

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of Anzac Day morning tea organiser Bev Aspros and her team.

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Hello, Kia ora, welcome to the May edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. The Tattler is produced each month by the Brooklyn Community Association, who also run the Brooklyn Community Centre and the community markets.

Anzac Day

The sun shone brightly on Friday 25 April for our annual community Anzac Day commemorations. The service, led by Ross McMillan of the Salvation Army, was held on the top playground of Brooklyn School and followed by a march down Washington Avenue and Cleveland and Harrison Streets to the Community Centre for morning tea. Guest speaker was Wing Commander Tom Fletcher of the RNZAF, with Commander Duncan Fogg of RNZN performing the Ode, and Sonya Bissmire, the chair of the Brooklyn Community Association, reading the "In Flanders Field" poem. The Salvation Army Cuba Street Band provided the music, including the last post later in the day played by Jonty Zydenbos at the laying of the wreaths at the Brooklyn War Memorial. A poignant moment was the minute of silence where the sound of bird song continued throughout, bringing a sense of peace, hope, and unity.

We were pleased Wellington City Councillors Nureddin Abdurahman,

Nicola Young, and Nīkau Wi Neera along with Greater Wellington Regional Councillor David Lee and Rongotai MP Julie Anne Genter were able to join us and we extend a big thank you to all of them for being a part of our day.

ceremonial side, is to invite our community to morning tea to mix and mingle and have a chance to speak with our guest officials. This would not be possible without the support of volunteers and this year we give a huge thank you to Bev Aspros and her team for organising the food. We also extend our thanks to Wellington City Council for their funding grant which enables us to keep running this much-loved event each year, and to Phillip Bolton for once again organising the day. Turn to pages 10 and 11 for photos of the day.

Friday Circle

Our senior's group here at the Community Centre have been enjoying some great talks from guest speakers this year. We are always looking for more people to come along and have a chat. These talks are very informal, and our group really look forward to them. If you have a spare 30 to 40 minutes after lunch on a Friday afternoon to give a talk, please get in touch. We welcome new members to join us on Fridays from 11am for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat, followed by (noncompulsory) gentle exercise and lunch. Contact us for details.

Meals on Wheels

We have some amazing volunteers delivering Meals on Wheels to people in our community, but we do need some more people to put up their hands for this essential service. If you can spare a couple of hours once a week, fortnight, or month, please contact us here at the Community Centre, or Sue Devereux on 021 620 599.

> Have a great month Julie and Euan

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A big part of our event, after the

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The BRC Charitable Trust met last month to allocate grants for its first funding round of 2025. While Trustees would like to respond affirmatively to all grant applications, more requests for funding were received than the allocation available this cycle. As a result, some applications were turned down.

We are pleased to announce the following groups/organisations received funding:

Brooklyn Community Association to put towards Friday Circle costs

Katie Underwood



e: katie.underwood @ravwhite.com **Brooklyn School (Moa Syndicate)** to replace Chromebooks

St Bernard's School to replace Chromebooks

Two Todman to put towards Brooklyn Festival mainstage/lighting

Upstream Friends of Central Park to put towards advertising for volunteers/tools

The second funding round of 2025 will occur in four months' time. Applications open 1 September and close 30 September. Any not-for-profit community organisation, group, or incorporated charity that provides an activity, programme, or service for the benefit of people in the wider Brooklyn area can apply (with a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project).

The BRC Charitable Trust

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – We invite you to the GBRAI AGM Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 7pm

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

GBRAI AGM	The GBRAI AGM is a time to reflect on the association's activities for the past year, and the wider Brooklyn community's challenges, actions, and what is happening to us – with or without our approval. We are always seeking keen people to join the executive and wider group. We thank those who have come to our meetings, listened, and contributed to discussions.
Local Body Elections in Wellington	GBRAI will run our well attended "Meet the Candidates" meeting at the community centre on Tuesday 23 September. We are in the Southern Ward, so we get to choose who we want to be elected Mayor, and we get to elect two Southern Ward councillors to council. The meeting starts at 6.30pm.
Brooklyn Library and Brooklyn Community Association	WCC has a challenging few years ahead with tight financial constraints regarding its income and on the flip side has huge financial commitments. We are aware and have had discussions with councillors and council officers. We are also aware of the "line by line" financial approach WCC is taking to look at its expenditure. We will continue to monitor these outcomes and report back to the community.
Battery Recycling and diverting them from ending up in the Landfill.	GBRAI have initiated our own local battery collection project in conjunction with the successful Brooklyn Community Centre plastic and metal bottle top and tetrapak/liquid paperboard container recycling. From October 2022 to mid-April 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled 370kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 1,789kg of AA batteries; 2) 57kg of AAA batteries; 3) 28kg of D batteries; 4) 70kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V, 18V batteries.
Constitution	We will look to modernise our Constitution and will be looking for volunteers and those with precise minds to assist in this project.
Support Local	As always, we strongly urge you to support local shops, businesses, and the library to keep our vibrant village and community ticking over.

