiency

Recent studies indicate that we need more vitamin D than previously thought.

Can we get adequate vitamin D from sunlight alone? Maybe not if you live in an area with high pollution, use sunscreen, spend most of your time indoors or have darker skin. The higher the levels of melanin, the less vitamin D your skin can absorb. These factors can increase your risk of vitamin D deficiency, so it's important to get some of your vitamin D from sources other than sunlight. (see web version of this article for more info on how to get Vit D from sun)

Make sure to get vitamin D through sunlight and the foods you eat. A simple blood test will show whether these are supplying enough. If you have a deficiency your Dr may recommend high dose vitamin D tablets or liquids. Use good quality, high dose supplements daily 2000-5000 IU.

The bottom line

- Vitamin D has many potential benefits. It may reduce the risk of certain diseases, help improve mood, reduce depression and help with weight management.
- It's hard to get enough vitamin D through sunlight and diet alone, so ask a healthcare professional for a blood test and consider taking a vitamin D supplement.

We're not currently running a Drop In clinic, but you can arrange to see any of our practitioners through our website at www.brooklynwellness.nz. Visit our blog for an extended version of this article, and to see our new recipe pages – breads for all diets, baking, lunchbox ideas.



those who don't like getting wet feet but do like the company of forest beauties like kahikatea.

Finally, we will be working on a new area near the fabulous magnolia that fringes the corner of the path into the park, just down from the corner of Ohiro Road and Washington Avenue. Planting here has begun with New Zealand fuchsias.

If you'd like to help out join our monthly working bees. We provide delicious Supreme coffee and baking. Bring your own mug and gloves if you have them.

Next working bee: Sunday 23 February – last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

Check <https://www.meetup.com/upstream/> for confirmation.

Contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

Welcome to 2025! Central Park is offering blissful shade right now and some new opportunities for development. This year we will be remaking the muddy area near the globe installation along Moturoa Stream.

The plan is to plant clivia, paritaniwha and ornamental grasses that grow well in all sorts of conditions. The grass we originally planted never took off – a blessing given it was sacrificed while Bellbird Bridge was restored.

We will also be building a boardwalk in the wetland area we call 'Big Bend'. This area is one of the last remnants of an extensive wetland around Te Aro that was cleared for settlement. The boardwalk will make the area more accessible for



what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

WEEKDAYS

**BEFORE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY**

**CHILDCARE
PROGRAMMES**

Contact Adam Hendry, Childcare Programme Manager. Phone 385 0089 or email childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz.

MONDAY

9 AM PILATES

Contact Faye Tohbyn on 022 054 2369 or fayetohbyn@gmail.com

10:30 - 11:30 AM FELDENKRAIS

Improve your movement, posture & breathing. Contact Toni McWhinnie on 021 1782056 or email temcwhinnie@gmail.com

6 - 7:30 PM BROWNIES

Contact Margaret 389 3028 or email marrexj@gmail.com

TUESDAY

9 AM - 12 PM TABLE TENNIS

Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Contact Philip on 021 230 4083 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

9 - 10:30 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC

For Tamariki aged 0 - 3 and their whanau. Contact Ahna Jensen on 027 775 8534 or email: ahnasmusicstudio@outlook.com

6 - 8:30 PM ST JOHN YOUTH

Penguins: 6 - 7pm. Cadets: 7 - 8:30pm. Contact Ross Young on 021 264 0440 or email ross.young@stjohn.org.nz

WEDNESDAY

10 - 11 AM FELDENKRAIS

Contact Toni McWhinnie on 021 1782056 or email temcwhinnie@gmail.com

4:30 - 6 PM KARATE

Grasshopper Karate to Advanced Karate classes. Book your free trial class. Contact Sensei Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

6:15 - 7:15 PM ZUMBA

Zumba is a dance fitness class set to Latin and World rhythms - it's exercise in disguise! Contact Angelica on 027 267 0999 or email zumba@angelicawoolley.com

WEDNESDAY

8 PM TABLE TENNIS

Inquiries Philip on 021 230 4083 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com.

