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# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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# from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
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Hello, kia ora, welcome to the October edition of the Tattler. With daylight savings upon us again, we are looking forward to some warm, sunny evenings as we head into summer.

## AGM

The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA), which owns and manages the Brooklyn Community Centre, held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21 September. Sonya Bissmire and Joelene Skelton were re-elected as Chair and Treasurer, respectively, with Richard Lucy and Chris Rabey also returning as committee members. The association was pleased to welcome two new members to the committee: Cherie Connor and Kirstin Friend.

As an incorporated society, the BCA has been reviewing its constitution to ensure it aligns with upcoming changes to the Incorporated Societies Act. A draft version of the updated constitution was presented and formally adopted at the AGM.

## Twilight Festival

The next Twilight Festival is coming up on Saturday 15 November from 2pm – 9pm. This is fast becoming the highlight of the Brooklyn year, and we are excited to once again be partnering with Two Todman and other local groups and organisations to bring this to our community. There are still a

few market stalls available so if you have a unique offering and would like to be a part of the fun, email us at [manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz) for details.

## Farewell from Julie

After twelve and a half wonderful years working part-time with the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA), it's time for me to spread my wings and step into a full-time role elsewhere. It's been an absolute privilege to be part of this amazing community centre, surrounded by passionate and dedicated people, and supported so strongly by the governing committee. Brooklyn Community Centre offers so much to our suburb — including the beloved Tattler! — but one of the highlights of my time here was launching Wellington's first liquid paperboard (TetraPak-style) recycling drop-off point.

What started here in Brooklyn has now grown into a network of collection sites across Wellington, keeping these packs out of the landfill — all without any cost to the community groups involved. That's something I'm really proud of.

I've also really enjoyed working closely with the Greater Brooklyn Residents Association (GBRAI) and representing the BCA at their local meetings. While I'll no longer be doing that in an official capacity, I'll still be around — just attending as a local resident from now on.

Brooklyn truly is the best suburb in Wellington. We're lucky to have so many great amenities and

opportunities, but let's not take them for granted. My parting message to you is this: please continue to support both the BCA and the GBRAI. Come along to residents' meetings, join a committee, volunteer, take part in local groups and events — get involved!

And most importantly, if the community centre or any of our valued local facilities ever face funding cuts or other challenges, please stand up and fight for them. Once they're gone, they're gone for good.

See you around the neighbourhood – Julie

Have a great month

Julie (for the last time!) and Euan

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Monthly update on issues  
and projects involving our  
community

## NEXT MEETING – We invite you to our meeting on Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 7pm at the

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

### Brooklyn Road / Brooklyn connections

Wellington City Council has indicated that in early 2026 they intend to resurface Brooklyn Road/Ohio Road to the village or thereabouts. As part of the process WCC intends to implement some parts of the Brooklyn Connections project. The installation of permanent raised concrete barriers along the south bound bike lane on Brooklyn Road is to go ahead. However, there will be no in-lane bus stops, no speed bumps, and no raised pedestrian crossings on Brooklyn Road or down to Aro Street. While the GBRAI have advocated against the speed bumps, pedestrian island changes, and the location of some of the in-lane bus stops, it is budgetary constraints that have actually succeeded in stopping these elements of the plan. WCC plan to continue with the cycle lane on Ohio Road heading north to finish at the intersection of Tanera Cres/Ohio Road just at the bus stop. All the car parks there will be lost. GBRAI has tried to discuss with WCC alternative plans but has not been listened to. As we find out/have information we will keep you updated.

### Mayoral, Southern Ward, Maori (Te Whanganui a tara) and GWRC Elections

When you read this article, the Local Body Election candidates' meetings will be over, and voting will be concluding for council (s) on Saturday 11 October. We hope you had a chance to attend one or both of our candidate meetings and this helped you to make an informed voting decision.

### Battery recycling & diverting them from ending in the landfill

In October 2022 GBRAI initiated a local battery collection project for our community. To mid-September 2025, GBRAI have collected and recycled: 467kg of all various battery types. The most numerous are: 1) 240kg of AA batteries; 2) 70kg of AAA batteries; 3) 28kg of C batteries; 4) 36kg of D batteries and in excess of 91kg of assorted 6V, 9V, 12V, 18V and computer batteries. This is in conjunction with the very successful Brooklyn Community Centre plastic and metal bottle top and tetrapak/liquid paperboard container recycling scheme.