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

UPDATE LOCAL GROUP

from the

Kia ora Brooklyn

We've been very busy lately getting to grips with our new operating system. The good news is we've ironed out a lot of the initial kinks and have services running well again. Reserves, which were one of the most affected areas, are back in action and notices are being sent out again. We apologise for any delays during this time. Our staff are beavering away on further fixes and improvements as I write.

You may be finding search results on our website look quite different. This is part of our new operating system, and we're happy to help





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Hugh Underhill

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you navigate the results screen next time you visit. Thank you for your patience during this transition period!

Winter is coming so remember we have lots of books on comfort cooking and handcrafts to help you keep nourished, warm, and cosy.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ngā mihi

The Moe-rā Brooklyn Library team



TOASTMASTERS

Do you want to become a more confident speaker?

The racing heart, the clammy hands, and the voice in your mind that whispers, "I can't do this" - even the most competent of speakers started out feeling this way. The good news is that public speaking is a skill that can be learnt.

Turbine Talkers, Brooklyn's local Toastmasters club, offers a supportive environment where you can practice, improve, and build confidence in public speaking. When you join Toastmasters, you choose from six self-paced learning pathways tailored to your goals. Whether you're looking to master the fundamentals—like structuring a speech, engaging an audience, or refining body language—or explore other skills such as humorous speaking or workplace communication, there's a pathway for you.

Our peer support process is at the heart of what we do. After each speech we receive constructive, positive feedback, and in turn we learn how to evaluate and support others. Not only do we hear speeches on a vast range of topics, but it's also enriching and rewarding to see people grow in confidence as they progress.

Feeling anxious about impromptu speaking? That's where our table topics sessions come in. We provide a safe space practice for people to experiment with delivering short, unprepared speeches on a surprise topic. It's a skill that is invaluable

in the workplace and one that can be mastered – it's all about giving it a go.

Every Toastmasters club has its own unique flavour, and Turbine Talkers is no exception. As a slice of the Brooklyn community, we welcome people from all walks of life—students, professionals, retirees, and everyone in between.

If you think Turbine Talkers could be the right fit for you, or if you're simply curious, come by for a visit. There's no obligation to join, and we love welcoming new people to our meetings.

Meeting Details

When: First and third Tuesday of every month, 7.15pm to 9.15pm

6 May, 3 June or 17 June. Our AGM is on 20 May (a different format and may be a little boring!)

Where: Reformed Church (Downstairs Room), 34 Harrison Street, Brooklyn

Contact: Bridget at 0211 379656

Website:

turbinetalkers.toastmastersclubs.org

"I really enjoy our meetings. We're a diverse and cosmopolitan group from across the community. We're there to gain more confidence speaking but there is lots of humour and laughter too." Bridget C

"I've developed life changing skills by going to Toastmasters. The people are compassionate, and the environment is supportive." Shu H

HISTORY

EVOLUTION OF OUR STREET NAMES

In the early years of the settlement of Brooklyn and Vogeltown any names of a street were haphazardly given, irrespective of whether the name had already been allocated to a street in another suburb. The council chose names at random, without checking to see if they were duplicated. The following were subsequent names of streets given. The changes came in the 1930s.

Paterson Street was renamed Livingstone Street (off Happy Valley Road).

Mana Street was divided into three sections, and, naturally, was given three names – George Crawford Street, Mana, and Sydney. The council realised this was silly, and the whole road was renamed simply Mana Street.

D P Davies Street became Ingestre Street, Hoggard and Wallace Street, became Hoggard Street.

