

# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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# from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PHONE 384 6799

Hello, Kia ora, welcome to the April edition of the Tattler. We hope you are able to make the most of the upcoming Easter break which this year, along with Anzac Day, occurs during the school holidays. The clocks have also gone back an hour this month so those long, dark evenings are not far away now.

### Community Centre Foyer

The community centre foyer is looking a bit tidier this month with the purchase of our new couch. A big thank you to Pub Charity for their grant which covered a considerable portion of the costs.

### Anzac Day

The annual Anzac Day commemorations will be held at Brooklyn School in Washington Avenue at 10.30am. After the remembrance, morning tea will be served here at the Community Centre, followed by a laying of the wreath at the Sugarloaf War Memorial. Please contact us if you are able to help out on the day.

### School Holiday Programme

The April school holiday programme runs from Monday 14 April to Thursday 24 April with no programme days on Good Friday, Easter Monday, or Anzac Day. It is unusual to have so many public holidays during a school holiday programme, but Adam and the team have organised an action-

packed programme for the days that we are running including movie and badminton trips, the ever-popular Party Day, and an Easter egg hunt scheduled for the Thursday before Good Friday. See the full programme and booking details on our website, or pop into the community centre for a booking form.

### Before School Care

We still have some spaces available for those of you who may be needing before school care in the mornings. We have casual, daily, and weekly rates, and we provide a drop-off service to Brooklyn School. Contact Adam, our Childcare Manager, at the email address on page 3 for more information.

### Seniors Group

Our Friday Circle seniors' group has started the year with a roar with high turnouts and new faces. After morning tea, gentle (non-compulsory) exercise, and lunch, we usually have a guest speaker or musician, and we have had some amazing people generously donate some of their valuable time to come visit us. If you, or someone you know, have an interesting tale to tell or a song to sing, we would love to see you. Contact Euan at the coordinator's email address on page 3 or call us on (04) 384 6799. Friday Circle runs from 11am to 2pm weekly during school term time.

### Recycling

We have noticed some containers and other non-lid items being dropped off in the plastic lid collection boxes. These collection boxes are for lids and caps only, not containers, so please do not put them there. We have an amazing volunteer who sorts through the recycling for us each week, please help us to help him keep the time needed for this to a minimum.

Have a great month.

Julie and Euan

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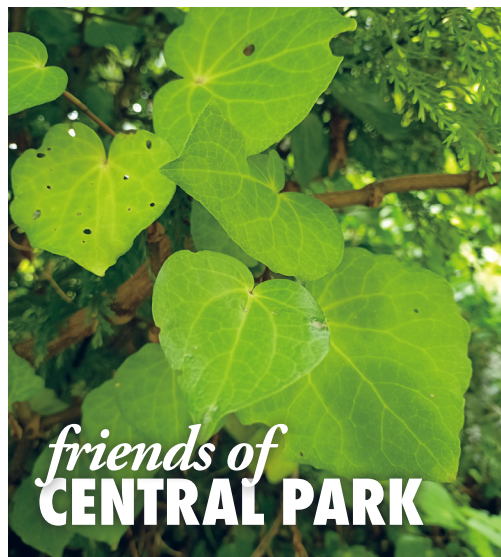
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We call the hillside between Moturoa Stream and the playground “the meadow”. Council’s plan for the meadow is to keep it an open space where people feel safe walking the paths. When it was first developed, hundreds of bulbs were planted and for a few years the hillside was awash with daffodils in spring. Daffodils don’t particularly like the dark, so at our last working bee we were clearing weeds and self-seeded plants, which raised the question of what is a weed? Regular working bee volunteers have that nailed. The tricky thing is recognising a wanted plant when you see one.

If you’re plant-challenged like some of us, you could try “Seek” by iNaturalist. It’s an app that allows you to point your camera at a plant and find out its name. Or, at least, the app’s best guess. It worked well with the kawakawa in this month’s photo. Seek also gives you some information about the plant, like its botanical lineage and its spread in the area – drawing on the citizen science of iNaturalist. If you’re out with the family, you can earn badges identifying

plants. It’s gamifying nature in a good way.

