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BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community

Community
Market

12-4pm

14 JUNE



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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Hello, kia ora, welcome to the June edition of the Tattler. With Matariki occurring in June this year we are lucky enough to have two public holidays to enjoy this month, we hope you get to spend some of this time relaxing with family and friends.

Market

Being June means it's time for another community market. Come along to the Community Centre on Saturday 14 June between 12pm and 4pm and support our local stallholders – we have a great mixture of returning favourites and new offerings, plus pies, soup, toasted sandwiches, hot beverages, and other tasty goodies to keep those tummies warm and happy.

Join Us!

Speaking of supporting our locals, we are on the lookout for some enthusiastic, community spirited go-getters to join us in ensuring that our community centre, which has been serving our locals here in the heart of Brooklyn for over 77 years, continues to be the well-loved community asset that it is.

We have a great governing committee and are eager to welcome some new people to the team to help with strategic planning and communications. Our committee is not one of those that has

endless meetings every few weeks and major jobs for committee members to do (we employ staff for that!) so there is minimal time required. If you love Brooklyn and want to give back to this great community, contact us for more details. The committee will also be having a stall at the June market so feel free to come along and have a no-obligation chat.

Local Body Elections

Elections for the local bodies, including Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Councils, are coming up in a few months' time. Brooklyn is in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward and is a bit of a poor cousin to the other wards in that we only get two councillors representing us where everyone else gets three. Because we get less representation, it is even more important that we get out and vote for the best people for our ward. The Greater Brooklyn Residents Association (GBRAI) are hosting a Meet the Candidates evening here at the Community Centre on Tuesday 23 September for all Southern ward councillor and mayoral candidates. This is a great opportunity to see who is wanting to represent us and hear what they stand for, it's much more informative than a wee blurb on a voting form and generally has the bonus of being quite entertaining. Mark your calendars now.

Holiday Programme

Term two finishes at the end of this month which means we are halfway through the school year already – and it's time for a School Holiday Programme. Adam and the team are getting ready for another fun-packed couple of weeks. Enrolment forms will be on our website soon with paper copies available here at the Community Centre. Email Adam at the Childcare address for more details.

mānawatia a Matariki
- Happy Matariki

Julie and Euan

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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	It is election season - the GBRAI AGM is a time to reflect on the activities and actions of the association and to look to opportunities and challenges ahead throughout wider Brooklyn. We need more volunteers to keep pushing for the interests of the community, especially with the local council (local body) elections coming in October 2025.
Local Body Elections in Wellington	Local Body elections for Wellington and other territorial authorities are to be held later this year in October. Postal voting starts in September. Postal votes will be delivered from 9 September, and you have until Saturday 11 October to vote and return your ballot papers. GBRAI will run our "Meet the Candidates" meeting on Tuesday 23 September at the Brooklyn Community Centre. We are hosting candidates for both our local councillors (Southern Ward) and also the six Mayoral candidates. This event is usually well attended.
Battery recycling and diverting them from ending in the landfill.	Since October 2022, GBRAI have initiated our own local battery collection project with Brooklyn Community Centre hosting our collection bin. Since October 2022 to mid-April 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled 399 kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 209kg of AA batteries; 2) 60 g of AAA batteries; 3) 30kg of D batteries; 4) 7kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V, 18V, and computer batteries
Landfills	Southern Landfill – the new landfill "cell" construction is well underway, and is expected to be operational mid-2026, as planned. The old C & D Landfill – now West Gully is beginning remediation work on its first stage so the new owners can open the next stage for building waste. T and T Landfill – the current Resource Consent expires in 2026 and it's expected that the landfill will file a new Resource Consent to continue.
Brooklyn Community Association	GBRAI are pleased to see the confusion created by WCC, of wrongly zoning the land area around the Brooklyn Community Centre to medium density housing, is now going through the legislative process of returning this land, and the land under Brooklyn School, to Open Spaces. While GBRAI offered moral support and assistance from the sidelines, we recognise the efforts of BCC pushing back against this mistake, our own local councillors who went to bat for the community association, and efforts of senior council officers taking on this project to correct it.