THURSDAY

10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT CONNECTIONS

Fortnightly crafters social group. Contact Louise email: louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com

5 - 6:30 PM KARATE

Beginners' to Advanced Karate classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

6:30 - 7:30 PM TAI CHI

Contact Ferne on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz

6:40 - 7:10 PM CARDIO & CORE

A half hour strength workout for busy people like you! Contact Patricia on 027 297 6049.

FRIDAY

9 AM PILATES

Contact Faye Tohbyn on 022 054 2369 or email: fayetohbyn@gmail.com

11 AM - 2 PM FRIDAY CIRCLE

Seniors Social Group, meets weekly for light lunch and activities. Contact Euan Harris, details at bottom of page

SATURDAY

10:30 - 11:30AM YOGA

Weekly one hour classes in the hall with Ale Figueroa. Contact Ale on 021 033 2049 or email: shiningsoul.nzar@gmail.com

12 - 4 PM QUARTERLY MARKETS

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 22 March from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz to book your stall.

SUNDAY

9:15 AM BROOKLYN ANGLICANS

Our one hour service starts in the hall at 9:30am. Contact Rev. Scottie Reeve at scottie.reeve@gmail.com View online www.brooklynanglicans.nz

10:30 AM EKKAALLAM CHURCH

Tamil Christian worship and service. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916

3:45 - 6 PM KARATE

Grasshopper Karate to Advanced Karate classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

OLD MANS BEARD

Thank You for Joining the Fight Against Old Man's Beard!

Since our September article, we've been thrilled by the response from volunteers helping us tackle Old Man's Beard (OMB). Here's what we've achieved together:

- Brooklyn War Memorial: Cleared a large patch and planted native species to fill the area. Ongoing maintenance is needed - help from volunteers who live nearby would be appreciated!
- 1852 Carpark: Removed giant OMB plants, though nearby properties still need attention. Please contact us if you're a neighbour so we can get this area OMB free.
- Prince of Wales Park: Nearly completely cleared.
- City to Sea Walkway: Held a working bee off Hutchison Road.
- Brooklyn Homes: Visited numerous properties to assist residents.

Spot and Stop OMB

Now is the perfect time to identify OMB. It is flowering and its distinctive fluffy seed heads are starting to form. Visit ombfree.nz for tips on recognition and removal. Act now to prevent seeds from spreading!

Help Us Monitor and Map

Cleared areas need monitoring for up to ten years as seeds remain viable. Helping us maintain our map of infestations would be invaluable -

see ombfree.nz/mapping. OMB not already on our map can be reported via iNaturalist: ombfree.nz/report.

Upcoming Working Bee

Stay tuned for details about our Taft Street working bee. Join us in making Brooklyn OMB-free!

To volunteer, please sign up at ombfree.nz/volunteer or join our Facebook group facebook.com/groups/ombfreewelly



DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is a community initiative based at Vogelmorn to help our neighbourhood be better prepared for a significant earthquake, extreme weather, or other disaster scenario that could leave us without the energy, networks, and communications we are used to.

We have had the extremely sad event of David Johnston, a DIRT co-founder and Distinguished Professor at Massey University, passing away in January. David had been involved in many aspects of resilience and disaster response from academic research to hands on recovery efforts. We will miss him hugely but are keeping his spirit, energy, and enthusiasm with us as we build on what he helped start.

On 26 January we tested various ways of boiling water, with the old school Thermo and a modern camping gas stove being very effective, the red tea pot winning the style competition. The big gas VBC BBQ did not actually manage to bring a pot to the boil - interesting learning. As one might expect for Wellingtonians, this was not just cups of instant coffee, we had frothed milk; freshly ground beans (from mortar and pestle); multiple tea options; hot chocolates; and a good time (and some rain).

We would love to see you on Sunday 23 February from 4pm-6pm at VBC to talk solar panels, batteries, and how walkie talkies and Mestastic radios could help us keep informed and responsive to community members' needs during and after an emergency.

Our 30 March event will look at lessons from Cyclone Gabrielle.

