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BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of the Harrison Street Residents afternoon tea hosted in the Community Centre hall on Saturday 27 May.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PHONE 384 6799

Hello and welcome to the June edition of the Tattler. We hope you are managing to keep warm during these chillier days and nights.

Harrison Street Afternoon Tea

At the end of May we hosted an afternoon tea for the Harrison Street residents with a special emphasis on welcoming the new tenants at the WCC housing complex at the end of Harrison Street. The weather was atrocious so it was great to see people not being deterred by the rain, and coming to spend an afternoon catching up with neighbours, core community centre personnel, and representatives from the Greater Brooklyn Residents Association. We would like to give a thank you to Wellington City Council for supplying a funding grant which enabled us to run this community initiative.

Brooklyn Festival

We are super excited to announce that we are partnering with Two Todman to bring a twilight festival to Brooklyn later in the year to celebrate the awesome people who make up the greater Brooklyn area. The event will be held in Harrison Street from 3pm – 10pm on Saturday 11 November with a rain date of 18

November. There will be something for everyone, with 3pm – 6pm catering for families with children's entertainment, a talent quest - not just for the kids! bouncy castle, and more. From 6pm we move towards adult time with local musicians entertaining from a stage in Harrison Street and a movie in the community centre grounds. An artisan market will run from the community centre, local groups will have stalls on the street, and local businesses will have food stalls and an outdoor dining area. The Vogelmorn Community Group will be sourcing the evening entertainment so there will be some amazing performers to look forward to. Keep an eye out for upcoming Tattlers and on social media over the coming months for up-to-date info. We would like to give a big shout out to the following organisations for helping make this event happen: Wellington City Council; Vogelmorn Foundation; BRC Charitable Trust; and Pub Charity. There is a meeting at the Community Centre on Thursday 8 June at 7pm for anyone interested in finding out more about the festival. Please come along and support this initiative and let's give Brooklyn a day to remember!

Mothers Network meetings starting in July

We are pleased to welcome back Mothers Network to the Community Centre who are running another six-week series of their popular support groups, on Monday evenings

from 7pm to 9pm, starting on 24 July. Mothers Network is a not-for-profit organization that has been in Wellington for almost 40 years. Run by mums for mums, they support and connect women facing the challenges of being a mum through discussion groups. Mums who come along to the support groups enjoy the opportunity to have honest conversations about the trials and tribulations of motherhood, and a connection to others walking the same path. For more information and to register for the next Brooklyn support group go to: www.mothersnetwork.org.nz

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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Fantastic Fiction (fantasticfiction.com)

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Who Writes Like Whom? (wcl.govt.nz/popular/fictionwriters)

This is Wellington City Libraries' very own page which you can find on our website. Search for



your favourite author and the site provides a list of other authors who write in the same style.

Out On The Shelves (outontheshelves.insideout.org.nz)

Out on the Shelves is a growing online reading resource that lists books from around the world with rainbow themes and characters, and helps connect rainbow people to their stories and each other.

Sometimes it's as simple as typing: "Who writes like...?" into your search engine, but for a more nuanced, personal approach, you can pop into the local library here at Brooklyn and Diana, Helen, or El will be happy to recommend new authors or books based on your reading tastes (or ours!) We've been known to point people in the right direction – very often it's through the door with a stack of books they didn't know they needed.

Helen says we will continue to have knitting and crochet for anyone who has a minute to make a stitch.



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 in the wider Brooklyn

community with funding available to local groups and organisations subject to our funding criteria. It will 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 preschool 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 TWILIGHT FESTIVAL

Community Meeting

7pm Thursday 8 June

Brooklyn Community Centre Lounge, 18 Harrison Street

Come find out about the Festival planned for 11 November, volunteers needed

All Welcome



Away from the shade house; after two working bees our 'flagship' site near Jamieson's is looking a lot more civilised and inviting, although as with all gardening, the more you do, the more you see needs to be done. And now it is the planting season so that will be our focus from now on. The more trees, birds and other wild life, and more shade, the less weeds are able to grow, the more the stream is shaded, and the more fish and invertebrates find it to their liking.