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:

brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com - www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington



Memory

Members of Upstream sometimes refer to meeting places in Central Park in shorthand. For the May working bee it was meeting at the "caretaker's cottage." New people to the group are often surprised when they make their way to the "caretaker's cottage" to find an empty site. The cottage was moved to Newtown in the 1970s and there hasn't been a caretaker at the park since the 1960s. This is long before the present volunteer group was formed in 2005.

Yet, the site is filled with the remembrance of the cottage – the rock walls, the narrow steps, remnants of the garden. Right now, "wintersweet" (*Chimonanthus praecox*) is flowering in the caretaker's garden and displaying white petals with a pink centre and a honey aroma. It's nice that we're around to enjoy it; itinerant caretakers.

The park is a crucible for memories. This week's photo shows two wine glasses and a bottle of wine on the balustrade of a bridge. I came across them on the way home; no people in sight. Perhaps, somebody was planning on making

memories later in the evening. (Plenty of evidence of that in the park!)

Sometimes memories collide. Pine trees are reminders of the planting decisions of patrons from the turn of last century. In the recent storm pines were damaged, taking out later legacies, like the second bridge along Moturoa Stream. That's a bit sad. But the park will renew itself with a little help from us and Mother Nature doing her thing.

If you'd like to help, come to the next working bee. We provide delicious Supreme coffee and baking. Bring your own mug and gloves if you have them.

Next working bee: Sunday 29 June – 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

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The BRC Charitable Trust, a funding body established in 2020, is now in a position to accept donations and bequests. For charitable or not-for-profit organisations, bequests can be an important source of funding and when leaving it to an organisation in your local community, it can be an enduring gift to others that becomes part of your legacy.

Any donations or bequests we receive will be distributed throughout the wider Brooklyn community, with funding

available to local groups and organisations subject to our funding criteria. It would also be possible for you to “tag” your bequest to support an area that may be of special interest to you (such as specifying your legacy goes towards preschools and schools in the local area, or community centres, or environmental or recreational groups and so on). Legacy gifts can be added when creating your will, or if you already have a will, it can be amended by adding a codicil.

A bequest could be a gift or sum of money specified in your will which would go towards supporting what we do in the community. This intention should be discussed with your family and set up by a lawyer to be included in your will.

If you, or your family, would like to make a donation or bequest please contact us on the above email to discuss your wishes.

The BRC Charitable Trust


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BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

Don't be Rash about your Skin

Our skin is the largest breathing organ in our bodies! Think of it as a second lung, in rhythm with our internal breath. Or a thin stretchy film that wraps us, defines our outer boundary, keeps us together, and connects us to our outside world. It has many fine layers of dermis and epidermis, working together to regulate temperature, protect fascia and inner organs, release toxins, and “face our world”.

Beauty comes from the inside; we glow when our inner health is in balance, our hearts are happy, and life feels whole. Our skin is our outer expression of health. It has many allies: liver; lungs; kidneys; spleen; heart; blood; lymph and endocrine glands, all working together for health and optimal balance. It's not what you put on that matters, as much as what you put in, or choose to leave out!

Our skin expresses our inner balance honestly - rashes, itchiness, shingles, and psoriasis are clues to inner health challenges. Topical lotions will help, but are only temporary surface remedies. You also need to get “under your skin” and look at the whole body. Is there something emotional that makes you flush? Does someone bring you out in a rash? Is something toxic you're eating trying to break out?

Now is the season to slow down, sleep more, and invest in yourself by nourishing your body and spirit. You will be rewarded with radiant health and skin. Come spring (allergy and hay fever time) you may find these seasonal maladies no longer worry you.

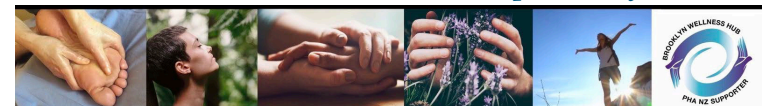
The practitioners at Brooklyn Wellness can assist you with dietary and cleansing advice.

It needn't be expensive - you can make many remedies yourself. Support your local library who will have many herbal references.

