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BROOKLYN twilight festival



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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
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Kia ora, Hello and welcome to the November edition of the Tattler.

We are counting down the days to the 3rd annual Brooklyn Twilight Festival on Saturday 15 November from 2pm to 9pm. The festival planning committee have been busy meeting to make this year's event even better than before with some exciting new features, plus all the regular favourites.

Turn to page 6 to read more or go online to www.brooklynfestival.co.nz There are still a few spaces available on Harrison Street for Community groups to promote themselves to the large number of people expected. For details email us at market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

Book a space for 2026

The end of the year is fast approaching and with that in mind we are once again inviting people to apply for a space to run a regular group in either the main hall, lounge or RSA room for 2026. You can view the rooms on our website www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz under the venues tab.

If you are interested in booking a regular time slot, please contact us here at the Community Centre for an 'Expressions of Interest' form or download the form from our website.

We want everyone to have an equal chance at the beginning of the year to run their activity, regardless of how long they have been associated with the Community Centre. Allocations for 2026 will be made by mid-December.



Jacob and Elijah Counihan talking about their South Korean trip to the Friday Circle

January School Holiday Activities

The last day of Before and After School Care for 2025 will be on Wednesday 17 December when Brooklyn School finishes for the year. Adam and the Childcare Programme staff will be back from mid-January with a fun packed Holiday Programme starting on Tuesday 20 January (the day after Wellington Anniversary Day) and running to Friday 30 January. Booking forms will be available on our website and at the Community Centre towards the end of November.

Guest speakers wanted

We are pleased that our Friday Circle Seniors Group has increased in numbers this year and it's great to have an equal number of men and women attending. We meet every Friday during school terms from 11am to 2pm. A highlight of each week is our after-lunch guest speaker slot. We have had some great talks this year including St Bernard's School pupils Jacob and Elijah Counihan who spoke about their

mother's home country of South Korea. If you can spare an hour on Friday to give a talk please contact us.

Have a great month and see you at the Brooklyn Twilight Festival on 15 November.

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from the LIBRARY

Kia ora Brooklyn,

With warmer, longer, and sunnier days on the horizon, people have been mentioning gardening to our team a lot recently. It's time to get out into the greenery and create something magical for summer. Our collections can help!

We have books focused on specific plant types and topics, like 'The Orchid' which delves into the deepest knowledge of different orchids, 'No Dig' for gardening without digging, and 'The Permaculture Promise' which has tips for a more resilient future on earth.

You might even like 'Gardening for the Zombie Apocalypse' - a guide on how to grow your own food when civilization collapses - or even if it doesn't. In a similar vein, 'Growing an edible landscape' can help you transform your outdoor space into a food garden, and keep the pantry stocked. 'Grounding' may help you feel at home in the garden with a story of hope, home, and living alongside uncertainty.

Lastly, we have 'Yates Garden Guide', an encyclopaedia of gardening knowledge. This is Aotearoa's most beloved gardening guide including advice on planning and design, preparing and maintaining your garden, propagating plants, kitchen gardening, and growing your own garden.



As always, we're here ready for your information questions.

Come see us.

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – We invite you to our meeting on Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 7pm at the

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

Road changes south bound on Ohiro Road – from McKinley Crescent to the Jamiesons Towing building (509 Ohiro Road)

Work has commenced on the WCC project to realign the road and removal of substantial parking (on the south side of the road). GBRAI, and local residents, engaged with council, advocated against many of their plans and tried to achieve changes to car park removal/road alterations but little to no changes were made. While acknowledging this part of Ohiro Road is quite a narrow road and that people have parked on the footpath – to prevent damage to their vehicles by being clipped by heavy vehicles going to the landfill (s) – we are not happy with the plans which will cause stress, inconvenience and create more congestion on surrounding streets.

Brooklyn Road / Brooklyn Connections cycle lane

Since the installation of the “temporary” cycleway, WCC have had plans to install permanent structures up Brooklyn Road and a portion of upper Ohiro Road. Due to funding cuts and taking account of resident opposition though advocacy of GBRAI to resist speed bumps planned for Brooklyn Road (and lower Ohiro Road down to Aro Valley) and other changes, WCC plans have been scaled back. As we understand, changes will proceed in early 2026. The first phase will be road resurfacing for general maintenance purposes. Then concrete dividers, to separate vehicle traffic and cyclists will be installed. There are also plans for change to at least one bus stop on Brooklyn Road. We will watch and monitor these changes.