### Brooklyn Community Association and Brooklyn Festival

Greater Brooklyn Residents Association works closely with the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) who run the Brooklyn Community Centre. Please put some time aside to come and support the Brooklyn Twilight Festival on Saturday 15 November from 2pm to 9pm. It's a great event.

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

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

## MEET THE CANDIDATES PHOTOS



Photo credits: Guido Seevens and Euan Harris

# BROOKLYN

twilight festival  
2025

The Brooklyn Twilight Festival is set to return on Saturday 15 November, filling Harrison Street and the Brooklyn Community Centre with colour, sound, and celebration. From 2pm–9pm, the village will come alive with food trucks, bustling markets, community stalls, and plenty of entertainment for the whole family and whānau.

Families can expect all the classics that make the festival a favourite: bouncy castles, face painting, and roaming performers to keep the kids happy. Food lovers will be spoiled for choice, with vendors serving up everything from sweet treats to hearty street eats. For the grown-ups, the VBC Bar will once again be pouring local beer and wine, the perfect excuse to enjoy a cheeky pint in the late afternoon sun.

This year's music programme promises to be one of the strongest yet, with over 50 performers across three stages. Festival favourites Fun & Funner! return with Brooklyn local Karen O'Leary, alongside the soulful sounds of Kingston High All Stars, the upbeat grooves of The Side Characters, and the joyful energy of The Wellington Street Carnival Band. And of course, the beloved Ridgway School Kapahaka will be back again to open the festival.

Now it's your turn to get involved. Here's how you can participate:

- Market stalls featuring home-made creations, as well as community groups keen to share their mahi with the



neighbourhood. To sign up, contact [manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz).

- Volunteers to help with setup, packdown, stage management, portalo maintenance, and catering. If you'd like to lend a hand, contact [two.todman@gmail.com](mailto:two.todman@gmail.com).
- Performers for the popular Community Stage and the brand-new Soapbox Stage, where locals can share music, poetry, comedy, or simply their dreams for Brooklyn. Expressions of interest can also be sent to [two.todman@gmail.com](mailto:two.todman@gmail.com).

Now a firm fixture on Wellington's summer calendar, the Brooklyn Twilight Festival has become known for its unique mix of entertainment, food, family fun, and neighbourhood spirit. It's a day that brings together people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate the creativity, diversity, and warmth of our community.

The event is proudly supported by the Brooklyn Community Association, Two Todman, Vogelmorn Community Group, The BRC Charitable Trust, Wellington City Council, and The Vogelmorn Foundation, whose contributions ensure this free, family-friendly event continues to thrive year after year.

## HOUSE ON THE MOVE



*Photo credits: Guido Seevens*

Residents of Todman Street recently woke up to a surprising sight — a gap where a house once stood. The home at 31 Todman Street has been relocated all the way to Tokoroa. The move, which cost \$150,000, was made possible after the new owners gave the house away. The entire process was filmed for the TV show "Moving Houses" and is set to air next year.

## BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB

Question: What is 113 years old and still manages to run around in the weekends?

Answer: The Brooklyn Cricket Club.

Another season starts in November and there is still life in us yet. We have fielded hundreds of teams, thousands of players and won numerous trophies and awards. If you would like to add your name to our history, astonish us with your cricketing prowess or if you just think

playing cricket in the weekend with some friends sounds good then get in touch. We have T20, One Day, and Masters teams. We do not currently have a women's team but if the demand is there, we would happily support one.

Contact us through our website [www.Brooklyncricketclub.com](http://www.Brooklyncricketclub.com) or our Facebook page. Regular practices start soon.



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## from the LIBRARY

Kia ora Brooklyn,

You may have heard that Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Central Library) is reopening. This is correct! Come March 2026, Wellington will have its central library back. Between now and then however, all of our off-site collection is moving out of storage and back to Te Matapihi. Unfortunately, this means these items cannot be borrowed or reserved until Te Matapihi opens. All items at branches are still in service so don't fear, most titles are still available.

Check out <https://tematapihi.govt.nz/> for a look inside the new building.