Krull Street was to extend to Gerhardt Street, omitting Martin Street. Gerhardt, Martin, and Frank Street names were all swallowed up and it all became Moffitt Street.

Part of Fortunatas Street had been given the name Butt Street, but that name was dropped, and the former name was used.

Harland Street originally had been divided into three sections, called Buck, Harland, and McIntyre, but only one now remains.

Dorking Road, with its side streets Asquith and Coolidge, had a conglomeration of quaint names – Bond, Exeter Terrace, Brighton Terrace, and Holmwood Road. (Dorking was the birthplace in England of the Odlin family, who owned large tracts of land here).

McKinley Crescent was known as Hayes Street from Ohiro Road to the first bend, then Adams Street from the bend to where Taft intersects (Taft was called Jackson Street then). However, when the council realised the names would be confusing with others in the city, Hayes and Adams were dropped. Jackson was changed to avoid confusion with ones in Island Bay and Petone.

Connaught Terrace was originally known as Victoria Terrace, Butt Street was called Bunny Street, while Clarence was known as Brandon Street.

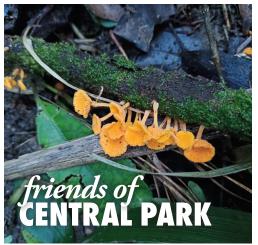
However, not all name changes were deemed sensible.

Take Brooklyn Terrace, simply a high-level path connecting Jefferson Street with Ohiro Road. Its original name was Central Park Terrace, which would have been a very appropriate name, given its proximity overlooking the park.

Lastly, The Ridgway. This name was given from one of the first immigrant ships to arrive in Wellington in 1840, the Martha Ridgway. Some people however, including the council still think it should be spelt Ridgeway, as that is the contours of the land. The council decided to rename the street with the 'e,' without checking the history of the name.

For readers' interest, the first house built in the new subdivision of Kingston is the sixth house down from where The Ridgway connects with Quebec Street.

Chris Rabey



Eventful

The weekend of our working bee coincided with events showcasing all the great things you can do in Central Park. Faultline had recreation covered with a run which looped through the park. Geocachers were busy pulling rubbish out of "Big Bend." Only two of the many volunteers were Wellington-based. Some came from as far afield as Germany, the US, and France.

Sunday afternoon saw people participating in Fungi Fun - looking for fungi in the park. This group was helped along by folk from Conservation Volunteers New Zealand and Landcare. Later that evening, Enviroschools, Friends of Te Papa and Wellington City Council hosted "Central Park Nighttime Observation." The fungi and observation events tied in with Wellington's bid to win the international "City Nature Challenge." This citizen science event counts community photos of nature collected with the iNaturalist app.

Our working bee focused on clearing weeds around Moturoa Stream, one of our favourite things to do because it's so lovely alongside the stream. The fungi in this week's picture were spotted by an Upstream

volunteer (and joined the City Nature Challenge). Turns out it's not a native, but an invasive mushroom called Favolaschia calocera or orange spore fungi. It looks amazing though! And right alongside was a wee Ruby Bonnet mushroom which is a native to Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. So many things to explore.

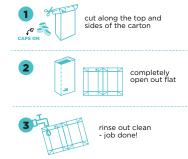
A big shout out to the Brooklyn Resource Centre who made our dreams come true with some funding to help with tools for our working bees. Come join in. We provide delicious Supreme coffee and baking. Bring your own mug and gloves if you have them.

Next working bee: Sunday 25 May – 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





for more info, visit fbcarton.recycling.kiwi.nz

ANZAC DAY

BROOKLYN ANZAC DAY CELEBRATION













Lest We Forget













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6:15 - 7:15 PM ZUMBA

WEEKDAYS

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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.

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

WEDNES	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
THURSDAY	5 - 6:30 PM	KARATE	Beginners' to Advanced Karate classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at www. familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.
Ē	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.
AY	9 AM	PILATES	Contact Faye Tohbyn on 022 054 2369 or email: fayetohbyn@gmail.com
FRIDAY	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	10:30 - 11:30AM	YOGA	Weekly one hour classes in the hall with Ale Figueroa. Contact Ale on 021 033 2049 or email: shiningsoul.nzar@gmail.com
SATU	12 - 4 PM	QUARTERLY MARKETS	Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 14 June from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre. org.nz to book your stall.
X	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
SUNDA	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

LOCAL PRESCHOOL LOCAL PRESCHOOL

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY SHINES AT CAPITAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

This beautiful whakataukī speaks to the heart of our Preschool Fair—community, collaboration, and shared strengths. Everyone brought something special, and together we created a vibrant, joyful event where all could flourish.

