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what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of Friends of Central Park taking a well deserved morning tea break at their monthly working bee.

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Kia ora, Hello and welcome to the August Brooklyn Tattler. Our front cover features Friends of Central Park enjoying their morning tea break at a recent monthly working bee. Morning tea is always a highlight with delicious homemade baking and Supreme Coffee. This month Upstream - Friends of Central Park have organized two free night-time glow worm guided walks. Find out how to register on page 5.

Brooklyn Twilight Festival

We are excited to confirm the date of the annual Brooklyn Twilight festival for 2026. It's on Saturday 14 November. The festival has been revised slightly by moving the start and finish times back one hour, so this year's events begin at 1pm and finish at 8pm. All the usual favourites will be back including the community stage in the playground, live entertainment on Harrison Street, bouncy castles, food trucks with yummy eats and our popular market inside the Community Centre Hall. To book a stall email market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz and see pages 10 & 11 for a Twilight Festival update.

September Tattler

Next month's Brooklyn Tattler is the second of our two home delivered issues for this year and it's a great opportunity to let others know about your community group, activity or business, as over 4000 copies will be distributed to homes throughout Brooklyn, Panorama Heights, Kowhai Park, Mornington, Vogeltown and Kingston, thanks to the Brooklyn Scout Group on Harrison Street.



WCC Engagement Advisors at the Brooklyn Connections Drop-in session

Brooklyn Connections Drop-In session

There was a steady turnout of residents at the Wellington City Council Information drop-in session held at the Community Centre on Saturday 25 July. Council staff were onsite from 11am to 2pm to answer questions about the proposed Brooklyn Connections cycleway design and street changes. There has been a lot of interest locally about the proposals including many comments on social media pages. By the time you read this, the consultation will have closed. It will be interesting to see how many submissions were made and if any changes or tweaks to the final design will result from the feedback received.

September Brooklyn Market

We are looking forward to September, the start of spring, daylight saving and (hopefully) warmer weather. Our next quarterly Brooklyn Community Market is coming up on Saturday 19 September from 12pm to 4pm with a full hall of stallholders already booked, plus live music, face painting, and delicious food. More details in next month's Tattler.

Readers Contributions

This month, we are pleased to feature Brooklyn resident and ultramarathon swimmer, Gráinne Moss who contacted us with a story on her latest swimming achievements which you can read on pages 6 and 7.

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ABOUT CATS PROTECTION WELLINGTON

Opened in 2007 and extended in 2023, our Kingston shelter at 29 Vancouver Street is a purpose-built, safe, comfortable haven for cats while they are waiting to be adopted or fostered. Each cat has its own large 'apartment' which is also big enough for a bonded pair to share. Full of sofas, igloos, catwalks and plenty of hidey spaces there's a spacious main room, five smaller rooms, two large decks with catwalks and climbing trees, an isolation unit for unwell cats and individual facilities for our new cats.

Run by caring staff with the help of our volunteer teams, the shelter is cleaned daily, the cats are fed twice a day (and sometimes three times depending on their needs) and given any required medications. Staff and volunteers keep a careful eye on all our cats, spending time with



Inside the Cats Protection Shelter

them, and ensuring they are in the best possible physical and mental health.

All our cats are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms, and are regularly vet-checked, staying with us until they find their forever homes.

The CPW shelter is open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays between 12pm to 4pm by appointment only. To find out about adopting visit our website here: www.catsprotectionwellington.org.nz or call the shelter on 04 3899 668.

Katie Underwood

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Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs

VISIT CENTRAL PARK'S NIGHT TIME LIGHTS!

Upstream – Friends of Central Park are offering free night-time guided walks to see the glow-worms lighting up the banks upstream. Find out more about these fascinating creatures; what makes them glow and why?

Come along on Friday 14th or Sunday 16th August.

There will be one walk per night, starting at 6.30 with a maximum of 12 people per walk, including children. Max 2 children per adult (Child must be between 5 and 12 years).

Meet at Main Gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road (just past Central Vets).

Bookings essential

Reserve your place by emailing Katie Underwood at kt@danzat.co.nz stating number of people and preference for Friday or Sunday.

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BROOKLYN SWIMMER COMPLETES OCEANS SEVEN AFTER 39-YEAR JOURNEY

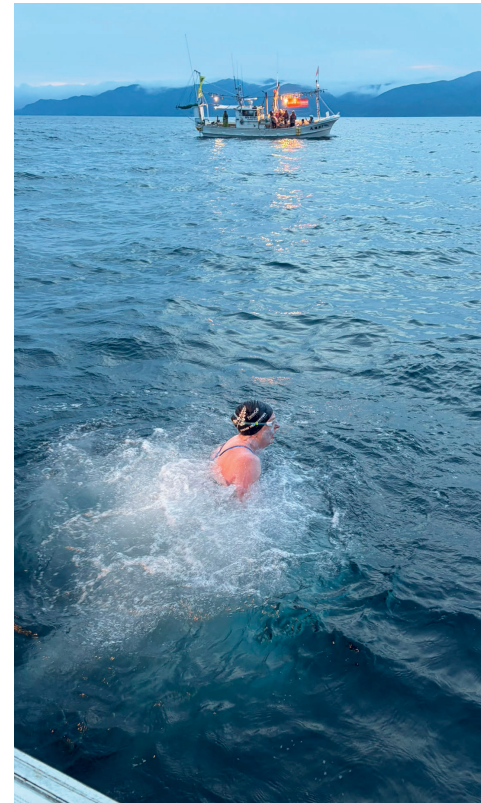
Local Brooklyn resident Gráinne Moss has achieved one of the rarest accomplishments in open water swimming, completing the Oceans Seven challenge—often described as the swimming equivalent of climbing the Seven Summits.

The milestone was reached in June when Gráinne successfully swam the Tsugaru Strait in Japan, becoming the 45th person in the world and the first Irish woman to complete the challenge.

What makes the achievement even more remarkable is the extraordinary timeframe.

Gráinne's Oceans Seven journey began almost four decades ago when, as a 19-year-old from Ireland with a love of adventure and little idea where swimming would eventually take her, she swam the English Channel on 3 August 1987. Her final swim, the Tsugaru Strait, was completed on 29 June 2026, making her the swimmer with the longest elapsed time between first and last Oceans Seven swims—a journey spanning nearly 39 years.

The Oceans Seven consists of seven iconic channel swims around the globe: the



English Channel, North Channel, Catalina Channel, Moloka'i Channel, Cook Strait, Strait of Gibraltar and Tsugaru Strait.

"Every channel has its own personality," says Gráinne. "Some are known for cold water, some for strong currents and some for marine life. The Tsugaru Strait was a fitting finale because the conditions kept changing and demanded complete focus right to the finish."

The final swim took 12½ hours and covered more than 40 kilometres as powerful currents swept her through the waters between the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido. Like all Oceans Seven swims, it was completed without a wetsuit.

Many Brooklyn residents will remember Gráinne's earlier appearances in the Tattler following her swims across Foveaux Strait and the North Channel. Since then, her swimming journey has taken her across some of the world's most challenging stretches of ocean.

Along the way, she has used her swims to support Kenzie's Gift, a New Zealand charity that provides counselling and support for children and families facing serious illness or bereavement.

"The swimming has always been about something bigger than sport," she says. "When things became difficult during a swim, I often thought the children and families supported by Kenzie's Gift. Their challenges are far greater than anything I experience in the water."

As well as completing Oceans Seven, Gráinne has achieved multiple open-water swimming milestones, including the New Zealand, Irish, Auckland and International Triple Crowns of Open Water Swimming.

Despite the global nature of the achievement, she says the support of her local community has meant a great deal.

"One of the lovely things about Brooklyn is that people genuinely take an interest in what others are doing. I've been overwhelmed by the encouragement I've received from neighbours and friends throughout this journey."

After nearly four decades, seven iconic channels and thousands of kilometres of swimming, Brooklyn's Gráinne Moss has earned her place among a very small group of people worldwide to complete the Oceans Seven.



St John BROOKLYN

wondering when the wind and rain will stop.

St John along with many other groups are fortunate to be able to use the Community Centre in Brooklyn. It is warm, dry, has great facilities and parking is available, and we thank those who make this possible

It might be winter, but St John continues to grow and it's time to update some of our recent events and achievements.

We are continuing to grow in both the Penguin and Cadet groups and of course encourage others to join. If you are an adult and would like to assist us then of course you are welcome as well.

We had the pleasure of Rhys Griffith the District Youth Manager coming along to our recent meeting to see what he can do to assist us and also to present some amazing achievements in the Penguin group, namely Lucas and Georgia achieving the Super Hoiho award by completing 10 penguin badges work and 15 hours of Community service. Thomas achieving a Super Korora certificate and Freda 15 hours community service badge. Leadership by Lynne and Karen and others is acknowledged in assisting in the Penguins achieving their awards.

We have Regional Qualifiers in the Regional competitions with two entries involving eight cadets and will update as the results come to hand.

Penguins also have upcoming competitions



Welcome to August from St John Brooklyn.

The weather has been cold, wet and dark in the evening, and I think we are all

and gold level cadets have the opportunity to assist in several different roles such as patients, judging etc..

If you are interested in being a Leader of this amazing organisation, please give us a call and see what we do, it's our future generation of Leaders that you will be Leading.

We meet on a Tuesday evening during the school term.

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

The Youth group meet from 7 pm till 8.30 pm.

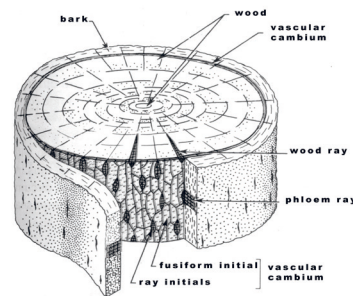
<https://youth.stjohn.org.nz/public/join-st-john-youth/penguin-programme>

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Keep warm and dry

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TREVOR MCKEOWN CUP DECIDED

On a typically fine and calm Brooklyn Sunday, Vogelmorn Tennis Club and Brooklyn Cricket Club met to decide the Trevor McKeown Cup. It was a good turn out from both sides and after a short warm up the matches got underway.

BCC approached the match like a cricket game, trying to hit every ball to the boundary while VTC adopted a more tennis-based approach keeping the ball within the court to good early effect in winning the first round of matches. Teams were redrawn and the 2nd round got underway with BCC starting to find a couple of good shots from everyone. VTC didn't need to find any good shots, they already knew where they were and used them well to close out the 2nd round with another clean sweep of

matches. The teams were shuffled again and with the addition of a dual Club member to the BCC team we managed to win one match before lunch.

A fabulous, shared lunch was enjoyed by all, and I think that was one of BCC's stronger rounds. A new draw and some more matches after lunch saw BCC claim back some matches but when the bodies, mainly BCC, were tiring and the score was tallied up it was a comprehensive victory to Vogelmorn Tennis Club 16-3. Vogelmorn hold the trophy for now, but when they defend it, in cricket, I am hoping BCC might do a little better.

Thanks, Vogelmorn for a great day and if anyone is interested in contacting either Club there is a link below.

<https://clubspark.kiwi/VogelmornTennisClub>

<https://www.brooklyncricketclub.com>

Daryl Giles



THE BROOKLYN *twilight festival* IS BACK!

Join us on **Saturday 14 November, 1–8pm**, as Harrison Street and the Brooklyn Community Centre come alive with community stalls, markets, live music, food trucks, face painting, bouncy castles, and plenty more.

We'd love your help to make it happen. We're looking for:

- Volunteers for setup, packdown, and during the festival
- Artists and performers for our community stage
- First aiders
- Street performers (clowns, magicians, buskers, and more)
- Market stalls selling crafts and handmade goods
- Community groups keen to showcase what they do in Brooklyn

If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Email: two.todman@gmail.com



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@
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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

**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:
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**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**

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**10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT
CONNECTIONS**

Fortnightly crafters social group. Contact
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5 - 6:30 PM KARATE

Beginners' to Advanced Karate classes.
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familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

6:30 - 7:30 PM TAI CHI

Contact Ferne on 389 1433 or email:
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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

7:30 - 8:30 PM YIN YOGA

Koha Yin Yoga classes in the lounge
with Rowena Fry. Meditative floor based
classes for joint health. Contact Rowena
at rowenatsfry@gmail.com

10:30 - 11:45 AM YOGA

Koha Yoga classes with Maria Bergvall.
People of all ages and abilities welcome.
BYO yoga mat. Contact Maria for more
information on 020 477 5190.

**9:15 AM ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**

Our one hour service starts in the hall at
9:30am. Contact Rev. Scottie Reeve at
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**10:30 AM EKKAALLAM
CHURCH**

Tamil Christian worship and service.
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3:45 - 6:45 PM KARATE

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classes. Contact Sensei Patricia at
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To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact
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Plants and worms

One of the coolest things about digging in Central Park is what you can find in the earth. Our youngest helpers, Ada, Freya and Aitama, delighted in digging holes, planting trees and finding worms at our last working bee.

According to the Science Learning Hub at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato there are 200 species of earthworm in New Zealand. Most of these are natives, living in forests. