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BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



BROOKLYN



twilight festival

Saturday 11 November, Harrison Street.

- LIVE MUSIC**
- 50 STALLS**
- FOOD & DRINK**
- ARTS & CRAFTS**
- OPEN MIC STAGE**
- BOUNCY CASTLES**

**Families
3-6pm**

FEAT.
Anika Moa
Fun & Funner!
& more

**Grown Ups
6-10.30pm**

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Ministers**
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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
PHONE 384 6799**

Hello, kia ora, and welcome to the September edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. The Tattler is produced each month by the Brooklyn Community Association who also run the Brooklyn Community Centre. This month is the second of our twice-yearly home delivered editions so hopefully you have received one in your letterbox. September heralds the end of winter and the start of daylight savings which this year begins at 2am on Sunday 24 September. We may lose an hour but those lovely, long summer evenings are getting ever nearer.

Website

We are excited to announce that we have a great new website up and running which is more user friendly and easier to navigate than the previous one. Big thanks go to local resident Luke Ross for collaborating with us and doing the hard mahi. Luke was also the brains behind the small recycling station here for items that can go to the Sustainability Trust – see page seven for more info on our recycling scheme.

AGM

Our AGM is fast approaching and is scheduled for Saturday 23 September – the last day before daylight savings starts, so an easy day to remember! Come along at 3pm to the Community Centre and meet the people who run the Centre, produce the Tattler, operate the markets, instigated Wellington's inaugural tetra pak recycling scheme, run Before and After School Care and Holiday Programmes, facilitate the Friday Circle seniors' group, and much more. We have a fantastic governing committee but we are always wanting to



welcome new members so if you would like to give back to your community come and find out more about us at the AGM.

Messy Play Sessions in the Community Centre hall

We are pleased to welcome a new group to the Brooklyn Community Centre. Carla and Bela of Messy Minis have recently started a one-hour sensory play session in the Community Centre hall for under-fives. Large colourful flat trays are set up on the hall floor. Each different themed tray contains non-toxic taste safe products including sago, jelly, and gloop. Sessions run fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 11am to 12pm, cost is \$15 per child. This month's play sessions are on 7 and 21 September. For more info and to book contact Carla on 022 029 7415 Bela on 022 652 4022 or email: messyminisnz@outlook.com

School Holiday Programme

Childcare Manager Adam and the team are busy working on the next school holiday programme which is due to run from Monday 25 September. See our website for details or pop into the Community Centre for an enrolment form.

RATs and Masks

These are available from the Community Centre office free of charge. Please arrange for someone to collect on your behalf if you have tested positive for Covid or are showing symptoms.

Have a great month
Julie and Euan

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

Meetings	Our next regular meeting is Wednesday 20 September at 7pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Harrison Street. We are always keen for new faces and to hear from new voices so please come along if you can.
Election - Meet the Candidates	26 September – Rongotai electorate, 7 – 9pm, venue to be confirmed 3 October - Wellington Central electorate. 7 – 9pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre. Come along and see what your local candidates have to say.
Brooklyn Connections project	GBRAI made a written submission, followed by an oral submission, on the Brooklyn Connections project (planned safety improvements for walking and cycling). The submission covered various details that we think could be improved upon, or done differently. Some of these were adopted in amendments successfully voted through by the Committee and we thank Councillors (particularly Cr Free, Cr Abdurahman and Cr McNulty) for the time they spent working through the submissions and on the amendments.
Sludge De-Watering Plant	The community is looking forward to the closure of the SDWP at Careys Gully/Southern Landfill by 2026. The facility has been the source of much anguish and stress from the offensive odours for over two decades.
Landfill Precinct – Council Run Careys Gully	WCC has allocated \$36M for SLEPO (Southern Landfill Extension Piggy Back Option) to go ahead and to be operational by 2026. https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/our-wellington/2023/02/slepo-and-zero-waste Note that from May, WCC landfill will require any trailers to be covered. For too many years garden cuttings, waste and rubbish have blown off or fallen off trailers travelling up Brooklyn Road, through the Brooklyn Village, down Ohiro Road, and up Landfill Road.
Landfill Precinct – C & D Landfill	C&D Landfill (building waste) in negotiations between WCC and a new private operator.
Landfill Precinct – T & T Landfill	T&T Landfill is expected to seek an extension to its Resource Consent (which expires in 2026). Expectation that this will be granted
Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, or to sign up to our newsletter at: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com	

BROOKLYN TWILIGHT FESTIVAL UPDATE



3-10pm, Saturday 11 November, Harrison Street, Brooklyn

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V **VOGELMORN** **Pub Charity** **nzct** **Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council**

The first Brooklyn Festival in 13 years will be happening on Saturday 11 November in Harrison Street and at the Brooklyn Community Centre. The event will involve ten live acts, over 50 stalls of community groups and artisans, and a wide variety of food and drink.

The event kicks off at 3pm with family fun. There will be bouncy castles, costumed characters, and performances from Anika Moa and Fun & Funner! A community stage will be running where young and old can come and share a song or a talent.

Heading into the evening, VBC is pulling together an incredible line-up of Wellington acts including “Ingrid & The Ministers” and many more. Performances will roll through until 10.30pm from our truck stage on Harrison Street.

Food vendors at the event will include



Penthouse Cinema, 1852 Pub & Kitchen, Chimichurri, Common Good Coffee, Smoked & Pickled, Super Donut Hero, Hong Kong Foodie, Papa Pekas and more.

If you are a community group, business, artisan, or volunteer who would like to help with the festival we would love to hear from you. We are particularly keen to hear from community groups interested in hosting a stall where they can share their contribution to our neighbourhood.

We also need people for setup earlier in the day, ablutions managers who will keep an eye on our portaloos, and friendly people who will help attendees to find their way around the event. To get involved you can contact us at two.todman@gmail.com

This event is being run in partnership between Two Todman and Brooklyn Community Centre, with funding support from Pub Charity, New Zealand Community Trust, The Vogelomorn Foundation, The Brooklyn Resource Centre Trust, and the Wellington City Council. We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of 1852 Pub & Kitchen for providing parking, Jarvis and Lowndes for electrical work, Vogelomorn Precinct for artist bookings and event support, and Kennard’s Hire for generous discounts on equipment.



The BRC Charitable Trust is pleased to announce its second funding cycle for 2023 in the wider Brooklyn community. Applications open 1 September and close 30 September.

In the March round earlier this year local schools, a preschool, scouts, sports clubs, and a community group received funding. While we would like to respond affirmatively to all grant applications, we received more requests for funding than our allocated budget this round. As a result, some applications were turned down and

some organisations/groups received partial funding for their projects/activities.

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).

To apply for a grant from The BRC Charitable Trust, applicants can request funding information by email at: brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com. An application form and guidelines will be emailed by the secretary. Please post your application form and supporting documentation back. If you're unsure whether you are eligible to apply for funding, please contact us (on email above) to discuss your project.

The BRC Charitable Trust

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RECYCLING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Recycling of small household items not accepted by WCC kerbside recycling is available at the Brooklyn Community Centre. Please take a minute to familiarise yourself with acceptable items and general rules for dropping off items before placing in the collection bins. We are on the lookout for more volunteers to help with sorting the recycling and/or dropping off to the Sustainability Trust so please contact us if you are able to spare the occasional hour. A big thank you to those who have already volunteered their time.

Accepted Items

- Liquid paperboard (Tetra Pak and similar)
- Lithium ion (e.g. rechargeable batteries) – Please tape lithium battery terminals prior to dropping off
- Nickel cadmium/alkaline batteries: AA, AAA, 9V, C, D, N Zinc air (e.g. camera batteries)
- Silver zinc (e.g. laptop and hearing aid batteries)
- Other household batteries
- Mobile phone batteries
- Metal jar lids Number 2 and number 5 plastic lids (please keep them separated)
- Small metal items (e.g. drink bottles, clothes hangers, kitchen utensils)

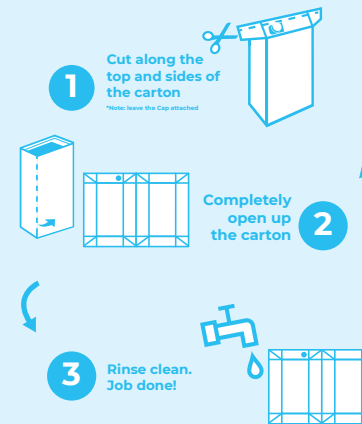
The Rules

- Wash and dry all food-related material

before drop-off.

- Follow the liquid paperboard instructions (below) before drop-off.
- Plastic lids without a 2 or 5 recycling symbol cannot be recycled.
- Sharp metal lids cannot be recycled - they are dangerous and may result in serious injury.
- If in doubt, bin it. Sorting through recycling takes a lot of time and this small recycling scheme is only sustainable with your diligence.

How to prepare your Used Beverage Cartons for recycling at SAVE





What plant is named after a shark, an alcoholic beverage, and an ancient Greek philosopher?

Even with stiff competition from the football world cup and the film festival, several hardy souls turned up to help with planting in Central Park last month. As usual, I looked at most of the plants and couldn't name them. But one was so striking and looked like its many names, that they've stuck. All three of them.

This shrub, growing to ten metres, has heart-shaped, highly serrated leaves and pinky-reddish stems (when young). In te reo Māori it's called makomako because its leaves are reminiscent of the pointy teeth of the makomako shark. In English it's called wineberry because the settlers made its plumpish red berries into wine. (Don't eat the seeds though, they're bitter). Its botanical name is *Aristotelia Serrata*. Serrata like serrated. I wonder if Aristotle would have guessed he'd have a planty

namesake in a part of the world yet to be discovered when he lived?

According to Ngā Rauropi Whakaoranga website, Māori boiled the leaves of makomako to treat burns and rheumatism. The bark could be used to make a blue-black dye. Apart from wine, the settlers burned the wood of makomako to make charcoal that assisted with creating gunpowder. As for Aristotle, he is silent on the uses of this tree.

So much to learn. Come along to our next working bee. Bring your own mug. We supply tools and eats.

Next working bee is 24 September 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!



1883

BROOKLYN SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 140 YEARS
1883 – 2023



Image credit: Photo by Charles Mann, Auckland Libraries (1122-8).

Remember your Brooklyn School days?

Brooklyn School is pleased to invite ex pupils to an open afternoon on Wednesday 20 September from 2pm. Be welcomed back in the school hall, see what's changed, and take in the "Celebrating 140 Years of Brooklyn School" Art Exhibition spread throughout the buildings.

First days

Brooklyn School first opened its doors as Vogeltown School on a small rise opposite where the Vogelhorn Bowling Club is now. A cold wet day, only nine children enrolled on 3 September 1883. They slipped over muddy tracks to be taught by Miss Ada R. Warren, the first Headmistress.

Brooklyn School

By 1897 over 100 children were crowding into the wooden building designed to accommodate 34 desks – most from the city end of the suburb. The school was lifted onto hundreds of rolling logs and pulled by bullock team and horses to its current location, reopening in 1898 as Brooklyn School.

Responding to a growing community

Over time, new buildings have been added and demolished, classrooms extended or modernised, and spaces for play re-imagined. Many ex pupils from 1945 on will recall learning to swim in the shallow school pool – 'the coldest pool I've ever been in, in my entire life'. It was decommissioned in 2000.

Epidemics and closures

Recent school closures during COVID-19 'lockdowns' are not new to Brooklyn School, which was a treatment centre and hospital during the 1918 Great Influenza epidemic, and in 1925 during one of several polio epidemics.

Traditions and community connections

From the 1900s–1940s, the school held an annual picnic. Shops in the village would shut so whole families could enjoy a day out together off the hill. More recently, the school's Matariki celebrations (started in 2010) bring whānau together to mark the Māori new year after dark. New traditions continue to arise.

See what else has changed and stayed the same. So many students have flowed through Brooklyn School in the past 140 years – each adding to the fabric and spirit of the school's history. The school would love to welcome you back with a mihi whakatau followed by an afternoon tea in the school hall from 2pm on 20 September – and if you're not sure where the school hall is anymore, the school office will point you in the right direction. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to Fee office@brooklynprimary.school.nz for catering purposes.

Thanks to Chris Rabey and Bridget Bridgman for historical research.



TWO TODMAN

Kia Ora neighbours! Another few months under our belt for 2023 (I still question '23 every time I write it, yet here we are in September!) and we are fast barreling towards our Brooklyn Twilight Festival in November. Preparations are well underway, it promises to be a wonderful event for Brooklyn and the wider community. We are very excited about bringing it back to life. As you may have seen, we already have some amazing acts booked in... Anika Moa, and Fun and Funnier, with more to follow; an epic selection of food vendors on board; and market stalls are filling up. We're still looking for a number of volunteers, so if you wish to be involved please do reach out, the more the merrier!

On a smaller scale we wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who turned out for our Mid-Winter Night Market. It certainly

felt like the middle of winter with very low temperatures that week, albeit before Wellington had snow on the hills! There is so much talent in the community, it was awesome to celebrate some of it by gathering local artisans and small businesses into our space for the market.

We have a number of exciting exhibitions coming up in the space. They all have their own flavour and bring a different perspective. Pop in and check them out. Anyone is welcome to attend the opening nights of each of these, hard to pass up a cheeky vino and take a quiet moment to appreciate some creativity.

Thank you to all those who have used our space this year, we love connecting with such a wide variety of this community. Don't forget to keep your empties to refill at our Refill Station!

Maggie

Two Todman Community Worker



ADVANCED VOTING IN THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ELECTION

The date of the election is fast approaching and the Brooklyn Community Centre is where you can cast your vote on Saturday 14 October in the main hall from 9am to 7pm.

We are also pleased to be able to offer an advanced voting service for two weeks and have been liaising with staff from the Electoral Commission to provide this service to people who are unable to vote on 14 October, or just want to cast an early vote.

Advanced voting for Wellington Central, Rongotai and the Māori electorate Te Tai

Tonga will take place in the Community Centre's RSA room on the following dates and times:

Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October from 10am to 4pm

Monday 9 October – Friday 13 October from 10am to 4pm

Trained election staff will be onsite during those dates and times to guide you through the voting process and answer any questions.

what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

WEEKDAYS

**BEFORE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY** **CHILDCARE
PROGRAMMES**

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

MONDAY

9 AM PILATES

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

6 - 7:30 PM BROWNIES

Contact Margaret 389 3028 or email marrexj@gmail.com

TUESDAY

9 AM - 12 PM TABLE TENNIS

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

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.

7:30 - 8 PM CARDIO & CORE

A 30-mins strength workout for busy people like you! Contact Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

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

11 AM - 12 PM SENSORY PLAY SESSIONS

Messy Minis fortnightly sensory play sessions for under fives. Contact Carla 022 029 7415 or Bela 022 652 4022.

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 16 September 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

4:30-6:30 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 ORCHARD

The orchard is pruned and ready for spring. With our neighbouring development complete, it has been lovely meeting our new neighbours and we now need to think about how we reclaim the land that was lost during construction - first action is rebuilding the soil. Thanks for the donations of goat straw and coffee grounds from local sources and also funding from WCC for living mulch seed. We are very lucky to have a small group of volunteers who work at the orchard to ensure everyone else can enjoy the fruits of our labour... literally! We would love some more help; no experience is needed but more hands make such a difference to this special place.



We recently held a workshop on how to plant and care for fruit trees which was well attended. This workshop was our first ever workshop back in 2009 when we first planted the orchard, and to run it again reminded us of how much has grown since then. We have also had a photography student come and document the orchard as part of their course, and we have a new development happening which we are very excited about that is part of the council apprentice programme. The orchard really is a place of growth - for trees and people. A place of learning and a place of reflection. The orchard gives us clear signs of the changing seasons and at the moment the barrenness of winter and stark structures will change to softening buds of blossom and leaf. Come to our next working bees and check it out for yourself. We meet on the first and third Sunday of every month.



WOODY'S A GENTLE GIRL

After her person passed away, Woody was left all alone on a rural property.

Luckily, a kind neighbour stepped in and took care of her until she could be taken in by Cats Protection Wellington in April. Woody (14) is a small-boned girl with lovely tabby markings and a white chest. She's shy and builds up trust with a new person slowly, but will then be very affectionate and loving. She loves to be petted, and will chirp and give excellent head bumps. Despite all the sudden changes in living circumstance, Woody is coping very well with living in the shelter, and can usually be found in one of the hiding spaces out on the main shelter deck.

Because she has mostly lived rurally and won't have any road sense, we are looking



for a home for her which is located away from roads. Woody has been diagnosed as being hyperthyroid, but is a model of patience when she gets her meds. Due to her age, she is eligible for our Care for Life foster programme.

There's more about Woody 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.

Katie Underwood

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BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB

“Masonic Hall, Brooklyn. To-morrow (Friday), 6th Sept. At 8pm. GRAND CONCERT! Arranged by Mr. B Walter and Friends. In aid of BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB. Tickets 1 shilling.” This was the first article we found when researching our Club history. We managed to find a review for the grand concert as well and you can read it on our new website. www.brooklyncricketclub.com

We are 111 this year and continue to thrive in the community, our AGM is held in a local hall named after one of our original members. Our Club trophies recount some more recent Brooklyn residents, some of whose names have appeared in the local history section of the Tattler. We

continue to offer grassroots cricket to all even if the styles have changed a little over time.

Brooklyn Cricket currently field seven teams over three different formats: One Day; T20; and Vintage cricket. There is room for more cricketing folk to join us in these or other forms of cricket. We used to field a Women’s team which was instrumental in Brooklyn winning regional honours one season. Brooklyn would love to support another if the interest is out there. Regular practices are held, in season, at Vogelhorn Park and players of any ability would be welcome.

All the cricketers are looking forward to the improving weather and the coming season. If you want to develop some new skills or dust off some old ones let us know. Practice starts in October and the season starts in November. Follow Brooklyn Cricket Club on Facebook. www.facebook.com/brooklyncc/



BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

Brooklyn Wellness Hub was established by a group of local practitioners in 2022 with the vision of empowering people to take responsibility for their own health. The initiative is an organic, people-led approach to health care, bringing our resources back to local community level. We can work with you for your optimal health and wellbeing.

Exciting new initiatives:

Regular weekly Treatment Clinic at Brooklyn Community Centre. Details of dates and times on website. All welcome for natural treatments for acute and chronic conditions, relaxation, and stress. Free B/P assessments.

Health Education Workshops for September and October – website/email for venue details

1.Holistic Pulsing Introduction Workshop: Basic techniques to calm central nervous system, heart, gut and emotions. No prior experience required. Self-Pulsing for mental calm and emotional vitality. Sunday 29 October, 1-4pm HoC. \$30 - includes ongoing practice group for participant. Contact Barb Gibb brooklynwellnesshub@protonmail.com

2.Basic Reflexology Workshops- involves stimulating reflex points on feet to improve circulation, relaxation, and energy flow. May help with pain, stress, anxiety. Wednesday September 27th 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday October 1st 2pm – 4pm; \$15. Register/info: Mel Martin melmoimartin@gmail.com

3.Facial Aromatherapy Massage Workshops – specific techniques to: improve the overall appearance of skin, stimulate your

facial muscles, help tighten skin, relieve tight muscles, and boost circulation. May relieve sinus pressure, discomfort, and congestion. Saturday 14 October 2 – 4pm; Wednesday 1 November 7-9pm; \$35 Rego/info: Suzanne suzyh10@gmail.com

4. Massage Workshop - Basic massage techniques using essential oils for relaxation and stress management. Thursday October 19th 7pm – 9pm; \$35; Sunday 5 November 2pm – 5pm \$45; Tutors Mel and Suzanne. Register/info Mel melmoimartin@gmail.com.

NEXT Create My Health OPEN DAY - Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. 10am-4pm Sunday 17 September. Follow signs. This venue has easy parking with a short walk across the grass area to the **Crombie Room**. Beautiful native bush surrounds this sunny and quiet healing space.

Open Day will focus on spiritual, emotional and mental health

FREE Health check-ups and assessments B/P. Massage and pulsing. Information for chronic conditions addressed with natural therapies. Ionic foot spa for detox, immunity and vaccine injury assistance. Experienced professionals available and to make appointments for full assessments and ongoing treatment if required. We look forward to meeting you again and welcome all new visitors.

For consultations/appointments: Email:brooklynwellnesshub@proton.me

Please bring some cash for donations, café with tea and cake, and to purchase natural health products.





and Martin Bader, who in 2019 discovered within a kauri forest the stump of a kauri tree that seemed, although leafless, to be alive and growing. Trees draw up water and nutrients by transpiration and perform photosynthesis through their leaves, so how was this stump still living? For the details go to the all knowing Google and look up, “Hydraulic Coupling of a Leafless Kauri Tree Remnant to Conspecific Hosts,” but basically, it was being kept alive by its mates - perhaps for stability, perhaps to provide extra water and food.

Kahikatea tu i te uru: Together we will survive - even the old and vulnerable, apparently!

Planting days on the second Saturday of the month, 10am -12.30pm

Janet Campbell

for Friends of Owhiro Stream

Last month's column, credited to me, was by Paul Blaschke

email owhirosteam@gmail.com

Last month saw us joining forces with the Stream Team from Owhiro Bay School for an extended working bee, weeding and planting beside the bridge that leads to Domanski Crescent. A very satisfactory and satisfying effort, so much can be achieved in a combined effort, not to mention the interesting conversations and finding the occasional tree frog. And one day, it will be a pleasant bush walk instead of a blackberry lined path.

I have just been reading a book, “Planting our World,” by Stefano Mancuso that contained a very interesting chapter on root grafting, apparently a well known phenomenon in arborists’ circles. You have probably all heard by now about the underground mycelium and mycorrhizal fungal networks that link trees in a forest and provide nutrients in a symbiotic relationship that presumably benefits both tree and fungi. Root grafting performs something of the same service - grafts can be between roots of the same tree, roots of the same species, or even different species, and share water and nutrients. So, all this was new to me, if not to the experts, and then Mancuso related the work of two New Zealand researchers, Sebastian Leuzinger



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VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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We're hiring!

Bar Assistant Manager 20+ hours per week

Vogelmorn is looking for someone with an interest in learning how to run and curate a range of community events to be our Bar Assistant Manager! As well as being responsible for the day-to-day operations of our Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS bar, you'll be working alongside our incredible Bar Manager to plan, market, and execute music events, poetry readings, theatre showings, panel discussions, movie viewings, quiz nights, private events, and much more. A Duty Manager's certificate is preferred, but not required. You must be 18+ to apply. If you are creative and passionate about hospitality and community, get in touch now by emailing Lily at vogelmornupstairs@gmail.com or apply via the link on our social media.

Rock 'n' Away Charity Concert with Let Loosely & Bright Sky at Vogelmorn Hall, Saturday 9 September. Music from 5.30-8.30pm. Support this charity gig by Scots college students as they aim to raise funds for unprivileged children in need of money for their future. A variety of song genres will be played by the two talented student bands, hoping to give everyone a fun-filled night at the same time helping out for a good cause. This is an alcohol free event. All funds paid by attendees through online or door sales go towards MSF.

Kōrero Kāinga at Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS Thursday 14 September. Kai and bar from 3pm, panel from 6.30pm.

Come along to your community bar Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS for a lively kōrero about all things housing. This is the third in a series of community discussions where four amazing panellists will bring their breadth of experience in academia, politics, advocacy and advice to start the evening. Each of our four invited guests will speak for 10-15 minutes which will be followed by a panel discussion where you can get your burning questions answered. There will also be breaks for connections amongst the audience throughout the evening.



SOFTBALL IN BROOKLYN

The Brooklyn Softball Club was formed in 1946, later renamed Cavaliers, and by 1954 had re-styled themselves as the “Brooklyn Cavaliers Softball Club”.

They played and trained at Tanera Park, though on some occasions at Nairn Street Park. Training was early evening Tuesdays and Thursdays. They fielded two adult and two junior teams, Senior A Women; 3rd Grade Men; and boys’ and girls’ teams. The junior teams also used Crawford Green on Thursdays, usually after school. They had a fairly good success rate with games in their short existence, as the accompanying photograph shows.

Players in the 1950s included Harold Ferrel, Les Meek, and Colin Hallam who was Secretary 1946-1953. Their coach, Harold Dalley, was involved in a lot of promotional work for both the Cavaliers and the Wellington Softball Association in

general. In its short life, the club gained a number of top players who transferred from other clubs, including Ian Loudon, who transferred from high flying Auckland club, The Bears, in 1955.

Succeeding Hallam as Secretary was Miss Margaret Truman, and prior to closing down in 1959, well known Island Bay softballer Frank Harlen became their last secretary. Frank was also the Secretary of the Wellington Softball Association. Upon the Cavaliers closure in 1959, the junior teams carried on under the name SOMA. Soma was a textile business employing some of the players, and like a number of businesses around Wellington, formed teams from amongst their employees, supplying them with their own gear, and allowing them time off to play matches.

Chris Rabey

Brooklyn Community Association AGM

3pm Saturday 23 September
18 Harrison Street Brooklyn

- Come along to meet the people who run your Community Centre and hear from our guest speaker
- All welcome
- Refreshments provided at conclusion of meeting



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 Kathryn Lawrie 802 5049
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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 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
 23 September 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@
 bnufjc.co.nz or visit us
 online at www.bnufjc.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.

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 who love adventure.
 Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs,
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 available. Find out more at
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 or contact John Morrison on
 membership@brooklynscouts.
 org.nz

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RIFLE CLUB**

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

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

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

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library is based in
 the Vogelhorn 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.

4 September – Somes Island.
 Catch 10am East by West
 Ferry at Queen's Wharf.

11 September –
 Plimmerton. Catch 9:33am
 train to Plimmerton
 Railway Station.

18 September – Simla
 Crescent to Lower Ngaio
 Road. Catch 10:02am train.

25 September – Botanic
 Gardens. Start from
 the Brooklyn Library at
 9:30am.

**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.
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RATA PLAYGROUP

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 and nurturing place for
 babies and toddlers 0-3
 years to explore, learn and
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 sessions available at Capital
 Montessori, Camrose Grove,
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 montessori.school.nz/playgroup

or email
 rata@montessori.school.nz

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 Club Building, 2 Tanera
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 Contact Rob Young on 021
 408 521 or
 wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz
 www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz

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

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Your local chapter of
 Toastmasters International.
 Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm
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 Harrison St.
 Sam Day 022 436 8715,
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 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 Vogelhorn 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
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vogelmorntennisclub.com
 call in, or email
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**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

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