- For a face and hand cream: Put spray-free lavender (or rose) flowers in a glass (never plastic) jar, cover with virgin organic olive oil (purity is important for anything you apply to your skin), and leave in a cool place for a month. Strain flowers, cap and use within two months.
- Calendula petals, rosemary leaves, and chamomile flowers are soothing herbs for itchy skin. You can use chamomile tea bags as a wash.
- Therapeutic grade lavender essential oil (diluted) is gentle and cleansing for broken skin.
- Use a drop of therapeutic grade lemongrass or lemon essential oil to make insect repellent.
- Traditional Māori rongoa also offers many options, especially kawakawa leaves. Collect with respect, only take a few leaves from each bush!
- Weeds are power houses of inner health: plantain can be chewed or mashed, chickweed is full of vitamins, the juice is a skin soother.

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/>





Kia Ora neighbours!

We've missed you—and we're back!

After a season of hammers, paint, and plenty of elbow grease, our beautiful 120-year-old building has had plenty of love and is open again! Whether you've lived here for years and know us well or just moved into the neighbourhood, we can't wait to welcome you into our freshened-up sunny corner of Brooklyn.

Our Thrift and Boutique store is reopen (with increasing hours as new volunteers join the team). We have plenty of preloved gems waiting for new homes, beautiful locally made wares filling our boutique shelves, and the Eco Store refillery is back in action. If you have been holding out on refilling your cleaning and personal care empties,

now is your chance. Every purchase supports local and helps give back to this wonderful community that we love being a part of. If you have any good quality clothing that's needing a new home, we are open to donations!

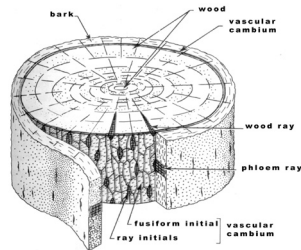
Our community space kicked off with an awesome exhibition, Embodied Entangled, hosted by four very talented Massey University students. It's always a pleasure hosting exhibitions here and seeing how differently each artist transforms the space. This exhibition felt very whimsical and carefully considered. Thank you to everyone who popped by and we look forward to more exhibitions in the remainder of this year.

This space is as much yours as it is ours! We're excited to see it hum with energy again. If you'd like to get involved in any capacity please reach out, bring along your creative ideas and let's bring them to life. It is good to be back Brooklyn!

Ngā Mihi

Maggie

Two Todman Community Worker



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ST BERNARD'S CHURCH DEMOLISHED



The former St Bernard's Catholic Church on Taft Street was demolished on Wednesday 28 May to make way for a townhouse development.

The church was officially opened at 37 Taft Street on 16 October 1949. Originally known as St Anthony's the name was changed to St Bernard's on 1st February 1962 to avoid confusion with St Anthony's in Seatoun.

After a Parish review the Archbishop of Wellington made the decision to close St Bernard's, and the last mass was held there on 18 April 2021.

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

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**BEFORE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY**

**CHILDCARE
PROGRAMMES**

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

9 AM PILATES

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

6 - 7:30 PM BROWNIES

Contact Margaret 389 3028
or email marrexj@gmail.com

**9 AM - 12 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

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

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

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

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

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

10 - 11 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

4:30 - 6 PM KARATE

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

6:15 - 7:15 PM ZUMBA

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

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

**8 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

Inquiries Philip on 021 230 4083
or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com.

**10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT
CONNECTIONS**

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

5 - 6:30 PM KARATE

Beginners' to Advanced Karate classes.
Contact Sensei Patricia at www.
familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

6:30 - 7:30 PM TAI CHI

Contact Ferne on 389 1433 or email:
ferne.david@xtra.co.nz

**6:40 - 7:10 PM CARDIO &
CORE**

A half hour strength workout for busy
people like you! Contact Patricia on
027 297 6049.

9 AM PILATES

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

**11 AM - 2 PM FRIDAY
CIRCLE**

Seniors Social Group, meets weekly
for light lunch and activities. Contact
Euan Harris, details at bottom of page

**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.

**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
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To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact
Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

ST JOHN BROOKLYN



Welcome to June from St John Brooklyn. The weather has been cold, wet, and dark in the evening as we go into winter. It might be a new season, but St John continues to grow and it's time to update some of our recent achievements.