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

Janet Campbell

for Friends of Owhiro Stream

email owhirosteam@gmail.com

A while ago, I wrote that the FOOS nursery team had made a productive visit to Berhampore Nursery to learn a bit more about good techniques for seed germination and any other hints we could pick up. One of our group, an expert 'forager', enquired about the special weed mat that the nursery now use, and so, after a bit of conversation, we were presented with two rolls of said weed mat for our own use. So now, Martin and Bruce have been busy each Wednesday weeding, levelling pea metal, and pegging down the matting, trying to secure any little gaps where that very busy and assertive red clover could poke its nose through. I am sure a groundcover of red clover is great for the birds, bees, and other wildlife, and possibly welcomed by bio-dynamic plantmen as providing shelter for beneficial microbes etc. but somehow most of us are wired to prefer seeing healthy, weed free plants sitting nicely in orderly rows. Well, in a nursery anyway and in fact, the clover can be so luxurious that it is hard to see whether we have any plants at all!



HEIDI'S SHY BUT LOVING

When Heidi purrs, you'd think there was a Harley Davidson idling in the room.

It's surprising because she's such a tiny little cat, and extremely shy of strangers. But if she trusts you, Heidi is very affectionate, and loves nothing more than snuggling and purring by your side.

At eight years old, Heidi has had some major upheavals in her life, and she needs to find her forever home. Although she is much-loved by all the people who have cared for her over the years, she wants to be an only cat to a single, special person.

Heidi was rescued as a young stray and socialised before being brought to CPW. While she managed to bond with one or two volunteers, she was almost too shy for most visitors to meet, and ended up staying in the shelter for months, while cuddlier, more outgoing cats found homes ahead of her.

She was eventually adopted by a gentle couple to be a companion to their young cat, but the cats never became friendly. With the addition of a baby last year,

Heidi's anxiety increased, and she was fostered urgently into another home. While she adored having a big house and garden to explore, the other cats in the house didn't want her to stay.

So sadly, she has come back to the shelter, to find a home without any children or animals.

Heidi's perfect life would be with one quiet, gentle person who is home a lot. She loves exploring the outdoors and then coming home to keep her person company with her roof-rattling purr.

It will take patience to win her trust, so Heidi needs someone who is experienced with timid cats and understands that she will need time to adjust to yet another change in her circumstances.

There's more about Heidi and all our other cats at catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.

BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

Brooklyn Wellness Hub's first open day was a great success! The atmosphere was so harmonious, peaceful, and welcoming and many people stayed for hours to experience every assessment and treatment offered. People spoke with the practitioners and other visitors, checked out all the handmade balms, oils, herb teas, cleaning products, oral health kits, detox protocols etc for sale. The demand for ionic foot spas, health checks, foot reflexology massage, holistic pulsing and body work was high.

We will have a booking system for the next Open Day, so all our visitors can explore more of what we offer the community.

Practitioners and visitors enjoyed each other's company, knowledge, and information, wherever you looked there were beaming, smiling faces. People had amazing, deep, and real conversations, in many cases accompanied by a piece of luscious homemade cake and an organic turmeric latté at our inhouse café.

Brooklyn Wellness Hub was established by a group of local practitioners with the vision of empowering people to take responsibility for their own health. The initiative is an organic, people led approach to health care, bringing everything back to local community level. Another purpose is to take pressure off the public health system through education, prevention, and early holistic treatment.

It is important for the hub at this stage to know what the wider community needs.

Survey forms filled in at the Open Day showed us our community wants this type of health options and would use our Practitioners. They would also like some workshops and social and craft events, which we are planning in the future.

We would appreciate any feedback from all our visitors who came as we want to provide what Our Community wants and needs.

