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This month's cover picture is a call-out for new community centre committee members.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
PHONE 384 6799

Hello, Kia ora, welcome to the September edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. This is the second of our twice-yearly home delivered editions, hopefully you have received a copy in your letterbox courtesy of the Brooklyn Scout Group.

The Tattler is published by the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA), an incorporated society that owns and operates your local community centre. For over 75 years, the centre has been at the heart of Brooklyn, offering a wide range of services, activities, and a welcoming "community lounge" for locals. Day-to-day operations are managed by our dedicated staff, while a volunteer committee provides governance and strategic direction. We're proud of the team we have, but we're always looking for fresh faces and new ideas to help shape the future of the centre. The time commitment is small, but the impact is big — it's a fantastic way to give back to this amazing community. Interested in learning more? Get in touch with us, or join us at our upcoming ...

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is happening on Sunday 21 September at 3pm in the community centre lounge, and we'd love to see you there! It's a great chance to learn more about the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) and the work we do at your local community centre. We'll also be holding a casual brainstorming session to share ideas and explore new initiatives for the future. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards —

so mark your calendar and come spend an hour with the people behind your community centre. Everyone's welcome!

Local Body Elections

It has come to our attention that a candidate running in our Paekawakawa/Southern Ward has claimed in their campaign flyer that they have "fought to protect funding for the Brooklyn Community Centre and to prevent the closure of the library." We want to reassure residents that neither the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) nor, to the best of our knowledge, the Greater Brooklyn Residents Association (GBRAI) has been made aware of any proposed funding cuts to the community centre or any plans to close the library. Wellington City Council is currently reviewing community facilities, including libraries and community centres, and the associated funding. However, no decisions have been made at this stage. Should any real threat to the community centre or library arise, we would expect our local councillors to inform both BCA and GBRAI promptly so that we can work together to protect these vital community assets.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels is a much-valued service supporting seniors and housebound residents across wider Brooklyn. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, meals are delivered Monday to Friday — with pickups from the Community Centre between approximately 11.30am and 12pm. Sue, our local coordinator, is currently looking for more volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly, or even monthly, she'd love to hear from you! To get involved, contact Sue on [021 620 599](tel:021620599) or email sue@mcglashan.co.nz

School Holiday Programme – Coming Soon!

Term Three wraps up later this month, which means our next school holiday programme is just around the corner! Join us at the Community Centre from Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October for a fun-filled schedule of activities. Programme details are available on our website, and booking forms can also be picked up from the Community Centre. For more information, feel free to get in touch with Adam, our childcare manager.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on Sunday 28 September for daylight savings!

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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**THE BRC
CHARITABLE TRUST**
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The BRC Charitable Trust is pleased to announce its second funding cycle for 2025 in the wider Brooklyn community. Applications open 1 September and close 30 September. Trustees meet in early October, and applicants should receive notification of an outcome by the end of October.

In the March round this year local schools, community centres, and an environmental 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, several funding applications were turned down.

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

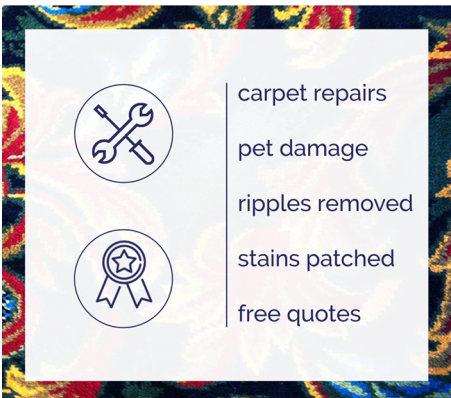
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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – We invite you to our meeting on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 7pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say and look at contributing