Brooklyn Library has started a book talk on the first Friday of each month, at 2pm. Come along and hear about books others have read and share some of your own recent reads.

Lately we've been reading New Zealand authors. Here's what we've enjoyed:

Harbouring by Jenny Patrick is the story of the settlers who came to New Zealand as part of the New Zealand Company, and their arrival in Wellington. It's focused on Huw, a labourer from a hard-hit area of Wales, and his family. It delves into the reasons they leave Wales, and the hardships faced when establishing their new lives.

The Paradise Generation by Sanna Thompson (winner of the Young Adult Fiction Award for the 2025 New Zealand Book Awards for Children & Young Adults) is a future focused story also set in Wellington. It illustrates an alarming future, covering topics such as sea levels rising, gene selection, and autonomy, but remains



hopeful with the strength of rangatahi challenging the norms.

1985 by Dominic Hoey is an Auckland based novel, set mostly in 1980s Glen Eden. The story focuses on Obi, a youngster on the cusp of his teenage years, coming of age in the era of space invaders, the rainbow warrior bombing, a dysfunctional family, his mum's sickness and his dad's grand schemes.

Nga mihi

The Brooklyn Library team



**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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## St John BROOKLYN

Welcome to October from St John Brooklyn, Spring has sprung and daylight saving is with us which means that there will be more outside activities at St John that both the Penguins and Cadets can be involved in. Thanks to the Brooklyn Community Centre without their assistance, we would not be able to operate whether it be rain or shine and that pesky Wellington wind we are able to stay warm and dry. We are very fortunate to have the Community Team support.

September was a very busy month and again with the growing numbers of Penguins and Cadets we are always looking for more adult volunteers to assist and lead the groups.

### Achievements for September included

The Penguin group participating and doing very well at the Competitions in Totara Park, Upper Hutt.

The Blue team led by James had an end of term Banquet whilst there were no Knights in shining armour, KFC came to the rescue with plenty of food to go around.

Following on from the Grand Prior awards the previous month we had further promotions for three cadets, congratulations to Arpith promoted to Sergeant along with Nardos and Toby promoted to Cadet Leader.

Regional Competitions on the 4th of October is happening and again Brooklyn will be well represented. The results will be published in the November edition of the Tattler.

Welcome to October from St John Brooklyn,

Spring has sprung and daylight saving is with us which means

The Competitions are not all about winning it's about meeting other St John groups, making friends and working together as a Team and taking on new tasks and learning, they are our future Leaders.

If you are interested in being a Leader of this amazing organisation, please give us a call and see what we do,

We meet on a Tuesday evening during the school term.

The Penguins are the younger group and meet at 6pm till 7pm.

The Youth group meet at 7 pm till 8.30 pm.

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager on 027 404 6343.

Ross Divisional Manager on 021 264 0440.

### Recycling at the Community Centre

- » Food and beverage cartons
- » Plastic lids
- » Metal tops/lids
- » Household batteries
- » Aluminium cans
- » Small Metal Items
- » No E-Waste or Soft Plastics



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**Hato Hone  
St John**



Kia ora neighbours,

It has been so wonderful to be open again and reconnecting with the neighbourhood over these last couple of months.

Our thrift and boutique shop is brimming with pre-loved, quality clothing, promising unique finds that are just waiting for a new life. We've had some amazing donations recently and we always welcome clean, good quality clothing donations. We also stock beautiful locally made wares, so every purchase supports both our community and local makers. A great chance to find a unique gift!

And we can't forget our Eco Store refill station—perfect for topping up your cleaning and personal care products without the plastic waste. It's a small step with a big impact, and we're proud to make sustainable living that little bit easier. We are looking at introducing a swap a bottle regime and always welcome feedback on products that are stocked.

In June we hosted our first clothes swap which was a really fun event! We are looking at hosting a kid's clothes swap so stay tuned for that and store up your kiddies' clothes to bring along! (Maybe even ask the kids to clear out their wardrobes in the school holidays, it might buy you a little time)

### Community Space & Art Exhibitions

Our community space continues to be a vibrant hub of creativity. Brooklyn Anglicans has kicked off a couple of awesome regular events including a games evening and local choir! Both with great initial turnouts, you are very welcome to join us if either of these floats your boat. Coming up, we're thrilled to welcome a fresh lineup of artists who will share their work with the neighbourhood. These exhibitions are always free to visit, and they're a fantastic way to connect with local talent while enjoying a dose of inspiration close to home. We are very excited to present our first Group Exhibition (we had a lot of interest so there will be more of these...) Keep an eye out for opening nights—they're a great chance to mingle, celebrate creativity, and see our space in full swing.