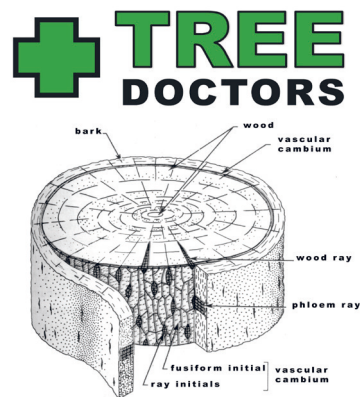
If Seek doesn’t work, you can always ask someone. Luckily, we have some plant-wise people at our working bees. Come join in. We provide delicious Supreme coffee and baking. Bring your own mug and gloves if you have them.

With love we remember Max Kerr. Max was a regular at our working bees. He also supervised volunteer groups and was a great supporter of the Central Park Arts Trails. Rest easy Max.

Next working bee: Sunday 27 April – last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

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

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Monthly update on issues  
 and projects involving our  
 community

## NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16 April 2025

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

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Local Body Elections in Wellington</b>                 | Local Body Elections (LBE) for Wellington are to be held later this year. For voters, the LBE is a postal vote process and will proceed as follows: postal votes will be delivered from 9 September, and you have until Saturday 11 October to return your ballot papers. GBRAI will run our well attended “Meet the Candidates” meeting at the Community Centre on Tuesday 23 September. We are in the Southern Ward, so we get to vote for our choice of Mayor, and we get to vote two Southern Ward councillors to council. The meeting will start at 6.30pm.  |
| <b>Graffiti</b>   | Sadly, we have seen a noticeable increase in vandalism and graffiti around Brooklyn. We urge you to report this to Council as soon as you see it so the cleaning crews can move it as soon as they can, we don’t want to reward the ratbags who do this with seeing their handiwork still being up.   |
| <b>Battery recycling and diversion from the landfill.</b> | GBRAI 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 mid-March 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled 351 kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 178 kg of AA batteries; 2) 55 kg of AAA batteries; 3) 25 kg of D batteries; 4) 67 kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V and computer types.   |
| <b>Consultations</b>                                      | The WCC Long Term Amendment Plan 2024-2034 document is now out for consultation along with the WCC and GWRC combined Water Done Well document. Feedback on both close at midnight on 21 April (which in usual council style is Easter Monday). <a href="https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/">https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/</a><br>The GWRC submissions are important as this is a body that has a huge impact. The link is: <a href="https://www.gw.govt.nz/environment/freshwater/local-water-done-well/">https://www.gw.govt.nz/environment/freshwater/local-water-done-well/</a> There has been debate about the worth of submitting to Council, we urge you to do so. If the councils do not know our concerns and suggestions and see them backed up in writing, then they don’t really exist. To put it plainly, if you don’t make a submission, then you can’t complain! If anyone needs assistance with how to make a submission, please contact the GBRAI. |
| <b>Brooklyn Cycleway (up Brooklyn Road)</b>               | GBRAI have been informed by Council officers that any decision on the cycleway’s further rollout has been put on hold. This is pending a full Council (councillor) decision in mid-2025.  |

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:  
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The BRC Charitable Trust has received applications for its first funding cycle of 2025 from local community centres, schools, and various groups and organisations in the wider Brooklyn area. Trustees meet within the first week of the month and applicants should receive notification of an outcome by late April.

In this column next month we will publish

a list of the groups and organisations that received funding so you can read about some of the projects and activities we have supported in our local community. In the past four years The BRC Charitable Trust has distributed over \$140,000 to local groups and organisations.

The second funding cycle of the year will occur in September. The BRC Charitable Trust funding rounds are held every six months to coincide with the delivery of the Brooklyn Tattler to all households. 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).

The BRC Charitable Trust

# 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](http://WWW.BROOKLYNANGLICANS.CO.NZ)



## FROM THE COUNCILLOR

**Koromatua Tuarua Laurie Foon**  
**Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon**  
Paekawakawa/Southern Ward  
**Email:** [laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz)

Formal consultation on the Wellington City Council Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) amendment and Annual Plan 2025/26; link: <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/ltp-amendment> and Local Water Done Well / Water Reform link: <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/water-reform-consultation> is now open until midnight, 21 April 2025.