GBRAI Local Body Election meetings for the Mayor, Southern Ward, Maori (Te Whanganui a tara) and Regional councillors

Firstly, congratulations to all the representatives who were elected to council and for those that stood in the election. GBRAI ran two separate “Meet the Candidates” evenings for the Wellington Local Body Elections. Both were very well attended. We held a Mayoral candidates meeting (with nearly 90 resident's) and a separate meeting for the Southern Ward, Maori and Greater Wellington Regional Council's 5 Wellington representatives (with nearly 80 residents). We were pleased with the smooth running of the evening and respectful conduct of both the candidates and the wider public. That could not be said for other meetings held citywide. Well done, Brooklyn!

Battery recycling and diverting them from ending in the landfill

GBRAI has initiated our own local battery collection project for our community. From October 2022 to the mid-November 2025, GBRAI have collected & recycled: 467 kg of all various battery types The most numerous are: 1) 240 kg of AA batteries; 2) 70 kg of AAA batteries; 3) 28 kg of C batteries; 4) 36kg of D batteries and in excess of 91 kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V, 18V and computer batteries.

Brooklyn Twilight Festival

Please put some time aside to come and support the Brooklyn Twilight Festival on Saturday 15 November from 2pm to 9pm. It's a great event.

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:
brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com - www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington

BROOKLYN

twilight festival

RETURNS SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

The much-loved Brooklyn Twilight Festival returns on Saturday 15 November, bringing colour, sound, and celebration to the heart of Brooklyn. From 2 pm to 9 pm, Harrison Street and the Brooklyn Community Centre will come alive with food trucks, markets, live music, and family entertainment.



Families can look forward to festival favourites — bouncy castles, face painting, and roving performers — alongside an exciting lineup of local food vendors serving everything from sweet treats to hearty street eats. For the grown-ups, the VBC Bar will once again be pouring local beer and wine — the perfect excuse to enjoy a cheeky pint in the late afternoon sun.

This year's music programme promises to be one of the strongest yet, featuring over



50 performers across three stages. Festival favourites Fun & Funner! (with Brooklyn local Karen O'Leary) return to the stage, joined by the Aotearoa alt-soul sounds of Mo Etc, Saharan-blues group Kingston High All Stars, and the neo-soul grooves of Romi Wrights. Other local highlights include The Side Characters and The Wellington Street Carnival Band. As always, the festival will open with a stirring performance from the Ridgway School Kapa Haka group.

New This Year: The Brooklyn Twilight Trail

From 3 – 5 pm, families and small groups can pick up a Twilight Trail Passport from the Festival HQ tent on Harrison Street. Participants will explore local businesses and landmarks, collecting stamps along the way. Completed passports go in the draw for a hamper of local prizes, to be drawn at 6 pm on MainStage.



Get Involved

There are plenty of ways for locals to join the fun this year:

- Soapbox Stage – Share what you love about Brooklyn or what you're passionate about.
- Community Stage – We're welcoming dancers, singers, musicians, and performers to sign up and share their talents.
- Community Stalls – Local groups are invited to showcase their mahi and connect with the neighbourhood.



- Volunteers – We need bouncy-castle minders, cleaners, stage techs, and more.

Sign-ups for all of these opportunities are open now at www.brooklynfestival.co.nz.

Now a firm fixture on Wellington's summer calendar, the Brooklyn Twilight Festival has become known for its vibrant mix of entertainment, food, family fun, and neighbourhood spirit — a day that brings together people of all ages and



backgrounds to celebrate the creativity, diversity, and warmth of the community.

The event is proudly supported by the Brooklyn Community Association, Two Todman, Vogelmorn Community Group, The BRC Charitable Trust, Wellington City Council, and The Vogelmorn Foundation, whose contributions ensure this free, family-friendly event continues to thrive year after year.

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Welcome to November from St John Brooklyn. The weather has not been the best with a lot of wind and rain and as it's only a month until the Christmas - New Year break, it is hoped that our Wellington weather improves in time to catch up with family and friends.

St John Brooklyn is like a family with the Leaders teaching our youth that they will be the Leaders of the future and putting them in good stead learning life skills and leadership.

It is with a great deal of pride that the Leaders see their group grow with some of our younger members starting in the Penguins progressing into Cadets and perhaps onto Leaders. Brooklyn over the years has seen Ambulance paramedics, nurses and others developing into Leading roles and becoming St John Leaders themselves.