BROOKLYN ORCHARD

Orchard summer

It has been a productive summer in the orchard, and we continue to meet every Monday from 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome and due to the wet humid conditions we have been having, there is a lot to do! We would love some help. It has been lovely with the summer evenings to see people walking through on their way to various activities around our community, as well as visits from the local neighbourhood kids. Our orchard is just that ... it is for everyone in our community, and we encourage you to pull weeds, hang out in the green space, eat some fruit, and pick some herbs. It is food for you, food for the soul.

The apples and pears will be ready for picking in late February and March. We have lost touch of the seasonal aspect of fruit thanks to the constant supply from supermarkets. At the orchard you can observe the seasons in real life and that is one of the special aspects of having a community orchard. The other is that there is fresh kai/food for all to enjoy. To ensure everyone does enjoy, our tikanga/rules are that you pick to fill your pockets NOT harvest to fill your bags; that way everyone gets to enjoy the fruits of our labour. At the moment, there are signs indicating that the fruit is not ripe to pick yet and would taste horrible because of the un-ripeness. When you see the signs saying "ready to eat" it will then be filling your pockets time.

Look forward to seeing you at the orchard sometime soon.



ST JOHN BROOKLYN



St John

Welcome to 2025 from St John Brooklyn.

It's that time again when a new year starts and the excitement of what's to come is in store. It's also time to reflect back on the positive stories of 2024 where Brooklyn St John had a lot of success.

The Penguins Year 1-6 has had an exciting increase in numbers with the Senior Cadets assisting them with their progress. A big thanks to Lynne and Karen for their efforts and the success of the ever-growing Penguin group.

Leaders We are looking for additional new Leaders to assist and work with either the Penguin group or the Youth group. You are welcome to come along and see what we do, and we would be excited to invite you to join.

Penguin Group We are always pleased to see new members and we encourage parents or caregivers to come along on a Tuesday evening at 6pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre to see what we do. It's a lot more than first aid and a lot of fun.

Youth Group The St John cadets meet at 7pm on a Tuesday evening and have developed some amazing leaders. The group have again flourished and when attending camps or competitions shine, the number of successes is truly amazing and so often at prize giving St John Brooklyn Division is mentioned and although it's not all about winning it shows the dedication and enthusiasm within the group.

Several of the cadets have received promotions during the past year, congratulations on their efforts and success in their achievements and passing on their skills, knowledge and experience to others.

The Prize giving was well attended by parents, the Brooklyn Team along with invited St John Senior Leaders and was a great success story.

If you know of anyone who would like to be part of St John Youth or Penguins please pass this message on.

Contact:

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager on
[027 4046 343](tel:0274046343)

Ross, Divisional Manager on
[021 264 0440](tel:0212640440)



BELL ROAD ORIGINS

In the mid-1950s manual training for boys and girls began at Mt Cook School with cooking for girls and woodwork for boys. Mrs. Smith took the girls, and Mr. Dobson took the boys. I remember those days well.

Each morning manual training was held (the classes were once a week), we children at Brooklyn School would assemble on the upper playground then we walked (unaccompanied by any teacher, though the first time we went to training an adult took us) down Heaton Terrace/Bell Road to the bottom. Most pupils would walk down the road, but some of the more adventurous among us would take a short cut through Jam Tin Gully to the stream bed (the gully was named this many years earlier due to the number of tins chucked down there), winding our way through dense bush, though there was sort of a track we followed. We then emerged in a clearing where the football club building was. From here we joined the others and walked down Bidwill Street, through the technical college (Wellington High School) to the museum, then down to Mt Cook School.

After the instruction, which was about two hours, we all walked along Buckle Street, across to Arthur Street (now Karo Drive) to Webb Street. On the

west corner with Cuba Street there was a dairy, where some of us, who were quite hungry by this time and had a wee bit of pocket money, would buy a dry but fresh bread roll for a couple of pennies and munch this along the street to the bus stop at the bottom of Brooklyn Road. The bus duly arrived and took us back to school.

Despite going all that way on our own, we were all very well behaved, and not once did a child ever go missing.

Footnote: Nairn Street doesn't end at Brooklyn Road what most people believe. Nairn Street ends at the corner of Willis and Aro Streets.