Changed date for the regular GBRAI meeting	Please note that due to a very busy month of September, we have moved our regular meeting back from 17 to 10 September. We hope to see you there.
Local Body Elections in Wellington – Tuesday 23 September: Mayoral candidates meeting	Local Body Elections (LBE) for Wellington and other territorial authorities are in October. For voters, the LBE is a postal vote process and will proceed as follows: postal votes will be delivered from 9 September, and you have until Saturday the 11 October to vote and return your ballot papers. GBRAI will run a “Meet the Candidates” meeting for Mayoral candidates only (due to 12 candidates standing) at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Tuesday 23 September. We will look to start at 7pm sharp. We hope to see you there.
LBE x 2 – Thursday 25 September: Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward, Māori Ward, and Regional Council Candidates	Our second “Meet the Candidates” meeting will be for the two seats available in the Paekawakawa/Southern Ward; we will also have candidates standing for the Māori Ward seat and candidates standing for the Greater Wellington Regional Council’s five Wellington seats. This will be on Thursday the 25 September. We will look to start at 7pm sharp, again due to the number of candidates. We hope to see you at this candidate meeting as well.
Battery recycling and diverting them from the landfill.	GBRAI initiated our own local battery collection project for our community. From October 2022 to mid-August 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled 449kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 23 kg of AA batteries; 2) 67kg of AAA batteries; 3) 28kg of C batteries; 4) 32kg of D batteries and more than 90 kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V, 18V and computer batteries. This is in conjunction with the very successful Brooklyn Community Centre plastic and metal bottle top and tetrapak/liquid paperboard container recycling scheme.
Brooklyn Community Association	Greater Brooklyn Residents Association works closely with the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) who run the Brooklyn Community Centre. We note the BCA are also looking for more volunteers to assist strengthening the BCA. If you have time to support BCA as well, we urge you to do so.

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

BROOKLYN

twilight festival

RETURNS 15 NOVEMBER

The Brooklyn Twilight Festival is back, promising another incredible evening of food, music, and community fun in the heart of our neighbourhood. After drawing thousands of people over the past two years, this year's celebration is shaping up to be even bigger and brighter.



Once again, Harrison Street and the Brooklyn Community Centre will be closed to traffic and transformed into a lively hub of entertainment and connection.

Running from 2pm–9pm on Saturday 15 November, the festival offers something for all ages. Families can enjoy a full line-up of children's activities including



bouncy castles, face painting, and roaming performers. Food lovers will be spoiled for choice with a wide selection of food trucks and market stalls, while those looking to relax can head to the VBC Bar to enjoy a drink in the afternoon sun. Craft stalls will add colour and variety to the street, with local makers and artists sharing their work.

Music remains at the centre of the festival and this year's line-up is no different. Featured acts include Fun & Funner! Kingston High All Stars, the ever-vibrant Wellington Street Carnival Band, and the always popular Ridgway School Kapa haka, whose performance has become a highlight of the event. The festival's Community Stage will also return, offering anyone the chance to step up and share their talent with a supportive crowd.



Adding a new twist for 2025, organisers have introduced the Brooklyn Soapbox. This small plinth will give locals a chance to speak directly to their community about their hopes and dreams for the neighbourhood. Whether it's a vision for better public spaces, a creative idea for a community project, or simply words of encouragement, the Soapbox aims

to spark conversation and strengthen connections between neighbours.

Spaces are still open for craft market stalls (though these are limited), and community groups are encouraged to sign up for stalls where they can share about the mahi they're doing in the suburb. To register, contact the Brooklyn Community Centre at manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz. We are also looking for first-aid officers and bouncy castle minders.

The Brooklyn Twilight Festival is made possible thanks to the support of the Brooklyn Community Association, Two Todman, Vogelmorn Community Group, The BRC Charitable Trust, Wellington City Council, Meridian Energy, and The Vogelmorn Foundation. More info at www.brooklynfestival.co.nz



BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB

“Masonic Hall, Brooklyn. Tomorrow (Friday), 6 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 113 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 six 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 Vogelmorn Park and players of any ability are 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 with the season beginning in November. Follow Brooklyn Cricket Club on Facebook.

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Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs

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When you walk into your home, how does it feel? Sometimes the home we live in is far from the one we dream of. Perhaps the furniture feels mismatched, the rooms don't flow, or you've collected things over the years but don't know how to bring them together. Maybe you're just bored, and longing for a change. If you don't know where to start – I get it. I was once the same, which is why I'm so passionate about what I do. I know first hand the difference it makes to live in a home you love.