### LTP Amendment,

The council faces major financial risks due to an underinsurance gap of between \$1.8 and \$2.6 Billion. This is because the cost of insurance continues to rise, and the availability of insurance is challenging and limited. Also, the value of our buildings and infrastructure continues to increase.

To manage our insurance and investment risks, the council's preferred option is to increase borrowing capacity by reducing capital spending (\$385 m) and creating a small investment fund (\$68m) by selling nine ground leases.

Reducing Capital spending by \$385m would mean stopping, reductions, and/or delays to the following projects,

- Begonia House upgrades,
- Pāneke Pōneke (Bike Network Plan)
- Karori Event Centre

- Frank Kitts Park redevelopment
- Bond Store and Venues upgrades
- Te Awe Mapara upgrades
- Suburban Town Centre upgrades
- Bus priority and Transport Upgrades
- Te Ngākau redevelopment

### 2025/26 Annual Plan

The proposed rate increases are 12.2%, including the sludge levy.

The significant proposed changes include

- Establishing a new reserve on Motu Kairangi / Miramar Peninsula in partnership with our Tākai Here partners
- Revising the policy and better systems to enable commercial rates for short-term accommodation providers.

### Water Reform

Councils nationwide must submit a Water Services Delivery Plan by 3 September.

We are consulting on three models. The council's preferred model is a multi-council water services organisation jointly owned by Wellington City, Porirua, Lower Hutt and Greater Wellington councils. It would have more borrowing capacity than WCC, not be limited by WCC's debt limits, and have more cost benefits over time.





## ST JOHN BROOKLYN



St John

It's that time when summer comes to an end, the weather has changed, and a new season begins. It might be a new season, but St John continues to grow and it's time to reflect back on some of the achievements.

The Penguins Year One to Six 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.

St John youth helped at the Newtown fair where the Governor-General, the King's representative, showed great interest, talking to the volunteers and asking what was happening. Recently, His Majesty King Charles stated he was "delighted to accept" the duties or Royal Patron of St John, following in the footsteps of his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth II.

On ANZAC day, 25 April, St John will be attending both the Dawn Parade at the Cenotaph and the commemoration at Brooklyn School at 10.30am.

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

**Youth Group** The St John cadets meet at 7pm on a Tuesday evening and have developed some amazing leaders. This group has flourished and when attending camps or competitions, show St John Brooklyn in a positive image. 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.

**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. 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  
027 404 6343.

Ross, Divisional Manager on  
021 264 0440.

### Hoake ki te Taiao City Nature Challenge



#### Central Park Night Event

Sunday 27th April, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Explore te taiao at night with activities for all ages including spotlighting Moturoa stream, searching for glow worms, and more!



All welcome, register by emailing  
Enviroschools community facilitator:  
chloe.bisleywright@gw.govt.nz



Find out more



## BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

**Borrow, play, repeat - why your family will love the toy library!**

Ever looked around your living room and wondered if a toy shop exploded in it? Is your home a graveyard for forgotten dolls or toys that are no longer flavour of the month? We've got a solution - the Brooklyn Toy Library!

It's like a magic toy chest that never runs out of surprises - except instead of taking over your house, the toys go back when you're done! For a small membership fee, you get access to a treasure trove of toys, puzzles, board games, outdoor toys, and even costumes suited for all ages and stages.

### Why join?

**Save \$\$\$:** Skip the toy store tension and borrow instead. Your wallet will thank you! Less clutter: Tired of toys taking over your house? Swap them out regularly and keep things fresh.

**Eco-friendly:** Reduce waste by reusing quality toys - better for the planet and future generations.

**Developmental fun:** Our collection is packed with educational toys that spark creativity, problem-solving, and social skills.

**Community connection:** Meet like-minded parents and become part of a fantastic local network.

It's great for grandparents too - you'll have an exciting new toy each time the grandkids come to visit. And just like the grandkids, you can send them home for a well-earned rest - until next time, when the fun starts all over again.



Joining is easy (just come and see us), and the joy is endless. Give it a go - your kids (and your living room) will be forever grateful! You'll find us at the Vogelmorn Precinct, 93 Mornington Road on Fridays from 4.30pm-6.30pm, and Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

**Sign up and let the fun begin!**

**Create your  
future with  
us.**



BROOKLYN  
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### We are hiring kids!