### Get Involved

Our corner of Brooklyn thrives because of the people who bring it to life—whether that's volunteering in the thrift shop, exhibiting artwork, running workshops, or simply stopping by for a refill and a chat. If you've got ideas, energy, or even just a little spare time, we'd love to hear from you.

This space is as much yours as it is ours. Together, we can keep building a hub that celebrates creativity, sustainability, and connection. So, pop in, say hello, and see what's new—you never know what gem, conversation, or spark of inspiration you might find.

Ngā mihi nui,

The team at Two Todman

*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: pdleong.tv@gmail.com

**10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT  
CONNECTIONS**

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

**5 - 6:30 PM KARATE**

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

**6:30 - 7:30 PM TAI CHI**

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

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

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

**9 AM PILATES**

Contact Faye Tohbyn on 022 054  
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

**10:30 - 11:30 AM YOGA**

Weekly one hour classes in the hall with Ale  
Figueroa. Contact Ale on 021 033 2049 or  
email: shiningsoul.nzar@gmail.com

**9:15 AM BROOKLYN  
ANGLICANS**

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

**10:30 AM EKKAALLAM  
CHURCH**

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

**3:45 - 6 PM KARATE**

Grasshopper Karate to Advanced Karate  
classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at  
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

## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Do you want to become a confident speaker? Or are you a public speaking wizard who is ready to support someone at the start of their journey?

At Turbine Toastmasters we have members from each end of the spectrum. What is so special about our meetings is our collaboration, as we pair new members with mentors, run educational speeches, and support each other to work through pathways that allow us to focus on whatever skills might be missing in our toolkit.

When we are not practicing our speeches, we take the opportunity to hang out, and if there is a fifth Tuesday of the month, you'll find us making a valiant effort at the 1852 quiz night or ordering Bogarts and catching up on life.

In October, we are hosting our 'contests.' Despite the formal name, for many of us, it will our first time presenting to anyone outside of the club and is a great opportunity for anyone considering joining to come along and see what we do! There are four different speech styles and no obligation to speak, just come see what all the fuss is about. On Tuesday October 7th, our members will be practicing their International Speeches as well as their Evaluation, which is a way to offer constructive feedback in a mana-enhancing way. On Tuesday October 21st, members can try their hand at a Humorous Speech and a Table Topic, which is an improvised speech.

Between the humorous speeches, the hilarious improv and always ending a meeting with a quick-fire quiz – we have created a warm, welcoming environment and would love for you to come along. We meet every

first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 at the Reformed Church on Harrison Street.

### Our next dates are:

Tuesday, 7 October

\*Special Contest Date\*

Tuesday, 21 October 21

\*Special Contest Date\*

Tuesday, 4 November

Tuesday, 18 November

### Meeting

Date: Every first and third Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:15pm – 9:15pm

Where: Reformed Church, 34 Harrison Street, Brooklyn

### Contact

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Web: [turbinetalkers.toastmastersclubs.org](http://turbinetalkers.toastmastersclubs.org)

Facebook: Turbine Talkers Toastmasters



## DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is your local community resilience group. For over a year we've been meeting monthly at Vogelmorn (93 Mornington Road) to help our neighbourhood get better prepared for earthquakes, extreme weather and other disruptive events.

At our September event we had Paige Koedijk with their project The Peninsula - visual storytelling about ordinary members from the Miramar Peninsula community in tongue-in-cheek survival situations during an ongoing zombie catastrophe. Yes, time to talk zombies!!

At a serious level, Paige's work emphasises the critical role of resilient communities in mitigating the impacts of climate-accelerated disasters, which disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. The use of humour and the spectacle of a zombie context is an

engaging narrative experience for people to consider their contributions relative to the community in an emergency.

While it can be hard to think about disasters and disruptive events the evidence is clear - we are much better off getting together to connect, learn and act now.