Chris Rabey

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS FOR RECYCLING!
OPENED OUT FLAT | CLEAN

- 1** cut along the top and sides of the carton
CAPS ON
- 2** completely open out flat
- 3** rinse out clean - job done!

for more info, visit fbcarton.recycling.kiwi.nz

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Vogelmorn's Best Quiz! Thursday 20 February 6:30pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

A family friendly quiz night at your favourite new local, written and hosted by Ordish.

- Don't forget to pre-register by email at: ordishquiz@gmail.com
- Turn up from 6.30pm for a 7pm start
- Max 6 people per team
- \$20 per team (bring cash!)
- Awesome prizes to be won

The bar will be open from 3pm with a great selection of local tap beers, wine and non-alcs. Smoked and Pickled will be dishing up delicious kai to keep your brains switched on! Not quizzing? No stress, we will still be open to the public.

Simon Joyner (Omaha, USA) and Peter Jefferies Thursday 13 February 7pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

Home Alone are proud to present: "Simon Joyner who has been quietly making records for a small cult of dedicated fans since 1990. Hovering above the intersection of chaos and beauty, the Omaha-based songwriter's vivid and imagery-rich songs occasionally recall Leonard Cohen at his most personal and apocalyptic, while always revealing Joyner's affinity for the fearless, unpredictable sounds

of the noise and experimental scene on which he cut his teeth." Aquarium Drunkard. Tickets at UnderTheRadar.

Di Filippo Marionette Sunday 16 February 11am - 12pm Vogelmorn Upper Space

The Wellington Puppetry Festival is delighted to welcome the artisan theatre company, Di Filippo Marionette! They are coming to us directly from Italy with their magical marionette production, 'Appeso Ad Un Filo' (Hanging by a Thread). This is their only show in Pōneke (Wellington) so don't miss out!

Having travelled to 30 countries with this production and received 10 international awards, Remo Di Filippo (Italian) and Rhoda Lopez (Filipina-Australian) are thrilled to be sharing this enchanting show with New Zealand audiences for the first time. Described as a magical experience for both children and adults, this is a show for every age and not to be missed! Tickets at Eventfinda

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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

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Brownies (7-9.5 years) brooklyn.brownies@gmail.com Guides (9-12.5 years) brooklynguides@gmail.com or visit <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to sunset at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Kathleen Skudder on 027 650 9108 or email: skudder@gmail.com

GECKOS HOCKEY CLUB

Years 1-4 and new entrants Fridays 4pm-5:15pm. Years 5-8 Tuesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm. Tanera Park Bowling Club astro turf. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Sundays 11am-12:30pm Ridgway School Hall, 120 Mornington Road. Contact Avia 021 1096457. Email: aavia123@gmail.com Find us on Facebook.

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting on Saturday 29 March from 2 - 4pm at Brooklyn Library. We'd love your input or queries. Please contact the convenor in case our advertised date or venue changes. Sharon Macintyre 0276344455 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided. We meet Wednesdays at 10am during school terms.

Wellington Reformed Church

34 Harrison St. Maria 022 187 9030

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

First Kicks enrolments for girls and boys aged 5 and 6 open throughout the season. Email enquiries to info@bnujfc.co.nz or register online at www.bnujfc.co.nz/registration

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP

Fun group for parents & caregivers with preschool children. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during the school term at Korean Church - 184 Ohio Road. Turn up on the day.

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure.

Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs, Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Financial Support available. Find out more at www.brooklynscouts.org.nz or contact John Morrison on membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 6.30pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays at Brooklyn Community Centre. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 021 230 4083.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library is based in the Vogelmorn Precinct at 93 Mornington Road. We have a fantastic range of toys for children aged 0-7 years available to hire. Find us on Facebook or visit our website: brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Deborah 934 2238 or Lindy 027 356 5037.

