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BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover is of children from the recent Brooklyn Holiday Programme enjoying box sliding by Badminton Hall.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
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Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Brooklyn Tattler for 2023. We hope you have had a great start to the year and that you managed to get some rest and relaxation in over the summer break. Next month is the first of our two home-delivered editions for the year so be sure to check your letterboxes for a copy. If you have any news, photos or information that you think would be good to share with our community, please let us know; we are always keen to hear from the people who live, work, and play here.

Market

Our first market for the year is coming up on Saturday 18 March from 12pm – 4pm. We still have some stalls available so get in quick if you would like one.

Childcare

Holidays and holiday programmes are now a distant memory with our OSCAR accredited Before and After School Care once again running here at the Community Centre. If you are needing care for your child/ren before or after school, contact Adam, the programme manager, for enrolment details. Just a reminder if you have children attending here, to please ensure they have an extra sunhat packed in their schoolbags so they

are able to enjoy the new playground. They are not able to bring their school ones down here as they need to be left at school, but they will need to have a hat to be able to go outside.

Friday Circle

For the past few weeks while the holiday programme was running, our seniors have been meeting with Euan at local cafes for a cuppa and a catch-up. From Friday 3 February they were back at the Community Centre from 11am to 2pm. This is a very relaxed, welcoming social group who are always eager to meet new people so if you, or someone you know, may be interested in coming along to check it out, we would love to see you. Call Euan on 384 6799 or email him at coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz for more details.

Non-kerbside Recycling

We are continuing our partnership with Tetra Pak NZ to be a drop-off point for Tetra Pak cartons or, to use the correct terminology, liquid paperboard. Currently we are the only venue in Wellington where these cartons can be dropped off to be recycled into the building product, saveBOARD. Tetra Pak NZ and other liquid paperboard manufacturers are keen to get more sites in Wellington to join the scheme; we are excited to have been a part of bringing this initiative to Wellington. We are also a drop-off point for household batteries thanks to our partnership with the Greater Brooklyn Residents' Association, and have a collection box for number 2 and 5 bottle tops which we are looking at extending – more about this in next month's Tattler.

Anzac Day

The Brooklyn Anzac Day commemoration will be held at Brooklyn School this year, with morning tea served at the Community Centre after the formalities. Phillip Bolton, who organises the service, is on the look-out for some volunteers to help out on the day. If you have an hour or two you can spare to assist, please let us know.

RATs Tests

These are still available free of charge here at the Community Centre. Please call us first to arrange pick-up during office hours.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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Kia Ora Brooklyn!

“Time flies when you are in the place you are meant to be”

I am writing this exactly 100 days after I was officially sworn in as Wellington City Councillor for Paekawakawa/Southern Ward.

Since election night, I have attended more than 180 meetings including Council meetings, resident associations’ meetings, workshops, school fairs and meeting with many individual constituents. Thanks to those who reached out for help with Council issues because at the heart of the Council job is helping people.

A couple of months ago, a resident of Southern Ward requested my advocacy in relation to an application for a first home builder rates remission which they submitted to WCC a year ago. WCC had failed to apply the rates credit that they were entitled to. I advocated for the resident and council staff later met with them to process their credit. Don’t forget that you can have your rates credited with up to \$5,000 if you have built your first home after 2017. Contact me if you are having any issues in getting this.

I am very optimistic about the future with our newly elected Council for we are already working together as a team on critical issues for Wellington such as reducing the sludge, parks, the landfill, and housing.

It is good news for our Brooklyn community that the piggyback landfill extension will be the last landfill extension. Deputy Mayor Foon and I passed an amendment to get a due date on the closure of the Southern Landfill.

In March, WCC’s Zero Waste Strategy will go out for consultation and I encourage our community to contribute to this.