Held earlier this year on 23 March to avoid overlapping with larger Wellington events like CubaDupa, the timing could not have been better. Under blue skies our gardens came alive with tamariki, whānau, and





the buzz of connection. It was a delight to welcome past families and see how much their children have grown.

Our amazing alumni added something extra special, running a lemonade stall, an ice cream stand, and even performing live music. Their presence was a true reflection of the strong, lasting bonds within our community.

As a community preschool, we depend on our generous donors and grants to provide our tamariki with special learning experiences in our Montessori environment.

With the help of a generous grant from the





BRC Charitable Trust, we were recently able to enhance our Practical Life area by adding a carpentry table and essential tools—giving our tamariki rich, hands-on opportunities to create, build, and explore.

This year, our preschool is focused on raising funds for a shade sail to cover the carpentry area, ensuring it can be used comfortably and safely throughout the seasons.

A heartfelt thank you to our parent volunteers and the entire CMS whānau.





including our Rata playgroup. Your time, energy, and generosity helped raise \$2,166 toward our shade sail project—what an incredible effort!

We would also like to thank the wider community who so kindly donated prizes for our raffle —your support made a real difference.

A very special thank you to our incredible community. Your aroha, support, and willingness to give make events like this possible. We are so lucky to be surrounded by such a generous and connected village.

If you'd like to become part of our Montessori community, or to arrange a tour of our school, please email us on: enrolments@montessori.school.nz

ST JOHN BROOKLYN



Welcome to May from St John Brooklyn.

It's that time when summer comes to an end, the weather has changed, and a new season begins. St John continues to grow and it's time to update some of our recent achievements.

There was a large turnout for the Anzac Day parade with Brooklyn St John having the honour of raising the New Zealand flag, along with presenting their colours alongside several other youth organisations, a proud day for all.

Brooklyn participated in the National Youth Competitions, and we are all immensely proud of the achievements.

In the Individual Communication (Rolly Nelson Trophy)	1st Place Toby Page
In the Individual First Aid 1 (Michael Brooke Trophy)	3rd Place Toby Page
Champion Individual (1st Bledisloe cup/ Centennial Shield)	Toby Page

TEAM Results

Team Drill and Inspection (Lady Mountbatten Cup)	1st Place Anne Carey-Smith, Ashley Jackson, Michael Dobbs, Eddie Barnes
Individual 3 (Dawson Cup)	1st Place Esther Carey- Smith

Champion Region included Anne Carey-Smith, Eddie Barnes, Esther Carey-Smith, and Toby Page.

A big thanks to all who participated, and to volunteers who assisted in making this such a successful event.

Penguin Group We are always pleased to see new members and encourage parents or caregivers to come along on a Tuesday evening at 6pm to the Brooklyn Community centre to see what we do. It's a lot more than first aid and is a lot of fun.

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

Several of the cadets have received promotions during the past year, congratulations to their efforts and success in their achievements and passing on their skills, knowledge, and experience to others.

Leaders We are looking for additional new Leaders to assist and work with either the Penguin group or the Youth group. You're welcome to come along and see what we do.

If you know of anyone who would like to be part of St John Youth or Penguins, please pass this message on. Contact:

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager on 0274046343.

Ross Divisional Manager on 0212640440.

READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS



This beautiful piece of art was sent to us by local artist Joanne Richardson. Keep a look-out for future Tattlers showcasing more of her work. The photo of the Brooklyn wind turbine at sunrise was taken by Tom Seevens.



LOCAL GROUP CATS PROTECTION WELLINGTON



DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is your community resilience initiative, based at Vogelmorn (93 Mornington Road). Together, we can make our neighbourhood become better prepared for a significant earthquake, extreme weather, or other disaster scenario.

We had a constructive and informative April event around physical and mental first aid, ranging from immediate emergency needs up to how the community could be supported through the recovery process after a big event. There is some good response planning and resources in place from the local health services perspective, but there will be a lot that we can do as a community to support their response and each other.