The year has had many successes with some Brooklyn cadets travelling to Australia to represent New Zealand competing for the first time in the Sydney Nationals. This was part of the 100-year celebrations of St John Youth in Australia.

The Australian Youth and Judges that took part were overwhelmed at how New Zealand performed as they could deal with all the tasks put to them.

And perform they did – WELL DONE!

The recent "Shock-tober" demonstration at the Vogelmorn Hall gave St John Leaders, Cadets and others old and young that attended to learn about how to deal with a variety of safety issues. It also attracted a new Penguin to join us on a Tuesday evening, and if you're keen, remember there is never too many Penguins!

Other achievements this year included

A special mention to those in Brooklyn Division who have achieved their Grand Prior Award.

- Those promoted to Sergeant.
- New Leaders and volunteers.
- The growing Penguin group.

Those that participated in the **District Youth Competitions in LEVIN**, and we are all very proud of their achievements.

The Penguins that attended the Totara Park competitions in Upper Hutt.

A special thanks to the Brooklyn Community Centre which is always warm in winter. Without them, St John Youth would find it hard to function.

To the St John Leaders who have put so much of their time, knowledge and energy into this organisation. Thank you.

This month is also the end of year presentation of Awards, Certificates of Achievements and recognising those in our community.

We are always pleased to see new members and encourage parents or caregivers to come along on a Tuesday evening at 6pm to the 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 7 pm on a Tuesday evening and have developed some amazing leaders.

If you know of anyone who would like to join 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.

You are welcome to come along to a meeting night and see what we do.

STRAPPING LAD PORGE

Porge is a big, confident guy who loves safe outdoor adventures, but just can't cope with other cats.

The nine-year-old would love a home with lots of safe bush to play in, as his previous home was semi-rural. He can be quite independent but also loves human attention and will happily snuggle beside you and sleep on your feet.

Porge is very easily stressed by other cats, so he needs a quiet home with no other animals, ideally in an area far from neighbouring cats. When he's stressed, he gets UTIs and has had a blocked bladder several times.

He has hunted rodents and rabbits in the past and is a bit prone to weight gain.



He's had no exposure to dogs or children but could be okay with older children.

Due to his medical issues, he's eligible for our Care for Life permanent foster programme.

If you have a quiet home you'd love to share with this friendly fella, contact us: catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. We also have gorgeous clips, pix and stories on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Before School Care

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what's on at your
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
18 Harrison Street

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 - 11:30 AM YOGA

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

**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**



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Trustees of The BRC Charitable Trust met last month to allocate funding for its second distribution of grants in the local community this year. Requests were received from local schools, sports clubs, community groups and an environmental organisation. Applicants should have received notification of an outcome by late October.

We are pleased to announce the following organisations/groups received funding for these specific projects:

Brooklyn Community Association to put
towards Brooklyn Twilight Festival costs

Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club to cover annual turf fees (Wellington Hockey Association)

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club to purchase
cricket bats, balls, bags & training aids

Brooklyn Northern United Junior F/C to
purchase 100 football shirts

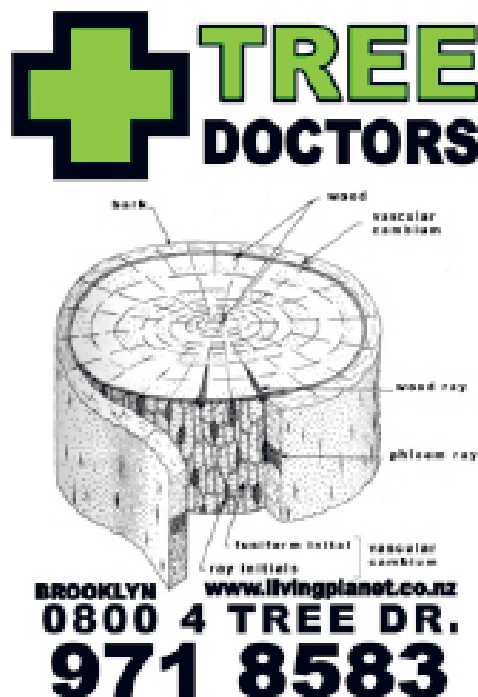
Brooklyn School (Years 5-8) to purchase
2 sets of Structured Reading Literacy
Books

Brooklyn Toy Library to purchase toys/
puzzles and other replacement items

Friends of Taputerangi Marine Reserve
to run a tailored marine education
programme with Brooklyn School
pupils (Term 1 2026)

Our next round of funding will occur in March 2026. Applications will open on 1 March and close on 31 March. 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 \$5000 for each project).