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**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
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WEEKDAYS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**BEFORE SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY**

**CHILDCARE  
PROGRAMMES**

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

**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

**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

**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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

**8 PM TABLE  
TENNIS**

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

**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.

**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

**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  
14 June from 12pm to 4pm. Email:  
market@brooklyncommunitycentre.  
org.nz to book your stall.

**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  
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# BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

## Good Food on a Budget

These are not easy financial times, and many people are struggling with their food budget. It's tempting to buy the cheapest food available, without worrying about quality. But if we look back to the wisdom of older generations there are options for good, nourishing meals that are budget friendly.

Home cook your meals and snacks There's no need for fancy meals. Meals can be simple but still nourishing and appealing.

- Use foods with the least processing possible for better nutrition
- For treat nights make your own pizza, fried chicken, curry, or fish and chips
- For when time is short have a variety of pre-cooked meals in the freezer

## Shop wisely

- There are big price differences between the supermarkets
- Shop the specials, check online, and shop in bulk - maybe join a co-op.
- Buy produce in season when cheapest and freeze, bottle, dehydrate or make preserves
- Build relationships with a farmer or hunter

## Produce your own food

- Grow your own fruit and veg. Buy seeds from Koanga Institute (heritage varieties), Kings Seeds or your garden centre. Visit Tui Gardens website for what to plant when.
- Keep hens for eggs
- Learn about foraging on land or in the sea or take up hunting yourself.

## Plan meals in advance to reduce waste.

- You can always change the plan, but knowing what you're making ahead of time reduces stress
- Base your meals around what you bought on special in this week's shop, what ripened in your garden, and anything in your freezer that needs eating soon
- Plan to use up leftovers eg. roast lamb on Sunday - lamb rissoles for Monday night dinner, sliced lamb for sandwiches, and make some stock with the bone
- Have a "fridge clean out" meal each week before doing your shop. Make a casserole, stew, soup, or frittata. Or have a smorgasbord of leftovers.

## Cook in bulk and freeze already cooked meals

- Soups and stews for example are ideal for making a bigger batch and freezing leftovers
- At the weekend cook in bulk for the freezer and for the coming week.
- Keep a list of what's in the freezer and when it was frozen so you can use the oldest things first

The extended version of this article on our blog has recipes, ways to cook cheaper cuts of meat, and other cheaper foods.

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](http://www.brooklynwellness.nz). Visit our blog for extended versions of all our Tattler articles, and to see our recipe ideas, including for restricted ways of eating.

# BILLIE'S A QUIET JOINER

**Billie (5) came to us as she found her previous home too noisy and stressful.**

She couldn't relax indoors because she lived with lively young children, and outdoors she was being picked on by local bully cats. While this has made her slightly nervous, she warms up quickly to new people if they approach her quietly. Once she's out of her shell, she's a big smooch who loves scratches and fusses.


Billie needs a calm, quiet home but enjoys being around people, sitting close by and being included in conversations. Her perfect new home will have no other pets and no young children. She likes access in and out of the house and would ideally be located in a safe and quiet neighbourhood.



She occasionally hunts mice and very rarely the odd bird.

If you have a quiet home that needs a quiet-loving cat, come and meet Billie this weekend!

There are more cats looking for homes at [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](http://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.



**Need before school care for your child/ren?**  
**Come join us at our OSCAR accredited**  
**Before School Care programme at**  
**Brooklyn Community Centre**

**Mondays - Fridays from 7.30am.**  
**Daily/weekly/casual rates available**

**Drop off to Brooklyn School**  
**To find out more contact Adam at:**  
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## DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is your community resilience initiative based at Vogelmorn which is helping our neighbourhood become better prepared for a significant earthquake, extreme weather, or other disaster scenario. With Tropical Cyclone Alfred having inflicted flooding and high winds on large areas and millions of people in Australia, our March event, Lessons from Cyclone Gabriele, was well timed. See our DIRT Facebook page for more on that.

Coming up at our next event on 27 April we look at First Aid, both physical and mental, and we'd love anyone with relevant knowledge to help us work out the most valuable information and resources we could put together.