If you think I can help with anything Council related, please don’t hesitate to contact me on [021392487](tel:021392487) or at Nureddin.Abdurahman@wcc.govt.nz

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 7:30 pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - **Come and have your say**

Any Local Issues?	Let us know if there’s local topics you’d like to see addressed. We are here for our local residents.
Residents Association – Join the Team!	Residents – we want you! If you are keen to help out in the community, then please consider being involved on the GBRAI committee (voted on at the AGM). Upcoming meetings are planned for 21 March, 16 May, and the AGM on 20 June.
Ohiro/Cleveland/Todman Street Intersection Work	Work on the Todman/Cleveland/Ohiro intersection changes by the WCC is continuing and pedestrian kerbs/crossings will be temporarily affected. See https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/brooklyn-intersection for plans and information on the future layout that we will have.
Kingston Toilets	After GBRAI advocacy, WCC are getting quotes to paint public toilets in Kingston. Work should start March / April.
Harrison St Turn	The new vehicle turnaround at the top of Harrison St by the WCC is nearing completion – please test this out and let us know what you think – GBRAI will feed this back to WCC.
Buses, Buses, Buses!	GBRAI are currently putting together a submission to the GWRC and WCC on all aspects of the local bus service. Please let us know your suggestions for improvements, any questions, or other observations at the email below.
Traffic Engineers Out There	Are there any traffic engineers out there (retired or current) who could spare some time to assist the GBRAI? If so, please let us know on the email below.
Recycling – Batteries and Tetra Paks	A reminder that household batteries and Tetra Paks can be recycled at the Brooklyn Community Centre in Harrison St – a neat joint venture by GBRAI & BCC to address items that WCC don’t recycle but landfill. 23kg of batteries diverted to recycling to date. We also note that driver shortages are affecting kerbside recycling on an ongoing basis.
Emergency Store / CD Container	We need to source a suitable 10ft shipping container – if you know of one available please let us know. Paint scheme and/or mural next!

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, or to sign up to our newsletter at: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com



Surely it was only last week that I wrote my last Tattler column? And now it seems the holiday season has barely started, and February's column is due. Having spent our Christmas holiday on the East Coast, as I write this, we are at last enjoying some beautiful Wellington weather, but instead of gardening or going to the beach, I have to write this column! Still, the world has to keep on turning, and one only appreciates nothing to do when one has something to do.

Although we holiday on the East Coast and did not enjoy great weather, we are too far south to experience the destruction that places like Tologa Bay have been through. Pictures of forest slash streaming down rivers make shocking viewing; it is plain that forest management and management of this steep, eroded country will have to change. But it is too easy to cry "tragedy" and blame those nasty forestry companies. While it is plain that

they have not been very stringent about keeping to the conditions of their resource consents, and that better management practices will have to be developed and monitored, it has to be remembered that after Cyclone Bola in 1988 forestry seemed to be the ideal solution. It is perhaps unfortunate that those who took advantage of this opportunity were overseas companies but then, they were presumably the ones prepared to invest. It would be nice to think that from now on, local Iwi feel confident to have more say in what happens to the land. And maybe now that carbon credits are a thing, native forest could be planted? Or is that an idealist's dream?

Meanwhile, here's to a 2023 without lockdowns, cyclones, or other disasters.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream
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AN EX-RESIDENT REMEMBERS

We were excited this month to receive an email from an ex-Brooklyn resident, now living in Melbourne, Australia, who had recently been back "home" to visit for the first time in 20 years.

As the new double-decker bus came over the hill into Ohiro Road, I saw the old church we attended. Hodsons Corner had been modernised and Picketts Corner was now a thriving supermarket, 2023 style.

My name is Merv Roberts, now living in Melbourne for the past 34 years, and in the mid-1950s I lived and breathed the wonderful air that Brooklyn had to offer at 18 Mitchell Street. I lived there with my family and late grandfather, Mr Andy Anderson. As children, my sisters and I attended Brooklyn School in standards three and four (years five and six); I had my haircut by Percy Joyce; and I was a regular attendee at the Saturday afternoon 'flix' at the then Vogue Cinema. My only interest was 'what happened in this week's serial' - it was most important.

Cleveland Street had the Post Office at the top; a small shop owned and operated by Len Miller and his Dad; and Reeves, the butcher where I worked on Friday afternoon after school. I believe a fish and chip shop was close by where you could buy a shilling's worth of fish and chips, tearing the top off the packet and eating them as you walked proudly down the road.

On my visit in January 2023, I walked along Cleveland Street; had a coffee and

a chat; and looked up Todman Street, realising I'd walked both ways in the past. I reminisced and thought how this has now emerged into a positive future for the town I grew to love many years ago.