Please email us if you have any suggestions, want to contact any of our Practitioners, or need further information.

brooklynwellnesshub@proton.me

We are developing a new website: <https://brooklynwellness.nz>

NEXT OPEN DAY 23 JULY

Sunday, 23 July, 10am to 4pm, at The Ridgeway Hall, 117 The Ridgeway, Mornington.

Our focus for this Open Day will be **Maintaining our Physical, Spiritual, Emotional and Mental Health**

Similar FREE assessments, taster treatments, foot spas, information, natural health products to try and buy and access to speak with all our experienced professionals will be available. They will be available to make appointments for full assessments and ongoing treatment if required. We look forward to meeting you again and welcome all new visitors. Please bring some cash for koha, café, and to purchase products.



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9 AM PILATES

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

6 - 7:30 PM BROWNIES

Contact Margaret 389 3028 or email marrexj@gmail.com

TUESDAY

9 AM - 12 PM TABLE TENNIS

Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Contact Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

6:30 - 8 PM ST JOHN CADETS

During school terms. For details contact Ross Young on 021 264 0440 or email ross.young@stjohn.org.nz

WEDNESDAY

10 - 11 AM FELDENKRAIS

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

5:30 - 7:30 PM KARATE

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

7:30 - 8 PM CARDIO & CORE

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WEDNESDAY

8 PM TABLE TENNIS

Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com.

THURSDAY

10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT CONNECTIONS

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

5 - 6:30 PM KARATE

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

6:30 - 7:30 PM TAI CHI

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

FRIDAY

9 AM PILATES

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

11 AM - 2 PM FRIDAY CIRCLE

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

SATURDAY

9 - 10 AM DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Pre-school fun classes and Ballet & Jazz classes for 5 - 8 years. Contact Debbie at info@db4dance.co.nz

12 - 4 PM QUARTERLY MARKETS

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 17 June from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz to book your stall.

SUNDAY

9:15 AM BROOKLYN ANGLICANS

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

10 AM - 1 PM EKKAALLAM CHURCH

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

4:30-6:30 PM KARATE

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

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



is a sitter for this type of plant. So, thank you to the Treasury folk who overcame their beauty bias and were rewarded with a smelly day of weed-busting. We are truly grateful.

Luckily, not all weeds are so unpleasant to work with. If you have time on your hands on the last Sunday in the month, we'd love your help to restore Central Park. BYO mug, we provide coffee and home-baking.

Source: <https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/what-are-weeds/weed-list/stinking-iris/>

Next working bee 25 June 2023 10am – 12.30pm

Stinking Iris

We have a long history of linking physical beauty with goodness. It began with Socrates and 2,500 years later our beauty bias is still going strong. Recent evidence suggests that beautiful people are less likely to be found guilty in simulated trials, get shorter punishments and are more likely to be promoted at work. Would this be the case if they were also stinky? Perhaps not. Look at the glee on the face of this Treasury person, part of a group that spent some time pulling Stinking Iris out of Central Park. Yes, Stinking Iris might be pretty with its pale yellow flowers, but if you crush the leaves it gives off a 'foul' odour. It forms dense clumps that make it hard for anything else to grow in the areas it invades. Like many weeds in Central Park, Stinking Iris tolerates deep shade, most soil types and semi-damp through to drought conditions. According to weedbusters.org, it's a survivor that thrives in heavily disturbed forests and bare land as well as shrubland. In many places, Central Park

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

Contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz
Everyone welcome!