Join us for DIRT #14, Sunday 19th October 4–6pm

Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road. Everyone is welcome — come along, meet your neighbours, and be part of building a more resilient community.



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## A LOVER NOT A FIGHTER

Stripes spent a tough life on the streets before finally coming in from the cold.

After arriving on his rescuer's doorstep, he got some much-needed veterinary care, and an estimated age of 13 years. He's now at the CPW shelter to find a loving home at last.

Stripes's fierce tabby scowl doesn't reflect his personality at all. While he's understandably nervous of strangers, he smooches and purrs up a storm once he feels safe with someone. He loves head rubs and may dribble when he's purring.

After being a stray for so long, he's revelling in the warmth of our shelter and is entranced by the appearance of regular, nourishing meals!

Stripes is hyperthyroid, but happy to take



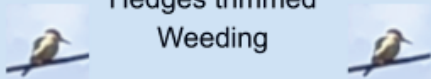
his medicine if it's hidden in his food. He's eligible for our Care for Life permanent foster programme.

He tends to keep a calm, peaceable distance from other cats in our main lounge, and will need a home where he's the only pet.

If you think this handsome, gentle boy belongs with you, contact us: [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](https://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz). We also have gorgeous clips, pix and stories on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

### Kōtare Gardening

Lawn mowing  
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Hedges trimmed  
Weeding



For a free quote call Michael on  
**0274172733** or email  
[michaelmckenzie1971@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmckenzie1971@gmail.com)

Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs

## BROOKLYN

twilight festival

2pm-9pm Saturday 15 November  
Harrison Street, Brooklyn

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[brooklynfestivalwellington@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynfestivalwellington@gmail.com)

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

TWO TODMAN Brooklyn Community Centre Y BUCKLE UP Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council



[brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com)

The BRC Charitable Trust has received a number of enquiries and applications for its second funding round of 2025 from various groups and organisations operating within the local community. Trustees will meet early this month to allocate funding for this cycle and applicants should receive notification of an outcome by late October.

Next month in this column we will publish a list of the groups and

organisations that received funding so you can read about some of the projects and activities we have supported in our local community.

The BRC Charitable Trust holds two funding rounds at the same time every year – one in March and the other in September to coincide with the home delivery of the Brooklyn Tattler. We also advertise through public notice boards in the wider Brooklyn community. 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 \$5000 for each project).

The BRC Charitable Trust



### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS FOR RECYCLING!

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## CARPETECH

CARPET MAINTENANCE



## BROOKLYN

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## BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

### Bodywork - when less is more

Ortho-Bionomy is a gentle, non-invasive form of bodywork that supports the body's natural ability to self-correct and heal. Developed in the 1970s by Dr. Arthur Lincoln Pauls—a British osteopath and judo instructor—this modality blends principles of osteopathy with the intuitive understanding of movement and comfort found in martial arts. The term itself is derived from Greek roots: ortho meaning correct, bio meaning life, and nomy meaning the laws or principles—together signifying “the correct application of the laws of life”.

Unlike traditional manipulative therapies, Ortho-Bionomy does not rely on forceful adjustments or deep pressure. Instead, practitioners use subtle positioning, gentle compression, and light touch to engage the body's proprioceptive and autonomic nervous systems. These techniques help the body recognize areas of tension or imbalance and initiate its own corrective responses. This approach often leads to profound shifts—not just physically, but emotionally and energetically—as the body releases long-held patterns of stress and dysfunction.

Sessions typically involve the client lying fully clothed on a massage table while the practitioner guides the body into positions of ease and comfort. These positions are held briefly, allowing the nervous system to register safety and relaxation. The result is often a spontaneous release of tension, improved alignment, and a greater sense of well-being. Clients frequently report increased range of

motion, reduced pain, enhanced postural awareness, and a deep sense of relaxation following treatment.

Ortho-Bionomy is particularly effective for chronic pain, injuries, postural imbalances, and stress-related conditions. It's also a valuable tool for those seeking a more mindful and participatory approach to healing. Many practitioners incorporate self-care exercises—such as gentle movements and awareness practices—so clients can continue the healing process between sessions.

At its core, Ortho-Bionomy honors the intelligence of the body. It invites change not through force, but through recognition, comfort, and cooperation. In a world often dominated by “fix-it” approaches, this modality offers a refreshing reminder: sometimes, the most powerful healing begins with listening.