The BRC Charitable Trust



BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." - Luther Burbank

Spring flowers delight the senses and bring us joy. But did you know that flower essences can quite literally be taken as “food and medicine for the soul”? Unlike essential oils, flower essences are vibrational remedies which have no scent or flavour. Flower essences work at a purely vibrational or energetic level with the electromagnetic network in and around the physical body to help correct imbalances and realign our energy systems for holistic wellbeing. Flower essences have been used by indigenous peoples for centuries, who collected dew from flowers to drink for therapeutic purposes, as did the physician Paracelsus, and Hildegard von Bingen, the pioneering herbalist.

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of crisis, stress, grief, overwhelm, life changes,
relationship breakups.

They can also be used on an ongoing basis for holistic wellbeing, not just when “something’s wrong” but to enhance our lives and support personal development. Some examples of what they can help us with: motivation, confidence, study, creativity, parenting, communication, spiritual growth.

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<https://firstlightfloweressences.co.nz/about/>

Article provided by Brooklyn resident Rose McKenzie, Registered First Light® Practitioner. based on the teachings of First Light Flower Essences of New Zealand® creator Franchelle Ofsoske-Wyber.

You can arrange to see Rose or any of our other practitioners through our website at www.brooklynwellness.nz. Visit our blog for extended versions of all our Tattler articles. We have a range of articles about wellness, and lots of nutritious, delicious and budget recipe ideas, including for special diets.





In 1865 when Wellington became the capital of New Zealand, Henry Blundell and his family made Wellington their home. Bringing newspaper experience from Dublin, Henry set up Wellington's first daily newspaper, The Evening Post. According to WCC, the first issue was four pages long and cost a penny. In 1916, Henry's descendants, still the proprietors of The Evening Post, gifted a fountain to Central Park. Early pictures show the fountain with a large, rounded display at the top, proclaiming their gift. That feature is gone. Right now, the top of the fountain is boarded by a glorious display of orange and yellow clivias. A modest plaque at its base remembers the donors. If you weren't looking carefully, you'd miss it. Like the original display, The Evening Post is no more. Its last edition hit the stands in 2002.

The history of Wellington is inscribed in Central Park. The fountain is just one of the features reminding us of

the deeds of previous Wellingtonians. Our generation is more likely to be remembered by the trees we plant and perhaps the avoided tragedy of run-away pest plants.

Help make history. Come to our next working bee. Bring your own gloves, if you have them, and a mug. We supply Supreme Coffee and home-baking.

Next working bee: Sunday 30 November – last Sunday of the month between 10.00am – 12.30pm

Check <https://www.meetup.com/up-stream/> for confirmation.

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

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DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is your community resilience initiative, based at Vogelmorn (93 Mornington Road). We meet monthly to get our neighbourhood better prepared for a significant earthquake, extreme weather, or other disaster scenario.

Our October event celebrated the arrival and placement of our shipping container over the road from the Vogelmorn grounds. We looked at how we do more than stashing away some 'useful stuff' to pull out 'one day', instead making it a central part of our preparation, response and recovery plan and a regularly used community asset. Part of this will be getting it painted up and not looking like just any old container, so it's visible and inviting to everyone - more to come on how you can get involved in that.

Our November event will look at how we build on our previous resilient communications work and create a local, reliable way to communicate and share information before, during and after disruptive events. From having our own resilient server to being able to communicate when power, phone

and internet services are out - definitely valuable capabilities in a disaster.

It can be difficult to think about disasters and how they can affect us - but the evidence overwhelmingly says that getting together to talk, learn, share and take action is a great thing to do. We'd love to see you at a future DIRT event.

Dirt #15 is Sunday 30th November, 4:00–6:00pm at VBC, 93 Mornington Road.

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**Spooky Disco! | Sun 2 Nov | 4PM- 7PM |
Vogelmorn Precinct**

It's time for Spooky Disco!

Vogelmorn is going to transform into a magical and haunted spoOoOoOoOoOoky space.

Get your face painted, come dressed in your best costume, crawl through the maze, watch a scary movie, and get your dancing shoes on.

And bringing the tunes is the Boogie Man himself... DJ Monster!