One small, but important thing we can all do now if we have regular medication needs is have downloaded photos, written notes, or screenshots from Manage My Health so if there's no internet access, we have that information available. While there's a paper-based prescription writing plan it might be detailed digital patient records are not immediately available so it will be a big help knowing what you need.

For our next event we look forward to hearing from Cécile L'Hermitte, Senior Lecturer, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, University of Waikato, talking to us about disruption and supply chains. The Kaikoura earthquake of 2016 majorly affected our national transport network and since then we've seen a range of other challenging local and global events. We will also hear from Chris Berthelsen who is working on the Japanese Science and Technology Agency's Moonshot Goal 8 project around Climate Change. Chris was part of the Disaster at Vogelmorn project in July 2024 and works at the Weather Commons Research Group (Faculty of Collaborative Regional Innovation, Ehime University). See the Disaster at Vogelmorn film here: https://vimeo.com/1068659998

See you on Sunday 25 May, 4pm - 6pm at VBC, 93 Mornington Road.



WATSON WAITS FOR HIS WALKOUT

Spare a thought for Watson, who has lost two girlfriends in the last two weeks!

Though nervous with people until he gets to know them, he has been a magnet for shy girl cats while living in the Timids wing of the CPW shelter in Kingston.

His longest companion was tiny tabby Thena, who was happily homed earlier this month. Then sweet ginger ex-stray Fizz would give him head-boops, and now she too has found a wonderful new home.

So, Watson stays behind, hoping it will be his turn next to walk into the Carrycage of Joy.

The gentle tuxedo boy was found badly injured while living as a stray. Since he came to us, we have seen him go from being terrified of people to cautiously coming to us for cuddles. But it has taken some time, because Watson



has been in the shelter now for 18 months.

He loves to hang out in the canvas sail overhanging the Timids sundeck, or at the top of central cat tower. We know he would really enjoy exploring his own home and having someone to love.

Watson will need a lot of human company, or a cat friend to spend his time and play with. Due to his fear of men, he is best suited to a female household. Give us a call if you think you have the perfect home for our gentle Watson.

There are more cats looking for homes at catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories, and videos of cats in our shelter.

Before, George Control of the Contro

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UPDATE UPDATE

VOGELMORN PRECINCT

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93 Mornington Rd, Brooklyn, Wellington, 6021

Join us for a Solar Celebration Saturday 10 May 10am – 12pm Vogelmorn Green

Thanks to 34 superstar supporters we have reached our crowd-funding goal of \$3,000! We now have the \$38,000 needed to install solar panels at Vogelmorn.

Let's celebrate our sustainable, resilient community and everyone who made it possible. See the solar panels unveiled, enjoy sun-themed tunes and (sun-) baked goods from the bake sale. Wear yellow clothing for a sunny aerial group photo. Thank you again to: Ye Olde Pinball Shoppe, Adam, Ben, Hadley, Mark,



Susannah, Georgia, Zoe, Lee, Niki, Barbara, Bronwyn, Raquel, Ben and Sherry, Fionn, Melissa, Akanksha, Hannah, Sam, David, Juliette, Vita, Andrew and Zanda as well as many anonymous donors. Missed the chance to chip in? The site is open until the end of the month: vogelmorn-solar.raiselysite.com.

Jim Wisp Eliana Album Release and Hihi and the Stitchbird Saturday 10 May 7pm — 10pm

Join us as we celebrate the release of ELIANA, Jim Wisp's latest album. Jim Wisp weaves lush, immersive soundscapes that shift from delicate, fragile moments to soaring, cathartic releases. With a unique blend of violin, cello, bass, drums, guitar, and tabla, their music is a cinematic experience—emotional, intricate, and powerful. Supported by Hihi and the Stitchbirds, an exciting five-piece musical experiment. The band pride themselves on their eclectic collection of musical instruments. Pairing rich vocal harmonies with vibrant new songs inspired by the folk and Americana playbooks, this band brings something to delight everyone. Tickets at UTR, Limited Door Sales



BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

Hot alternatives to tea and coffee

Tea shops and herbal infusions are social traditions as old as we are. In Japan, tea making is a ritual art form. In many Pacific islands, grinding and drinking kava root is a men's rite of initiation. When you order a turmeric latté, you access 2,000 years of Indian medicinal knowledge. Maccha teas gift herbal lore from South America.