I again attended the Penthouse, after some 70 years absence, to see "The Fabelmans" which I believe was a juxtaposition to my own experience there in 1955. It cost more than sixpence to get in and an ice-cream also cost threepence and no, you could not roll Jaffas down the polished flooring anymore. The outside features of the old Vogue are still there and the inside is a delightful experience.

Another important experience was to again visit 18 Mitchell Street and meet the delightful owner, Jackie Fitzgerald, and her next door neighbour, Margaret Walsh, who both knew many of the older owners as I did. One of the main reasons to visit was to see how 70 years had treated our "old 18 Mitchell Street" and experience the million dollar view from Jackie's veranda. The house has changed a lot and it's a credit to Jackie how the house now looks.

Overall, my week in Wellington was worthwhile and a positive experience since my last visit 20 years ago. I will have to remember not to leave it so long in the future.

Thank you, Brooklyn - you and your citizens are worth coming back, time after time, to see.

Merv Roberts, Forest Hill, Melbourne



Parataniwha

Miracles happen all the time in Central Park.

In August last year, we trialled planting Te Ika-A-Mauī's (North Island) own Parataniwha beneath the overbridge on Moturoa stream. Parataniwha, also known as New Zealand Begonia, is a member of the nettle family – with gorgeous purple and green serrated leaves. Happily, almost all the rooted stems, pulled from one patch near the jetty to populate their new home under the bridge, survived. A successful 'transplant.'

Yes, it may be a question of nature willing itself to survive, but reading Monbiot's 'Regenesis' over the holidays suggests just how complex the job of growing is. He goes so far as to call the microbiome of mycelium (fungi) and microbes weaving through the roots of plants (the rhizosphere) an 'external gut.' Not unlike our gut, plant guts extract what's useful from the available inputs and feed them back into their host plants. Previous authors have suggested that plants act in an altruistic way, sending nutrients via mycelium to fellow species in need. Instead, Monbiot argues this might be the plant guts

'farming' the trees they rely on for sugars, helping the stragglers to survive to further the 'guts' own growth.

It's all happening right beneath our feet. Infinite, complex relationships of creatures that few have heard of, spanning ecosystems of ever decreasing magnitude – our living soil. And we just bung plants in, moving them from one place to the next, and hope they survive. Then they do!

Come and be amazed at our next working bee. Bring your own mug – we supply drinks, baking and awe.

Next working bee February 2023 – Last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

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

Contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz Everyone welcome!

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The top photo of the Brooklyn Library was taken in 1976 when access was via an entrance on Harrison Street opposite the Wing on Chang car park. The overhead cables for the electric trolley buses were removed during 2018 after the trolleybus network closed on 31 October 2017.

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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 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

6:30 - 8 PM ST JOHN CADETS

During school terms. For details 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

5:30 - 7:30 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.

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WEDNESDAY

8 PM TABLE TENNIS

Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com.

THURSDAY

10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT CONNECTIONS

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

10 - 11:30 AM KANGATRaining

Post natal classes for new mums and their babies with Hannah Foley. Email hannah@kangatraining.co.nz

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

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

9 - 10 AM DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Pre-school fun classes and Ballet & Jazz classes for 5 - 8 years. Contact Debbie at info@db4dance.co.nz

12 - 4 PM QUARTERLY MARKETS

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 18 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 AM - 1 PM EKKAALLAM CHURCH

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

5 - 7 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



BROOKLYN'S TRAM ERA

Trams were at their peak in the 1940s. They rattled through streets, wheels squealing around tight curves, grinding their way up Brooklyn Hill and inching their way down steep inclines. It was all done at a walking pace. Adelaide Road and Coutts Street were good for a fast clip – 35 miles per hour – if inspectors were on duty elsewhere.

With pick and shovel, work gangs constructed the easy curves of Brooklyn Hill, excavating spurs up to Ohiro Road at the crest. When the trams came, trips to and from Brooklyn only took about 15 minutes, ending the long and tricky Ohiro Road to Aro Street as a weekly necessity. Workers could be in town quickly and be home before dusk.