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I'm a sustainable interior designer based here in Brooklyn. At Homes with Soul my way of working is collaborative, sustainable and cost-effective. I work with you to make the most of what's already there and create spaces that feel like home. By combining your existing treasures with thoughtful, intentional additions, we can transform your home into one that feels authentic, inviting, and very you! I choose to focus on sourcing quality second-hand and vintage pieces, adding new only where it makes sense. This not only keeps things more affordable but also gives your home a character that won't feel like an insta-worthy show home, or “done-by-a-designer.”

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You can meet me and see my work at the **Wellington Home & Garden Show** Style my Space Interior Design Competition, 5–7 September at Sky Stadium (at Aisle 24).

If you make it along, please come say hi - email me for a free ticket nicci@homeswithsoul.co.nz

Homes with Soul – A smarter, more creative way to create a home you love. Visit www.homeswithsoul.co.nz to learn more (and to see client case studies).

ST JOHN YOUTH

Welcome to September from St John Brooklyn

We all hope that the weather that we have had is now improving, it has been cold wet and very windy, and dark in the evenings, however, remembering that Wellington is the world's southernmost capital of a sovereign state and the world's windiest city by average wind speed. BUT we love the best little capital in the world, that's why we live here.

September brings with it spring and daylight savings so we hopefully can hang the broolly up and enjoy that extra sunlight in the evening.

St John continues to grow and it's time to update some of our recent events and future achievements. The Wellington District Cadet of The Year (DCOTY) for 2026 is now open. This is where the chosen cadet represents their fellow cadets within the district and Regional Youth leadership team. Brooklyn has previously done well in this role.

Regional competitions are also on the horizon and there are pre-competition training and practice taking place for this event.

Penguins This is our younger and ever-expanding group. The Penguin competitions are being held on 13 September at Totara Park School in Upper Hutt. The results will be published in next month's Tattler. Go Brooklyn Penguins!

Local Youth Representing NZ in Sydney First Aid competition.

Brooklyn's own Arpith Sampath Kumar has been selected to represent New Zealand at the St John Ambulance Cadet Centenary Competitions 2025 in Sydney. Arpith has been part of the Hato Hone St John Youth Programme since 2018, and recently his team won first place at the National Youth Competitions. Now, he's heading to Australia to compete against top first aid students from across Australasia. Arpith is fundraising to

cover the \$2,000 cost of the trip and is seeking local support! To contribute or learn more, visit his Raisely page through this QR code:

Can you help by giving a couple of hours a week in assisting YOUR local St John here in Brooklyn? Don't be shy, come along and see what we do.



<https://youth.stjohn.org.nz/public/join-st-john-youth/penguin-programme>

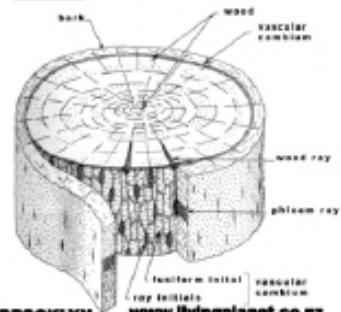
If you are interested in being a Leader of this amazing organisation, please give us a call, it's our future generation of Leaders that you will be Leading. Look out for next month's update so we can keep you informed around what the Cadets role is and what's happening in your Brooklyn St John.

We meet on a Tuesday evening during the school term. The Penguins are the younger group and meet at 6pm till 7pm. The Youth group meet at 7 pm until 8.30 pm.

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager on 0274046343.

Ross Divisional Manager on 0212640440.

A big thanks also to the Brooklyn Community Centre



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*Keep your Brooklyn Community Centre running,
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Minimal time required, contact us for details



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what's on at your
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WEEKDAYS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**BEFORE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY**

**CHILDCARE
PROGRAMMES**

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

9 AM PILATES

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

6 - 7:30 PM BROWNIES

Contact Margaret 389 3028
or email marrexj@gmail.com

**9 AM - 12 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

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

**9 - 10:30 AM EARLY
CHILDHOOD
MUSIC**

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

**6 - 8:30 PM ST JOHN
YOUTH**

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

10 - 11 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

4:30 - 6 PM KARATE

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

6:15 - 7:15 PM ZUMBA

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

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

**8 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

Inquiries Philip on 021 230 4083
or email: pdleong.tv@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
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**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

**12 - 4 PM QUARTERLY
MARKETS**

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 13
September from 12pm to 4pm. Email:
market@brooklyncommunitycentre.
org.nz to book your stall.