On 25 May we have Cécile L'Hermitte, Senior Lecturer, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, University of Waikato, talking to us about disruption and supply chains. Again, an issue recently seen after flooding in Australia and something we all know a lot more about after 2020 (remember those strict toilet paper and flour limits?)

29 June is feast-time; foraged, hunted, improvised, shared, and enjoyed along with

some festivities. It'll be a bit planned, a bit spontaneous, and lots of fun. Please consider yourself invited!

Our July event is going to be something that comes from the community so if you have lived experience of disruption, resilience, or a topic you think we should be covering then please let us know. It's about helping our neighbourhood and the people in it.



## VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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Instagram: @vogelmorn  
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### FUJI-YUKI One Butoh In Collaboration with Dance Lab Wednesday 9 April 10am – 8pm Vogelmorn Hall

Japanese vocalist, Fuji Yuki, invites you to share her movement and vocal practice in a special one-day workshop. "One Butoh" is a cultural exchange between Aotearoa New Zealand and Japan, with the intention of creating new artistic possibilities through the collaborative performance of Pōneke Wellington based dancers and performing artists. The workshop will open with a guided movement session led by Ruby Brunton of Dance Lab and will culminate in a live collaborative performance. Anybody is welcome to attend and participate, regardless of their dance background and experience.

\$20.00 / \$10.00 Unwaged  
Bookings: zwinterwood@gmail.com

### BIKESPACE - Free Bike Workshop Thursday 10 April 3pm – 5pm Vogelmorn Green

Come along with your bike and we'll help you get it running at its best. At Bikespace you work hands-on alongside one of the friendly and knowledgeable mechanics to fix or maintain your bike, while building bike confidence and your own skills for next time. Please note: If you know that something needs replacing on your bike - e.g. brake pads

or an inner tube, please bring it with you as the Bikespace crew will not have replacement parts. Kids and adults welcome, anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

### VOGELMORN REPAIR CAFE - We Need You! Sunday 27 April

Can you help with sewing/mending/darning? Electrical Fixes? Ceramic Repairs? Vogelmorn Repair Cafe needs your skills! We're especially short on sewists for our upcoming repair cafe on 27 April. Fabric fixes were super popular at our last event, so we need a team of people who can hand or machine-sew. We'd also love to find someone to fix ceramics, and another person to support our awesome electricians.

Please get in touch with Bronwyn if you can help!

[vbcrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:vbcrepaircafe@gmail.com)

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## BROOKLYN SNIPPETS

In 1989 it was reported a tenant renting a two-bedroom flat in the former Harrison Street flats, was using the flat as a nightclub for Japanese sailors off fishing boats, calling it the “Manhattan Night Spot”. It was even listed as such in the telephone directory. The tenant apparently did not have any problems with it, however other neighbours complained of the loud music and the rear of the building being used as a urinal.

Another flat dweller at the time was singer Shona Laing.

Brooklyn was blessed with plenty of childcare centres in the 80s. The Peter Pan Childcare Centre was at 8 Cleveland Street, and further down the same road was the Mother Goose Childcare Centre, though this only survived for one year from 1985 - 1986. There was also the Children's Learning Group at 92 Washington Avenue, run by teacher Jenny Young. The Brooklyn Playcentre was at 22 Harrison Street, run by Leonie Torrington and is still there today. There was also a family-oriented alternative school held at the Baptist Church. Brooklyn Kindergarten, near the top of Todman Street, has been there probably since the 80's, it was a private house prior.

By the mid-1990s, the Anglican Vicarage, adjacent to St Matthew's Church on Washington Avenue, had been left vacant for a number of years owing to the vicars living in their own properties in the suburb. One night, the house was attacked with two Molotov cocktails thrown through windows into the lounge, breaking most of the downstairs windows. A small fire erupted

which was quickly extinguished by the “occupants”, and the damage repaired. It later transpired the house was being used by an escort agency and it was thought some disgruntled clients had been responsible. Adding further woes, while the repairs were being carried out, part of a large old tree fell on the house during high winds causing more damage.

The following is a footnote to an earlier history article about the manual training at Mt Cook School:

By the early 1990s, Mt Cook School had been renamed “The Technicraft Centre”, providing classes for cooking, sewing, woodwork and metalwork. The school also provided a Technology Information Centre, with a vast array of computer and electronic equipment.