St John in Brooklyn, regardless of the weather, continues to be positive due to the warm Brooklyn Community Centre building that we are in and the dedication of the Leaders and enthusiasm of the Penguins and Cadets attending. A special mention to Esther Carey-Smith in Brooklyn Division who has achieved their Grand Prior Award. Congratulations. The Grand Prior's Award, also called the Grand Prior Award, named for Grand Prior of the Venerable Order of Saint John, is the highest award that a cadet in the St. John Ambulance Youth Programme can achieve, after the Sovereign's Gold Award.

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

Blue Team

First Aid -2nd, Health care -1st Team
Member test -2nd

Gold Team

Communication 2nd equal, Drill-1st,
Healthcare-1st

Big effort from Anne, Nardos, Arpith, and Eddie getting 1st or 2nd in their categories.

The team of Anne, Nardos and Arpith won their Golds competition.

Penguin Group – The Penguin group have completed their Road Safety Badge and had a lot of fun and learning and walking to the shops at Brooklyn and learning about the dos and don'ts of road safety, a great team we have there!

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

Youth Group The St John Cadets meet at 7pm on a Tuesday evening and have developed some amazing leaders. This group has flourished and when attending camps or competitions, such as the recent one in Levin, one proudly displays St John Brooklyn in a positive image.

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](tel:0274046343).

Ross Divisional Manager on [0212640440](tel:0212640440).

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

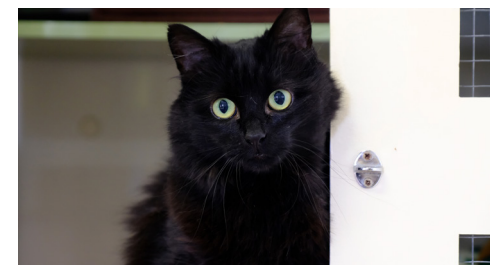


ENCHANTING BROTHER/ SISTER DUO

Black cats are supposed to be lucky, so we hope these charming twins are about to find a great new home.

Chewy and Leelu (both nine) are a playful, affectionate pair, who came in when their person had to leave their large lifestyle block and couldn't keep them.

Chewy is a large, fluffy boy who likes being brushed, playing with toys and getting lots of



pats and tickles. Leelu can be timid, but she does enjoy fusses if you come and sit beside her. She's a little lighter in colour and a lot fluffier than her brother. She also likes to be brushed and play with toys. Both cats are used to having a lot of space and bush to explore, so we're looking for a home where they can stay together as they're very bonded. Ideally, that would also be in a rural area so they can go back to exploring the great outdoors and hunting rats and rabbits. Chewy and Leelu will need to be the only pets and would best suit an adult household.

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.

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Visit us at
www.tvf.org.nz

The Vogelmorn Foundation has commenced distributing funds to local organisations and individuals.

For more information or to apply for funding please visit our website. Applications MUST be made online.

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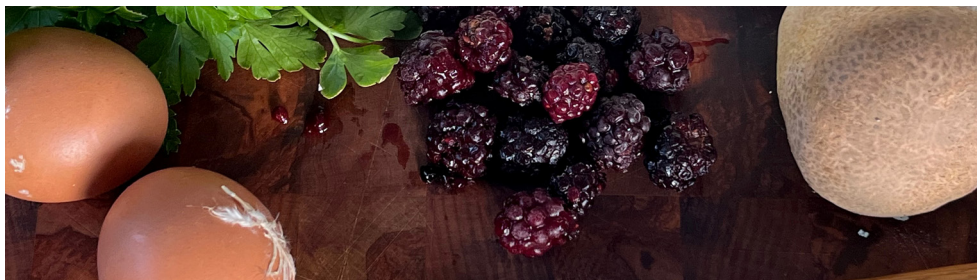


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TREATS
PIES & TOASTED SANDWICHES
HOT SOUP + CHAI/TEA/COFFEE

CRAFTS
ART + JEWELLERY + COSMETIC BAGS + RESIN GOODS
3D PRINTED GOODS / WEAVING + FABRIC BAGS
KNITTED/CROCHETED CLOTHES & TOYS

STALLS
PLANTS & SUCCULENTS
COOKIE MIX - BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER



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 an amazing May event with two expert speakers. Cécile L'Hermitte from University of Waikato has modelled the impacts of a significant earthquake damaging the wharves and stopping the ferries running between Picton and Wellington. Scarily, alternative transport for their daily freight (equivalent to 500 truckloads) between the North and South Islands doesn't exist in any quickly activated way, and the consequences would extend beyond just limiting fresh produce availability to also include



many other supermarket goods and even our petrol and diesel supply.

Chris Berthelsen talked about working on the Japanese Science and Technology Agency's Moonshot Goal 8 which is trying to confront and reduce extreme weather. He explores how that technology (with a 2050 development goal) is perceived by people and their ideas around the weather. Through an interactive exercise we saw how a very sci-fi sounding project can be seen in relation to current things like umbrellas and playground sunshades, and how starting there leads to thinking about bigger and bigger weather interventions.

Our next event is a community dinner - forage, hunt, or just grab from your fridge or cupboard and come and enjoy a wintery feast. There will be drinks available with good music and company on Sunday 29 June, 5pm-7pm at VBC, 93 Mornington Road.

VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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Instagram: @vogelmorn
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Sofia Machray and Rita Mae Sunday 8 June 7pm - 10pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

Join us for an intimate evening of indie music as two of Aotearoa New Zealand's most captivating emerging artists, Rita Mae and Sofia Machray, share stripped-back sets in a special double headline show. With raw, emotive storytelling and magnetic stage presence, these performances offer a rare chance to experience their music in its most vulnerable and powerful form. Tickets: Under The Radar

Doco Screening: Seaweed, A Love Story Thursday 12 June 6pm - 7pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

The documentary highlights the work of Explore Your Coast Founder, diver and seaweed enthusiast Nicole Miller as she documents Wellington's coastline and brings the beauty of seaweed to the surface. We're excited to host a Q&A session with local representatives including Rongotai MP, ocean swimmer, and surfer Julie Anne Genter; and Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Quentin Duthie. Seaweed and ocean-inspired art will be available for purchase with all profits supporting Explore Your Coast. The event is hosted by the Friends of Vogelmorn, Explore Your Coast and local representatives. Let's come together for a night of ocean love and community action! Tickets: humanitix

Coffee and Kōrero with your MP for Rongotai Saturday 14 June 9am - 12pm Vogelmorn Downstairs

Coffee and Kōrero with your MP for Rongotai, Julie Anne Genter - come along to share the local issues that matter most to you! Vogelmorn Cafe will be open from 9am serving their menu of hot kai and drinks.

Rag Poets Saturday 21 June 7pm - 10pm Vogelmorn Upstairs

Rag Poets play many of those "heady" Wellington hits from the 60s and 70s era, as well as new material they've written and a bunch of covers, including the likes of John Prine, Boz Scaggs, and Neil Young. The band thrives on big vocal harmonies as they maintain the unique sound they've developed over the years. Their audiences love the timeless music they play and the stories they tell. Tickets: Under The Radar

Katie Underwood

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BEGINNINGS OF RIDGWAY SCHOOL

The year 1929 saw a milestone in the Mornington area, when the Ridgway School opened for education. A year later, a further school opened its doors down in Owhiro Bay.

Since Vogeltown had lost its school to Brooklyn in 1898, the area had been without any educational facilities and so Vogeltown and Mornington children had to walk the long distance to school.

Increasing pressure had been put on Brooklyn School with ever expanding rolls, so in 1920 correspondence commenced between the school committee and the Education Board over the siting of a side school to relieve pressure. A few months later the board resolved to erect a new school to serve children up to standard two (year six) on a site in Mornington. It was built by the Evans Bay Timber Company and completed on 21 December 1921 with a total cost of 575 pounds.

The site was on Vogelmorn Park, which at the time was bordered by a steep embankment, a gully, and a hillside. On 6 February 1922 the Mornington-Brooklyn Side School opened with 13 children enrolling on the first day. Miss Bessie Look was appointed sole teacher. The school's close proximity to surrounding farmland caused initial problems with wandering stock and open field drains posing health issues.

By 1926 the roll had risen to 49, and Miss Look complained to the Education Board of overcrowding.

This necessitated in using the small Baptist church across the road to rent their facilities at 12s 6d per day. The Board had various relieving teachers to serve the children in the small church. However, with a still increasing roll, this led to the formation of Ridgway School, which opened as a three-room classroom block. Once this was set in motion then formally opened, the little side school was removed from its site and transported to a farm in a small settlement of Ahiaruhe, near Carterton in the Wairarapa. It was placed on this farm at the end of a road, the owner using it to store hay bales. It was still standing in good condition over 80 years later.

Chris Rabey



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS FOR RECYCLING!

OPENED OUT FLAT | CLEAN

- 1 cut along the top and sides of the carton
CAPS ON
- 2 completely open out flat
- 3 rinse out clean - job done!

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

Friday Circle
SOCIAL GROUP FOR SENIORS

Brooklyn Community Centre
11am - 2pm Fridays

Tea/coffee on arrival
Light lunch

Activities include:
gentle exercise, guest speakers, quizzes, bingo and movies

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Recycling at the Community Centre

- » Food and beverage cartons
- » Plastic lids
- » Metal tops/lids
- » Household batteries
- » Aluminium cans



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brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

JOIN US!

The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) is looking for people to join our committee to help with strategic planning and communications.

The BCA owns and runs the Brooklyn Community Centre and offers a wide range of services and activities including:

The Brooklyn Tattler

Quarterly Community Markets

OSCAR Childcare Programmes

Social Group for Seniors

Recycling Initiatives

Spaces for Hire

And much more!

Minimal time required and a great way to give back to your community.

Find out more at the Brooklyn Market on 14 June or contact us now.



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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

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 July 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.

9 June – Karori to Kelburn.

Catch 9:39am No. 2 bus from Lambton Quay North stop A.

16 June – Paraparaumu to Raumati Beach. Catch 9:33am train to Kapiti Coast.

23 June – Mount Crawford to Seatoun. Catch No. 24 bus by Unity Books on Willis Street.

30 June – Eastbourne to Days Bay. Catch 9:48am No. 83 bus from Wellington Railway Station.

7 July – Mount Victoria to Kilbirnie. Walk starts from Mt Vic Lookout at 10:15am.

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

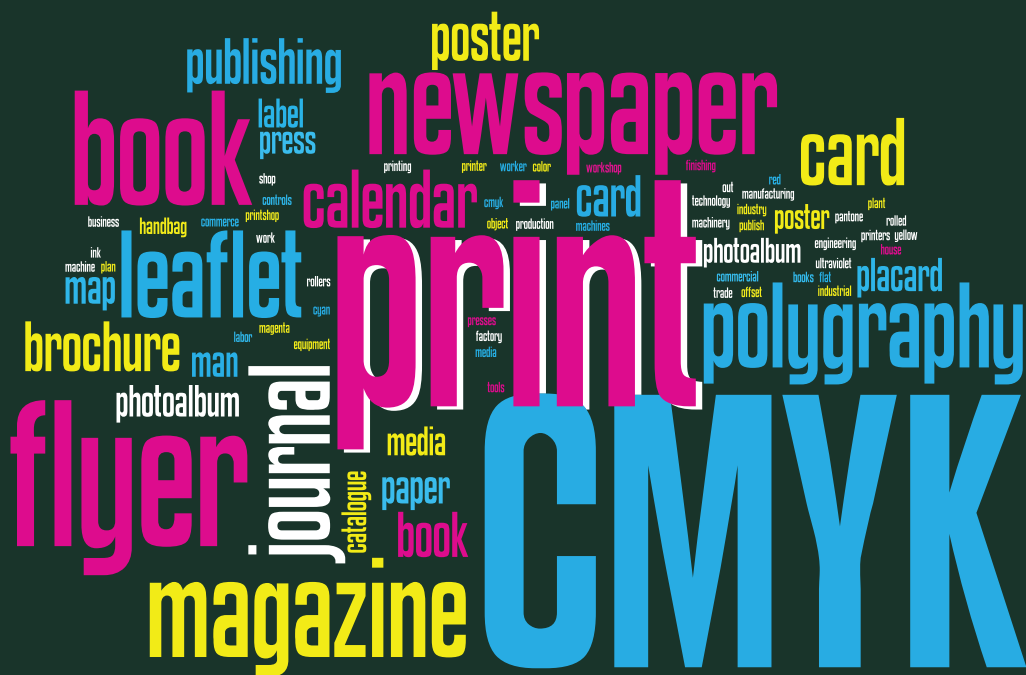
22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com or call 027 700 1363.

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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