Women took precedence in the closed saloons at the end of each car, while men and smokers dominated the central open compartment. When the fully enclosed Fiducia trams were introduced in 1939 to coincide with the

Centennial Exhibition, they were the last word in city tram travel with trams running a ten-minute service during the week. One motorman (driver) in the 1940s was the late Ward Kenyon, and he remembered most of the motormen and conductors being housed in a single men's camp in a gully behind today's Badminton Hall in Ruahine Street. "No women, no booze!", he lamented. "It was run on army lines".

Some routes posed difficulties for motormen, though passengers were unaware of this. Brooklyn and Wadestown were the worst. At certain times of the year, after rains, gum leaves in Central Park were blown on to wet lines and the trams, low-g geared for hill duties, were known to occasionally skate down the entire downhill route to the top of Wills Street. The motorman and conductor would arrive ashen faced at the foot of the hill. The passengers never knew how scared they were. The gum trees are still in the gully by Central Park, but their leaves no longer pose a threat to any traffic.

Chris Rabey

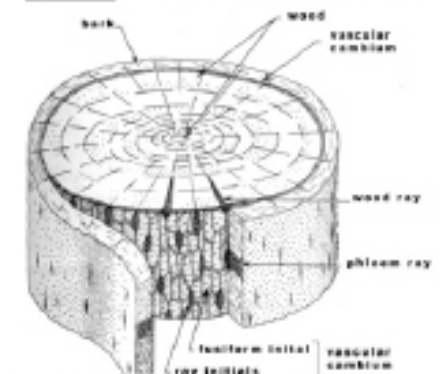


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COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAYGROUND

The final part of the new Harrison Street play area by the Brooklyn Community Centre is nearing completion with the addition of a colourful basketball half court and a series of freshly painted four squares.

Rod Armstrong, from Prestige Sport Surfaces in Christchurch, is one of four companies in New Zealand who specialises in marking out tennis, basketball, and netball courts for councils, sports clubs, schools, and home owners. Summer is the busiest time of the year for Rod who travels all over the country to carry out his work and he typically paints between 60 to 90 courts per year.



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BROOKLYN ORCHARD

Summer of 2023

There is a lot going on in the orchard at the moment, an endless amount of jobs as any gardener will appreciate. Each Monday evening, a small crew of eight locals get together to weed, mulch, prune, and look after a community space that is there for all. If you have any time to spare on Mondays, even 30 mins, we would appreciate your help.

The orchard is in full fruit production, with the plums not having their best year but the apples and pears flourishing. They are still in the process of ripening - late Feb, early March they should be ready for picking, so the 'Not quite ready' signs are up so people know to keep them on the tree. There is some windfall, especially from the Bramley, so feel free to collect those for cooking. Our blueberry is fruiting for the first time but our feijoas are also fruiting - three months premature. They are clearly a little confused. The elderflowers were enjoyed by all and I'm sure there is lots of delicious cordial being consumed by Brooklyn locals.

We are looking forward to meeting our new neighbours in the Harrison Street flats and are also looking forward to being able to fix up and replant the areas that have been destroyed during this building project. Many hands get more done! So again, if you have a moment, all are welcome. During the summer we meet every Monday evening from 5.30pm. The past, but not forgotten, Brooklyn Community Creche have been waiting patiently for a plum tree to be planted acknowledging the contribution made to many families in our hood. Recently, we were also donated a lemon tree in

memory of an avid gardener and fruit tree expert who loved the concept of our orchard. There have been many trees planted over the years that have a special connection to our community, and we are so pleased to be able to provide a space for all.

Looking ahead this year, we are planning community seasonal workshops, especially as more people look to grow their own food, and after 12 years of creating and maintaining the orchard and share gardens we have knowledge to share. Watch this Tattler space and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ> for upcoming events.

Finally, you may have noticed a fridge at the orchard. This is waiting on a makeover from our very talented artists at Brooklyn School and will become a small library for gardening books and seeds.

As mentioned at the beginning... endless jobs!



THE BRC CHARITABLE TRUST
formerly The BRC Society Inc

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The BRC Charitable Trust holds two funding cycles each year (one in March and the other in September, to coincide with the Brooklyn Tattler delivery to all households) and is advertised through this column and local community notice boards.