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7:30 pm
Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

Meetings	Our next meeting is 21 June. Interested in stepping forward to get more involved in community activity? Welcome aboard!
Brooklyn's Ohiro Road	WCC are proposing wide scale road speed reductions city wide. Proposal to reduce Brooklyn Road, from the bottom of the hill through to the village, to 30km. While we have advocated for a 30km zone just before and just after the village, GBRAI has previously discussed this and does not support the wholesale speed reduction. Submissions can be made via: https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/smp
Water Leaks and Wellington Water	Wellington Water is responsible for fixing drinking water, storm water and sewage services. It serves six councils region wide but is underfunded. To date, their website is showing the total number of fixed leaks since July 2022 (Wgtn, Porirua Wairarapa=7,009 (24/05/23) compared to 5064 (03/03/23); Wgtn only=1465 (22/05/23) compared to 2081(03/03/23), regional total of reported leaks 3083 (24/05/23) 2934 (03/03/23); Wgtn only 1485 (24/05/23). Many big projects, but working their way through others too. https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/drinking-water/water-treatment-plants-2/leaks/leak-stats
WCC Landfill / Careys Gully	GBRAI/public has been notified work in and around the landfill with scientific drilling and testing of the landfill. Hence some stench issues from landfill leachate – as opposed to sewage stench from the SDWP. Work now completed.
Landfill Precinct – C & D Landfill	C&D Landfill (building waste) in negotiations between WCC and a new private operator.
Landfill Precinct – T & T Landfill	T & T Landfill is expected to seek an extension to its Resource Consent (which expires in 2026). Expectation that this will be granted.
Brooklyn Lights and Road Sealing	Work is almost complete. We now await the phased light system to become operational.
Residential Waste Working Group (RWWG)	WCC and Central government are moving forward with Zero Waste proposals. In conjunction with this, WCC are having RWWG meetings seeking and proposing ways to reduce waste. If you are keen on attending/contributing, GBRAI are seeking volunteers to participate (I am attending the CLG landfill meeting and cannot-Carl)

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, or to sign up to our newsletter at: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com

Community Market
12-4pm
17 June

SOAP

- Jewellery / Resin goods
- MS Allure Jewellery / Crystals
- Eastern European baking
- Piwaiwaka Press (books)
- Greek Desserts
- Tote bags / Hats / Crafts
- Miniatures / Dolls' clothes
- Sustainable goods
- Scouts fundraiser
- Vegetables / Pickles & chutneys
- Knife sharpener
- Sausage Sizzle / Pies



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Fruit Tree Workshop
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The top photo showing the interior of the Brooklyn Library was taken shortly after the official opening ceremony on 29 October 1960. The librarians behind the counter look very official in their work smocks, hand issuing each book with an inked date stamp.

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TIP SITE BACKGROUND

In 1959 Arthur Preston Senior bought 54 acres of the old Happy Valley Station bounded by the Tawatawa Ridge crest, Robertson Street and the Owhiro Stream, to the northern boundary of Owhiro Bay School. He called this Preston Holdings. Between 1960 and 1965 the Preston family leased the whole 5,000 acres of Happy Valley Station. Rod Preston mustered sheep south of the present Zealandia Sanctuary and drove them down Long Gully to around Sinclair Head and Red Rocks, to the Run Around and up Happy Valley Road to farm sheds just south of Landfill Road.

North of this, Septimus Knight owned 107 acres and ran 70 dairy cows (all hand-milked) north of the school, to the present Murchison Street. Septimus delivered milk by three horse-drawn carts, prior to the city council taking over milk distribution. In 1957, a tallow factory was on the site adjacent to Septimus's holding which rendered down bones and fat. However, it didn't last long as local residents complained of the smell.

On 15 April 1987, long after the Preston family sold the land to the city council, a new sports field in the old Prestons Gully tip site was given the name Happy Valley Park. The land had been used as a tip from the 1950s right through until the late 1970s, then


levelled, seeded and ready for use in 1988. It is approximately 4-6 hectares.

Part owner of the Happy Valley Station back in 1914 was Alexander Robertson. The street at the bottom of the valley is named after him.

The little School had opened in 1872 as a half-time school, with Mr. H Collins as master. By 1874 its pupils were still quite illiterate. Not one of them could read and easy pieces of narrative without prompting. The spelling was even worse than the reading and arithmetic. Children were very irregular in attendance and quite unpunctual.

Chris Rabey

BROOKLYN PROPERTIES SOLD IN 2022



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- 78 Mornington Road
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- 11 Moffitt Street

- 11 Asquith Terrace
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BLAKEY (2011) Screening + Director Q&A
Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS Thursday 9 June
Kai & bar from 3pm, film at 7.30pm.

Join us at Vogelmorn Cinema for a screening of BLAKEY (2011), followed by a Q&A with director Mark Albiston. BLAKEY tells the story of the life and times of sailor and adventurer Sir Peter Blake, one of New Zealand's favourite sons. Come by anytime from 3pm for a drink and some kai from Smoked & Pickled, ahead of the film starting at 7.30pm. This is a free event, koha is welcome. The film is rated G (suitable for general audiences). RSVP by emailing us at vogelmornkitchen@gmail.com

FINN JOHANSSON - What A Way to Make a Living Tour
Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS
Saturday 17 June Kai and bar from 3pm, music at 8pm

Finn Johansson has announced a 14 date tour of New Zealand's North Island, The Republic of Ireland, Germany, and the Czech Republic to help people get a load of his new music. This intimate night sees Finn stripped back, playing new barn burners and one or two old favourites. He'll be joined by his pal Theo for


increased musical beauty. Come by anytime from 3pm for a drink and some kai from Smoked & Pickled, ahead of music starting at 8pm. Tickets via Under the Radar.

VOGELMORN OPEN MIC NIGHT
Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS Thursday 22 June 22 Kai and bar from 3pm, performances from 6pm

On 22 June we have our monthly Vogelmorn Open Mic Night! We'll have the bar open, meaning you are welcome to come along solely for a drink and a hang out, or if you choose - you can take part in the open mic night. Music and spoken word performances from all ages and abilities are welcome. As we do not have a backline at VBC, this will be run as a songwriters night as opposed to a jam night (however people are still welcome to play together), you will need to provide your own instrument. Drinks and kai available from 3pm for performances beginning at 6pm, so be sure to get in early to secure your spot!

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BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

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

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Kathleen Skudder on 027 650 9108 or email: kathleen.skudder@gmail.com

GECKOS HOCKEY CLUB

Years 1-4 and new entrants Fridays 4pm-5:15pm. Years 5-8 Tuesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm. Tanera Park Bowling Club astro turf. Just turn up on practice day http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Sundays 11am-12:30pm Ridgway School Hall, 120 Mornington Road. Contact Avia 021 1096457. Email: aavia123@gmail.com Find us on Facebook.

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting on Saturday 1st 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.

Wellington Reformed Church 34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

First kicks enrolments open throughout the season. Email enquiries to info@bnujfc.co.nz or visit us online at www.bnujfc.co.nz

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP

Fun group for parents & caregivers with preschool children. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during the school term at the Korean Church - 184 Ohio Road. Turn up on the day.

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 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.bsrg.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 934 7445.

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.

5 June – King's Birthday Holiday.

12 June – Paraparamu to Raumati Beach. Catch 9:33am Kapiti train.

19 June – Mount Victoria to Kilbirnie. Start at 10:15am from Mt Vic Terminus.

26 June – Brooklyn to Island Bay. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

3 July – Box Hill and Bridle Path walk to the City. Catch 10:02am train to Box Hill.

BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. More details online at www.bjcc.co.nz

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM

Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: owhirostream@gmail.com

PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.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. Sam Day 022 436 8715, 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.

SCRABBLE WELLINGTON

Wednesdays from 7pm upstairs at the Vogelmorn Precinct, 93 Mornington Rd. All abilities welcome! Contact Nick Ascroft on 022 675 1399. Email: nick_ascroft@hotmail.com

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching.

vogelmorntennisclub.com 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.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

At Two Todman on the last Thursday of the month from 7pm. Everyone welcome. Please bring something to share. Find us on Facebook or visit www.twotodman.org.nz

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