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## Friday Circle

SOCIAL GROUP FOR SENIORS

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 11am - 2pm Fridays

Tea/coffee on arrival  
 Light lunch  
 Activities include:  
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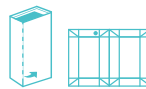
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## Recycling at the Community Centre



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- » Metal tops/lids
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- » Aluminium cans



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brooklynpipppins@outlook.com  
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 on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:30am at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:aavia123@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook.

### BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting on Saturday 31 May 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](mailto: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@bnufc.co.nz](mailto:info@bnufc.co.nz) or register online at [www.bnufc.co.nz/registration](http://www.bnufc.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 the 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](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz) or contact John Morrison on [membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:d.grain@xtra.co.nz) [www.bsrrc.org.nz](http://www.bsrrc.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](http://brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz)

### BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

**7 April** – Polhill Transient.

Catch 9:29am No. 17 bus from Brooklyn Library.

**14 April** – Johnstons Hill. Catch 9:39am No. 2 bus from Lambton Quay North.

**21 April** – Easter Monday. Public Holiday.

**28 April** – Trentham to Silverstream. Take the 9:30am Hutt Valley train.

**5 May** – Stellan Memorial to Wadestown. Catch 9:55am No. 22 Bus from Wellington Railway Station.

### BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUBS

Tanera Park off Tanera Cres. Junior Age 4 + [www.bjcc.co.nz](http://www.bjcc.co.nz) Senior 1 Day, T20, Vintage [www.brooklyncricketclub.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://montessori.school.nz/playgroup) or email [rata@montessori.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz) [www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 [secretary1vtc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1vtc@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](mailto:bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com)

### BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE

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

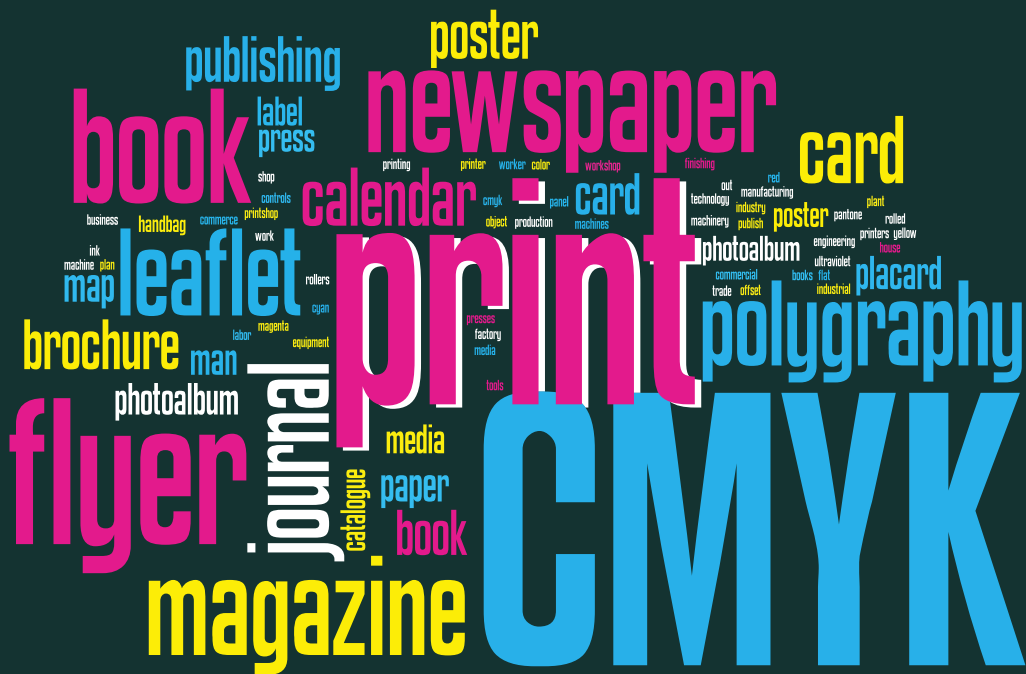
### CRAFTING THREADS OF AROHA

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](mailto:ka.harris25@gmail.com).





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