To find a practitioner or to attend training in Ortho-Bionomy go to the website <https://ortho-bionomy.co.nz/>

Or visit the Brooklyn Wellness hub website to see the other gentle bodywork modalities that our practitioners provide: <https://brooklynwellness.nz/services-available-and-products/>

*You can arrange to see any of our practitioners through our website at [www.brooklynwellness.nz](http://www.brooklynwellness.nz). Visit our blog for extended versions of all our Tattler articles. We have a range of articles about wellness, and lots of nutritious, delicious and budget recipe ideas, including for special diets.*

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>



## ENGINEERING FAMILIES IN BROOKLYN

Brooklyn has been blessed with a number of families all prominent in the engineering field over the last one hundred plus years. In the 1870s, Charles Seagar and his son Edward emigrated to Wellington, and built a large homestead at 145 Ohiro Road. Above the house, on the hill overlooking the house and commanding a sweeping view of Wellington and its harbour, St Anthony's Church School was built. This hill ultimately became known as Seagar's Hill, as the Seagar family not only owned the large residence below, they also owned a large tract of land surrounding it.

At the same time, the corner of Ohiro Road, and what became known as Brooklyn Road, was known as Seagar's Corner.

After Edward died, the house was bought by another engineering family, the Crabtrees. William Crabtree had four sons with three, Thomas, William and James, being engineers, and Louis, who was a joiner. The Crabtrees were iron and brass founders in Eva Street in the city. The firm had been established in 1878 by William. A 10hp horizontal steam engine drove the plant. The Crabtrees were related to the Cable family where William had begun his engineering business along the Hutt Road. William Cable was in fact apprenticed to William Crabtree and eventually became a senior partner with Crabtree, before setting up his own business empire.

William Crabtree had only one daughter, Alice, and all were still living in the Ohiro Road house in the mid 1940s. Alice outlived all her brothers and died in the house in 1949.

Prior to buying the Ohiro Road property, the family lived at 46 Hopper Street.

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Right now, we're being treated to sprays of rangiora's delicate creamy white flowers. Why would you want to cut them down?

That's a question Wellington City Council (WCC) and Upstream have been asking after several incidents of tree and shrub vandalism in Central Park. WCC have been treating the trees to minimise the long-term damage. It's sad that someone would want to hurt the trees that way.

Meanwhile the park is putting on its spring show. Magnolias, rhododendron and clivia are flowering alongside our more modest endemic specifics, like rangiora. Rangiora has several names, answering to *Brachyglottis repanda* in botany terms, but also puka puka and bushman's friend (or toilet paper). These names indicate the uses of the large leaves, green on top, white beneath with white hairs. According to Ngā Rauropi Whakaoranga, written accounts of settlers said Māori used the leaves to wrap food for cooking and used the sap for wounds. Settlers themselves found other purposes for the leaves, using them in bush ablutions. The New Zealand Plant Conservation Network note that rangiora leaves are stiff enough to carry a message written in ballpoint pen. One of the Māori names, puka puka, alludes to the similarity of rangiora and the leaves of a book.

So many uses, not to mention creating the air that we breathe.

Let's show them some love! Come to our next working bee. Bring your own gloves, if you have them, and a mug. We supply Supreme Coffee and home-baking.

Sources: Ngā Rauropi Whakaoranga  
<https://rauopiwakaoranga.landcareresearch.co.nz/names/20cba46f-144b-47fe-9983-9e89f427d48d>

New Zealand Plant Conservation Network  
<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brachyglottis-repanda/>

Next working bee: Sunday 26 October – last Sunday of the month between 10.00am – 12.30pm

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

Contact Lynne at [all.whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz)

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### Manager – Brooklyn Community Association (permanent part-time, 25hr/week)

The Brooklyn Community Association is seeking a motivated and capable Manager to lead the day-to-day operations of our much-loved community centre.

This varied role involves overseeing staff and services, managing finances and payroll, supporting childcare and venue hire programmes, maintaining policies and procedures, and building strong relationships with our community, stakeholders, and partners. You'll also play an active part in events, activities, and publications that keep Brooklyn connected.

We're looking for someone with business management and accounting skills, experience in a similar role, and confidence using MYOB or comparable software. Strong people skills, initiative, and a genuine interest in community organisations will help you thrive in this position.

This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in Brooklyn while working with a dedicated team.

We can offer mostly flexible hours of work to suit the person and the needs of the Association with specific events that must be attended. Salary range is between \$70,000-\$80,000 (pro rata) depending on skills, knowledge and experience. You must have the legal right to work in NZ.

To apply or request more information, please contact Sonya Bissmire at [sonya.bissmire@gmail.com](mailto:sonya.bissmire@gmail.com). Applications close 5pm, Monday 6 October 2025.

### BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

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

### BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to sunset at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://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](mailto: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/](https://facebook.com/geckoshockeyclub/)

### LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

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

### BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting on Saturday 29 November 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@bnufc.co.nz) or register online at [www.bnufc.co.nz/registration](http://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](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz) or contact John Morrison on [membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:bsrc.club.captain@gmail.com) [www.bsrc.org.nz](http://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](http://brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz)

### BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Deborah 934 2238 or Lindy 027 356 5037.

**6 October** – City to Hataitai.

Start at 10am from the Pirie St corner of Kent Terrace.

**13 October** – Buckley Road to Kilbirnie. Catch 9:34am No. 29 bus from Brooklyn Library.

**20 October** – Brooklyn to City via Hospital. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

**27 October** – Labour Day Public Holiday.

**3 November** – Trentham to Silverstream. Catch 9:30am Hutt Valley train.

### BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUBS

Tanera Park off Tanera Cres. Junior Age 4 + [www.bjcc.co.nz](http://www.bjcc.co.nz) Senior 1 Day, T20, Vintage [www.brooklynccricketclub.com](http://www.brooklynccricketclub.com)

### FRIENDS OF OWHIRO

**STREAM** Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: [owhirostream@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://montessori.school.nz/playgroup) or email [rata@montessori.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz) [www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com)

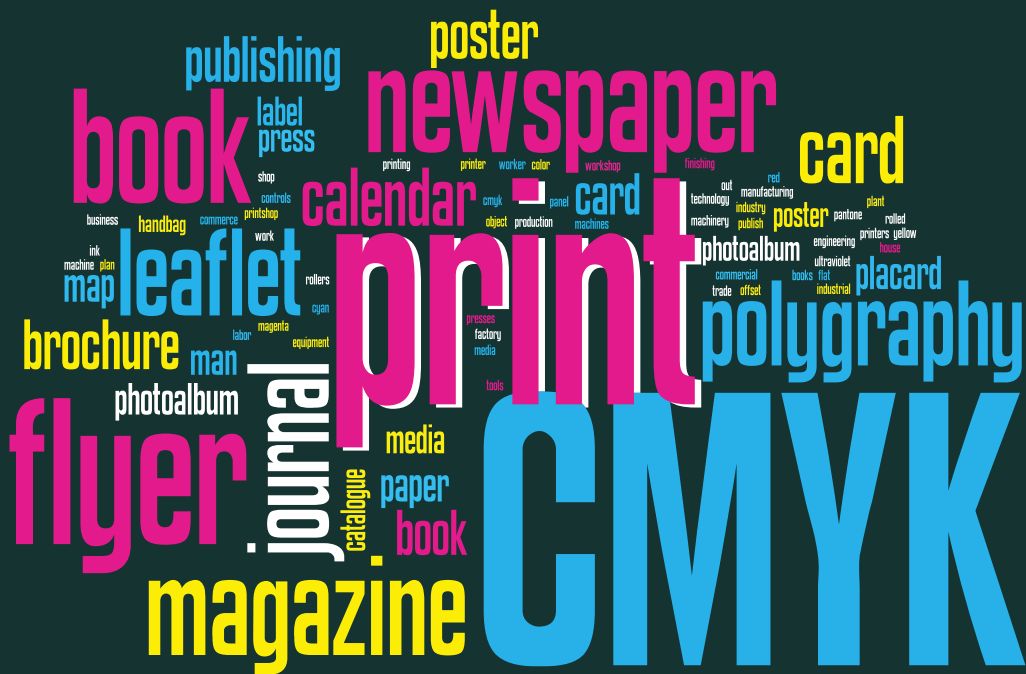
### BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact [brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ka.harris25@gmail.com).

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