**9:15 AM BROOKLYN
ANGLICANS**

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

**10:30 AM EKKAALLAM
CHURCH**

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

3:45 - 6 PM KARATE

Grasshopper Karate to Advanced Karate
classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at
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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 WELLNESS HUB

Put some Zing into Spring

We're nearing the end of winter and looking forward to spring. With the brighter days comes a brighter mental outlook, so let's make the most of that.

Nature is coming out of hibernation. With the seasonal changes come new blossoms, daffodils and freesias with their heady scent. Let's follow her lead and prepare our gardens for summer crops. If you're new to gardening, look up a gardening website to find out how to prepare your soil and when to plant your favourite (or the easiest) late spring and summer crops.

It's now time to throw open the windows and spring clean. We can do this for our bodies as well. This could be eating lightly for a few days, doing a juice or water fast, or doing a herbal or parasite cleanse. Keep hydrated and well rested through this phase and look forward to a new sense of vitality. Check with your health practitioner or natural therapist for the best way for your needs.

How about spring cleaning our habits? Winter is a time of reflection and rest, but now is time to take action again. What are your goals for the next six months? What new habits might you find beneficial to support them? Is there something new you want to learn that will get your brain working out and fizzing?

If you've been suffering from SAD (Seasonal Affect Disorder) or the winter blues, and they haven't gone away just

yet, try some light therapy. Get out into the morning light, ideally at sunrise. If it's still a bit cold, put a few layers on and walk briskly for 15 minutes. If the weather is too nasty to get out into, find a sheltered spot where you sit in the light (and add an extra blanket). Then head back inside for a hot shower.

As the weather continues to get warmer, we can progress from a short morning walk. Add in an afternoon social walk with friends and enjoy the mellow spring warmth. What other exercise do you like in Spring? If you've been in resting mode over winter, start slow, soft and gentle. Feel your body awaken and your strength build up.

With the sun higher in the sky, our bodies can make vitamin D from the sun's rays again. So, find a time each day through spring and summer to get some sun on your bare skin (safely of course - sunburn is not the goal!)

Last but not least - don't forget the boost you can get from the company of good friends, some hugs, and a good belly laugh together.

You can arrange to see any of our 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.

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

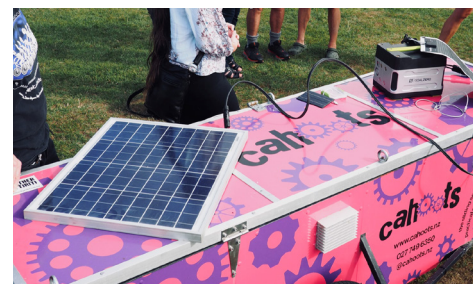


DIRT

Thinking about disasters can easily be put into the "too hard" basket, but it doesn't have to be with DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching), your local community resilience group. For the past year we've been meeting monthly at Vogelmorn to help our neighbourhood get better prepared for earthquakes, extreme weather, and other disruptive events.

At our August event we looked back on the past year, reflecting on what we've learned, the practical skills and knowledge we've shared, and the events that have affected our area. While we haven't seen anything like a major disaster, we've experienced power outages, slips, tsunami warnings, evacuation notices, and road closures.

Looking forward, we're focusing on how to keep building our readiness in ways that are useful and enjoyable. We are working to be able to supply emergency power from solar panels, purify water, set up



toilets, cook without gas or electricity, keep communicating when the usual infrastructure is down, and give people a welcoming and comforting place to seek and offer help.

It can feel hard to think about this, but the evidence is clear: we are much better off getting together to connect, learn and act now.

Join us for DIRT #13, Sunday 28 September, 4pm-6pm

Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road

Everyone is welcome — come along, meet your neighbours, and be part of building a more resilient community.



BROOKLYN
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2pm-9pm Saturday 15 November
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SWEET SHY LILY PAD

Lily Pad, aged four, is a small girl with huge eyes, who is as cute as a button and very loyal to people she trusts.

She was bullied by two other cats in her previous home and can be nervous as a result. But with a few Temptations and some slow, gentle pats, she quickly responds with affection and enjoys kisses and cuddles.

Lily is afraid of most other cats and needs a quiet home where she would be the only pet. She likes older children, but young kids wouldn't work for her.

In her previous home, she spent a lot of time outdoors and likes to hunt. However, she also enjoys having a warm lap to sleep on indoors, and someone to spend time playing with her.



If you would like to give this loving little bundle a home of her own, get in touch with our shelter. For contact details (and to see more of our gorgeous cats looking for homes), go to catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. You can also see more about us on Facebook and Instagram.

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WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

He waiata tahi, he ngākau tahi
Singing as one, and of one heart

You're invited! Wellington Community Choir is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special concert on the 20th of September. More than 4,500 people have sung with Wellington Community Choir since it started in 2005, including many Brooklynites. Wellington Community Choir is our local choir and rehearses weekly from 7pm Wednesdays at Te Whaea – National Dance and Drama Centre. Just turn up and sing – no audition required!

"The Choir's 20th Anniversary Concert celebrates friendship and a shared love of

singing," says long-time choir member and Brooklyn resident Ann Kennedy-Perkins. "It's a love letter to human connection, brought to life through a vibrant selection of songs that span emotion, culture, and tradition. Featuring works by local composers and arrangers, the programme is rooted in community and creativity, showcasing the remarkable talent thriving in our backyard. The concert logo has even been designed by a Brooklyn resident, Jean Donaldson, who joined the choir this year."

At its heart are two brand-new commissioned works, composed by the Choir's Artistic Director, Lala Simpson and Accompanist Andrea Robinson.

"These original pieces beautifully express what choir and singing mean to our community—connection, resilience, and the soaring joy of unified voices," says Ann. "This concert is for anyone who has ever been moved by a melody or found home in harmony."

Date: Saturday 20 September

Time: 5pm – 6.30pm.

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, 75 Taranaki St

Tickets: \$20, unwaged \$15, under 14 free. Buy them from Humanitix.com Limited door sales available.



VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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Vogelmorn's Best Quiz Thursday 28 Aug Vogelmorn Upstairs

Get ready for a classic family-friendly quiz night at your favourite local! It's all about good ol' Vogelmorn vibes, great company, and a little friendly competition. Sign up with your team quick! Register by emailing ordishquiz@gmail.com Quiz kicks off at 7pm sharp, six people per team, \$5 per person, \$30 per team.

We have a maximum number of teams so best to get in quick or try your luck on the night.

Arts Whānau Coffee Mornings Friday 5 Sept 10am – 11.30am Vogelmorn Cafe

Nau mai, haere mai! Me inu kāwhe tātou, me kōrero tātou i tō tātou mahi toi! Come join Barbarian at our home in the Vogelmorn Bowling Club, to connect with fellow artists and arts collaborators. First Friday of every month!

Tom Cunliffe and Ali Whitton Friday 12 Sept 7pm – 10pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

Tom Cunliffe writes folk songs like short films; vivid, offbeat, and full of heart. He crafts lyrical worlds, with a guitar tuned sideways and a voice that balances gravity with joy. Cunliffe has supported a number of internationally renowned artists, bringing his mix of warmth, wit, and slow-burning intensity to stages near and far.

Ali Whitton is an New Zealand Aotearoa-born, Yorkshire-raised, and now Wellington-based singer-songwriter who is stepping into his own as an artist. After years of performing behind an alias, Ali is stepping forward under his own name, embracing his identity as an artist with an invigorated sense of purpose.

Tickets at Under the Radar

The Amber Temple Thurs 18 Sept 7pm – 10pm

The Amber Temple marries mysticism with gritty, ghoulish escapades of rogues and renegades. An original music and interpretive dance collaboration between singer-songwriter Julian Temple and contemporary dancer Amber Stephens.

Presale tickets \$20 (+BF) at Under The Radar or \$25 on the door



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ARRIVAL OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN BROOKLYN

March 1904 marked a significant milestone in the development of the Brooklyn township. From the time the first settlers and buyers of land in Ohiro and Vogeltown arrived, they were predominantly church goers. While the Baptist and Anglican faiths were by now addressed, the Roman Catholic followers still trudged both ways to old St Joseph's Church in Buckle Street, or St Mary of the Angels in Boulcott Street. This journey was repeated twice each Sunday with Sunday School in the afternoon for the children and then benediction in the evening. The walk often meant families met up, making the uphill return journey more pleasant. Those Sunday marathons were all taken for granted, although one long-time parishioner recalled an incident involving two children who in the afternoon walk to Sunday School got as far as the stream running through the gullies below Nairn Street (it later became Central Park) and stayed there. At length they filled their holy water bottles and went home.