10 February – Brooklyn

to Island Bay. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

17 February – Maupuia to Miramar. Catch 9:25am No. 24 bus on Willis Street.

24 February – Brooklyn to the Zoo. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

3 March – Box Hill and Bridle Path to the City. Catch 10:02am Johnsonville train.

10 March – Titahi Bay. Catch 9:33am train to Porirua, then No. 220 bus to Titahi Bay.

BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUBS

Tanera Park off Tanera Cres. Junior Age 4 + www.bjcc.co.nz

Senior 1 Day, T20, Vintage www.brooklyncricketclub.com

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO

STREAM Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: owhirostream@gmail.com

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com

RATA PLAYGROUP

Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise

with a parent or family member. Morning sessions available at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston. montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email rata@montessori.school.nz

THE KUNG FU SCHOOL

Learn Shaolin Kung Fu for self defense and functional fitness. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. Contact Rob Young on 021 408 521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz

ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen Don 027 404 6343 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Ross Young 021 264 0440 www.stjohn.org.nz

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm fortnightly at the Reformed Church on Harrison St. Sam Day 022 436 8715, Sylvie 022 197 3610 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Working Bees from 10am-12:30pm on the last Sunday of the month. Contact Lynne White at all.whites@xtra.co.nz Come along for great

conversations, meet new people, delicious morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Vogelmorntennisclub.com Fun exercise for all abilities. Give tennis a go at the best little tennis club in NZ. Club days, competition and coaching available. Call in or email secretarylvtc@gmail.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

By the Tanera Park bowling greens off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicci Lamb - Head Coach. Phone 970 7496 or email: bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com

BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com or call 027 700 1363.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

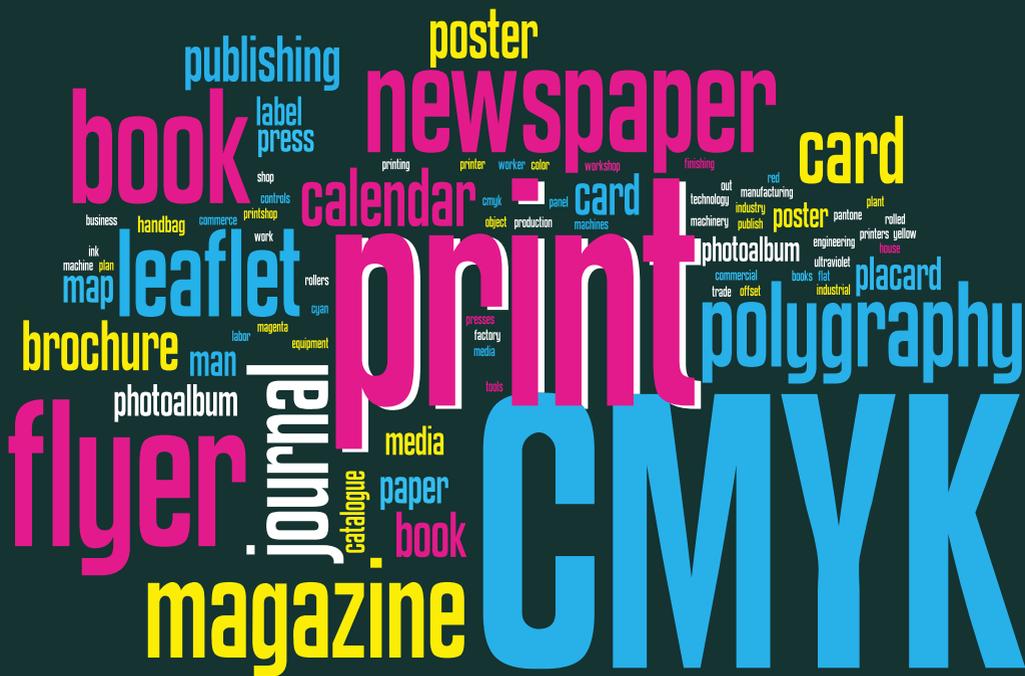
At Two Todman on the last Thursday of the month from 7pm. Everyone welcome. Please bring something to share. Find us on Facebook or visit www.twotodman.org.nz

CRAFTING THREADS OF AROHA

Community knitting group meets in the Penthouse Cafe at 11am on the last Saturday of the month. Contact Katherine on 021 203 0022 or ka.harris25@gmail.com.

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