There'll be prizes and yummy kai. A fun afternoon with the kids. Bring your whānau!

**Poetry & Music for Palestine | Fri 7 Nov |
7PM-10PM | Vogelmorn Upstairs**

Join us for an evening of great poetry and rad music to raise funds for Team Assal, a dedicated group of Palestinians working tirelessly to provide food, water, and essential aid to families in Gaza.

Featuring Mad Moon Menace and Teirangi Klever reading powerful poems and Paper Fortune and Electric Tapestry with epic tunes.

Tickets at Under the Radar

**Being Tangata Tiriti: a Pākehā Project
Taster | Tues 18 Nov | 9:30AM - 4:30PM |
Vogelmorn Upstairs**

Who can we be for each other? A one-day workshop exploring the beautiful restorative work of being tangata Tiriti in Aotearoa.

We live in discombobulating times. And cracks are showing everywhere. So much that we thought was secure is shifting and changing.

But here in Aotearoa, we have an extraordinary pou—Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Come along for a day of depth; exploring the amazing potential that the relational space of Te Tiriti has for us all. This one is for tangata Tiriti who are deeply committed to an ethic of restoration in Aotearoa and want to go beyond an intellectual understanding. We'll be exploring the mahi we as tangata Tiriti can do in the journey towards a Tiriti-led future. Using practices of Haumanu, a healing-centred approach to systems change, we'll be inquiring into our own roles in reweaving the relational fabric that Te Tiriti o Waitangi offered to all people in Aotearoa, but that did not happen at the time.

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Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs

OUR HIDDEN PATHS

Brooklyn, Mornington and Vogeltown are blessed with many hidden and quirky paths, usually connecting from one street to another. A lot begin from a dead-end street, though some offer a more direct route between streets. A typical example of this would be the path from Balfour up to Ingestre Streets. Some, however, are in fact known as 'paper roads', one little known example is in Aro Valley, and the path even has a street name, ST JOHN STREET which runs from the top of Abel Smith Street to where Garage Project Brewery is located.

One paper road in our area, isn't really a path or road at all. There is a legal access track from the end of Charlotte Avenue to halfway along Helen Street, though one needs to pass through private properties to get there.

The following are just a few of the many interesting 'shortcuts' we enjoy:

- End of Short Street to Pearce Street
- Halfway down Hutchison Road to Prince of Wales Park
- Mitchell to Karepa Streets
- North end of Karepa Street to Mortimer Tce; though an additional track off this will take you to the top of Aro Street
- Bottom of Dorking Road to Prince of Wales Park then Newtown
- Dorking Road to Bell Road
- Tanera Crescent to Laura Avenue
- Kingston Heights Road to Quebec Street

- Mornington Road to Clarence Street
- Washington Avenue to Taft Street
- Bottom of Connaught Terrace to Prince of Wales Park
- North end of Fortunatas St to Connaught Terrace

As schoolchildren in the 1950's, we found a number of tracks we took as shortcuts heading home after school. There was a track of sorts up the steep hill from Charlotte Ave to the monument, another was straight up the hill from the corner of Laura Ave/Mortimer, to the low-level path on Karepa Street. Naturally with the increase in residential properties, these are no longer possible.

If any of our readers can add to the list of secret paths, please share.

Chris Rabey

Recycling at the Community Centre

- » Food and beverage cartons
- » Plastic lids
- » Metal tops/lids
- » Household batteries
- » Aluminium cans
- » Small Metal Items
- » No E-Waste or Soft Plastics



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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins (5-7 years)
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 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: kathleen.skudder@gmail.com

GECKOS HOCKEY CLUB

Come and play hockey with us. Years 1-8 during winter terms Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30pm indoor at the Chinese Cultural and Sports Centre near the National Hockey Stadium. Just turn up on practice day. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com> or facebook.com/geckoshockeyclub/

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 November 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@bnufc.co.nz or register online at 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 or contact John Morrison on membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 6pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. All equipment provided. To join email: bsrc.club.captain@gmail.com 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.

3 November – Trentham

to Silverstream. Catch 9:30am Hutt Valley train to Trentham.

10 November – Stellin Memorial to Wadestown. Catch 9:35am No.4 bus from Lambton Quay.

17 November – Brooklyn to Newtown Zoo. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

24 November – Botanic Gardens. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

1 December – Trellissick Park. Catch 10:02am Johnsonville train from Wellington Railway Station.

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. Bridget 0211 379 656, 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 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.

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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