Many old beverages were medicinal, made up specifically for a person with chronic ailments or to support convalescence, by a skilled herbalist. Our grandmothers often held this role too, as they knew their family patterns of "disease". Plants contain essential oils that stimulate the thousands of olfactory receptors, throughout our bodies - like going to an online dictionary of plant resources, especially designed for you!

Some are stimulants, like the caffeine in tea and coffee, or the alcohol in brews and ferments. Stout was suggested for breast-feeding mums to boost milk production! Others were used for digestive aids, supporting immunity, as antiparasitic, anti-inflammatory, or calming to the emotions, and for sleep. Herbal blends for pain reducing or palliative use were highly valued before modern painkillers, e.g reishi mushrooms or cannabis decoctions.

Black teas (e.g "gumboot" tea), green tea, or Oolong tea all come from the tea plant (Camellia sinensis). Herbal teas though are not teas. They are actually tisanes, or botanicals made from different plants. Tisanes are caffeine-free and can be served hot or cold. They are usually categorised by the part of the plant they come from.

 Leaf: lemon balm, mint, lemongrass and lemon verbena (cleans gut, uplifts mood, anti-parasitic, anti-viral)

- Flower: rose, chamomile, hibiscus, and lavender (lifts mood)
- Bark: cinnamon, slippery elm, and black cherry bark (regulates central nervous system, gut support)
- Root: ginger, echinacea, and chicory or dandelion (cleanse the gut, detox liver and support immunity)
- Fruit/berry: raspberry, blueberry, blackcurrant, wolfberry, peach, and apple (immunity and gut health)
- Seed/spice: cardamon, caraway, and fennel (liver detox, mood lifters)

Tisanes can be prepared as infusions or decoctions. Infusions (or steeping) are how we make tea, by pouring boiling water over plant matter. Decoction is the method of placing the plant material in boiling water, which releases more essential oils and flavour. Decoctions are often used for plant matter with tough surfaces or smaller surface areas. Leaf, flower, and seed tisanes are generally steeped (infusions), whereas bark, root, and berry tisanes are generally prepared as decoctions. Brewing times and proportions vary widely, but your vendor can supply you with instructions.

As we re-discover the benefits of natural herbal infusions, an exciting window into good health opens. Be adventurous and try a tisane today!

We're not currently running a Drop-In clinic, but you can arrange to see any of our practitioners through our website at www. brooklynwellness.nz. Visit our blog for extended versions of all our Tattler articles, and to see our recipe ideas, including for restricted ways of eating.

https://brooklynwellness.nz/



COMMUNITY GROUPS COMMUNITY GROUPS

BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins (5-7 years) brooklynpippins@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

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 31 May from 2 - 4pm at Brooklyn Library. We'd love your input or queries. Please contact the convenor in case our advertised date or venue changes. Sharon Macintyre 0276344455 sharonmacintvre42 @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@bnujfc.co.nz or register online at www.bnujfc.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 Ohiro 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 14-18vrs. Financial Support available. Find out more at www.brooklynscouts. org.nz or contact John Morrison on membership@ brooklynscouts.org.nz

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE

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

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

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

12 May - Brooklyn to City

via Hospital. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

19 May – Pukerua Bay to Plimmerton. Catch 9:33am train from Wellington Railway Station.

26 May – Brooklyn Walkways. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

2 June – Kings Birthday. Public Holiday.

9 June – Karori to Kelburn. Catch 9:39am No. 2 bus from Lambton Quay North stop A.

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

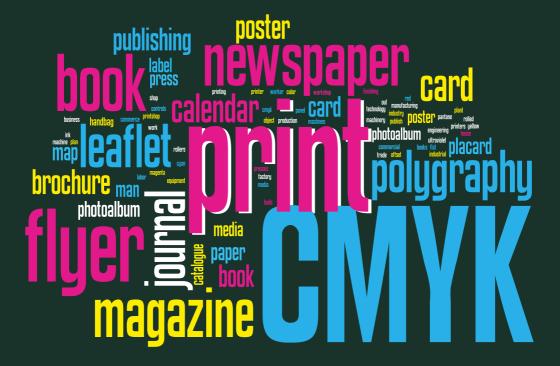
22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentrenz@ gmail.com or call 027 700 1363.

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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