Last year The BRC Charitable Trust distributed grants to local preschools, primary schools, sports clubs/groups, community centres, and an environmental group based in the wider 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).

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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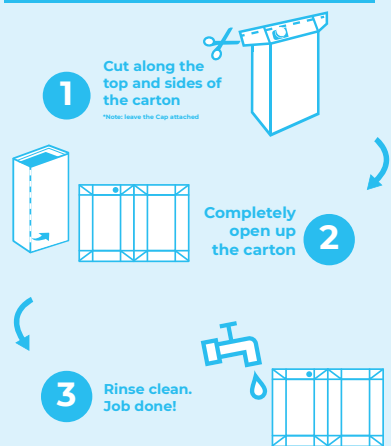
Max was well-loved by his previous family, but after they moved, he kept returning to their previous house. This involved a lot of crossing roads, which was getting dangerous for the elderly guy. His family decided that the best chance for his safety



was to rehome him far away from the old neighbourhood.

Max is a laid-back guy who loves company and will fit in with most environments. Due to his age, he's eligible for our Care for Life foster programme. There's more about Max Powers and all our other cats at catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.

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VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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Fraser Ross & Hannah Everingham
– Friday 17 February from 7pm,
Vogelmorn Upstairs

Otautahi-based Fraser Ross is embarking on a 12 date tour of New Zealand along with Hannah Everingham. The tour is in celebration of Fraser's new single, 'Janice, In the Diary,' the first single off his upcoming album, 'Thunderhead,' which is set for release mid-2023. Having played an amazing solo show at VBC with @jazmine__mary in 2021, we are stoked to have him back again at Vogelmorn and this time with his full band! This is a show you won't want to miss so be sure to grab a ticket while you can. See vogelmorn.nz for more info and tickets.

Vogelmorn welcomes Smoked & Pickled!
LAUNCH EVENT – Saturday 18 Feb from

4pm at Vogelmorn Bowling Club

New year, new beginnings! Smoked & Pickled is taking over Vogelmorn kitchen and we thought it would be good to throw a welcome party for you to get to know them. It will be an evening of great food and drinks along with some music to entertain everyone. So, come by and meet them from 4pm. Smoked & Pickled cannot wait to be the new food offering at Vogelmorn and to become a part of the Brooklyn community. You will find Craig and Alice at Vogelmorn every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 16 February.

Vogelmorn Working Bee - The first of the year! Saturday 4 March from 9am - 11am at Vogelmorn Bowling Club

Join us on Saturday 4 March at our monthly Working Bee and help us to keep the Vogelmorn Precinct thriving. What do you get in return? You will get community rates for your next event or a VBC cafe voucher and some tasty snacks on the day. Wear some clothes that can get a little dirty. Pass by for as long as you can, even if it's only for an hour or less, as every bit of help counts! All welcome, bring the whole family! To RSVP or for any questions email us at vogelmornbc@gmail.com

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Guides and Pippins
 Kathryn Lawrie 802 5049
Brownies
 Margaret Jones 389 3028

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working Bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to sunset at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of 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: kathleen.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 25 February 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.

Wellington Reformed Church

34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

First kicks enrolments open throughout the season. Email enquiries to info@bnujfc.co.nz or visit us online at www.bnujfc.co.nz

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 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 934 7445.

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.

13 February – City walk. Meet 9:30am at Gandhi statue by Wellington

Railway Station.

20 February – Seatoun to Lyall Bay. Catch 10:14am No.2 bus from Kilbirnie bus hub.

27 February – Paekakariki to QE11 Park. Catch 9:33am train from Railway Station.

6 March – Around the Bays to the City. Start from Kilbirnie bus hub at 10am.

13 March – Island Bay to Lyall Bay. Start from Island Bay bus terminus at 10:15am.

BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. More details online at www.bjcc.co.nz

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.

SCRABBLE WELLINGTON

Wednesdays from 7pm upstairs at the Vogelmorn Precinct, 93 Mornington Rd. All abilities welcome! Contact Nick Ascroft on 022 675 1399. Email: nick_ascroft@hotmail.com

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching.

vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email 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

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

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