Since the other two denominations had a home locally, the Catholics began looking for a central home so the holy sacraments could be offered in their midst. One of the residents, Monica Healy, answered the call and after discussions with the clergy at St Mary of the Angels, the first mass in Brooklyn,

conducted by Father Moloney, was held at her home in Washington Avenue on 6 March 1904.

The Catholic names of residents who attended the first mass were: Healy, Hill, Mulcahy, Reynolds, Rafter, Jennings, Nansett, Cody, O'Brien, Darroch, Ross, Montgomery, Redman, Galvin, Grainger, Morganti, and Daly.

The group who met on this auspicious occasion no doubt discussed the possibility of establishing their own church as the house's dining room, after the second mass, had become too small. Father Moloney took the first two masses, then Father Charles Venning took mass thereafter until 1908. The Healy house was too small for the increasing numbers, so they moved to Fulford's Hall in Cleveland Street and remained there until St Anthony's Church was built in 1911.

At the beginning, the children continued to be sent down to St Joseph's, leaving room for the adults. In 1905 the children found a home for Sunday School thanks to Brooklyn School lending them a room. The first teachers were Edith and Alice Hill, and Kathleen Healy (sister of Monica). All three later became Sisters of Mercy.

Chris Rabey

Chris Rabey is compiling a history of the Catholic faith in Brooklyn, which includes St Anthony's/St Bernard's Church and School, and would appreciate any memories of those attending the church and school, especially older memories.



Big Bend

In a crook in the path along the City to Sea Walkway, beneath a guard of half-fallen trees, lies the entrance to Big Bend.

Fed by the storm water system from Washington Avenue, Big Bend is a remnant of the wetlands that used to span Te Aro, providing food and materials for local iwi. Members of Friends of Central Park are in the process of restoring the area. Already, there are wooden walkways crossing the stream and the boggiest parts of this wee valley. Last working bee saw a bigger team planting the steep hill sides and along the muddy stream. Nikau and native grasses of the carex family feature among the new plants.

What's noticeable is the dampening of road noise once you're inside. It's a serene space in the middle of the city.

Like other parts of the park, Big Bend offers glimpses of the area's history. Volunteers have found old lengths of track from the original tram up to Brooklyn. The earth is made up

of the spoil carved out of the hillside during the construction of the tramway and dumped into the park's deep gullies.

We're grateful to Placemakers for donating building supplies. We're also stoked that we can re-use boards from Waitangi Park. A great example of the community pitching in to make something glorious happen.

If you'd like to be part of the park's story, 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 28 September – last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

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

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

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 Community Association AGM

Sunday 21 September, 3pm

18 Harrison Street Brooklyn

- Come along to meet the people who run your Community Centre
- All welcome
- Refreshments provided at conclusion of meeting



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Community Market

12-4pm

13 SEPTEMBER

SOAP

TREATS

HOT PIES & TOASTED SANDWICHES
CUPCAKE WELLY

CRAFTS

JEWELLERY
FABRIC BAGS + COSMETIC BAGS
BABY BIBS + DOLLS CLOTHES
APRONS
PRESERVES
KNITTED/CROCHETED TOYS & CLOTHES
RESIN GOODS + ART

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KNIFE SHARPENING
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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins (5-7 years)
brooklynpipkins@outlook.com
Brownies (7-9.5 years) brooklyn.brownies@gmail.com
Guides (9-12.5 years) brooklynguides@gmail.com or visit
<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:30am at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com 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 27 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. 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.

1st September – Ataturk

Memorial. Catch 10am No. 4 bus from Kilbirnie Bus Hub.

8 September – Belmont Regional Park. Catch 9:30am Hutt Valley train to Petone.

15 September – Island Bay to Lyall Bay. Catch 9:55am No. 1 bus from Basin Reserve.

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

29 September – Paekakariki to QE11 Park. Catch 9:33am 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.brooklynccricketclub.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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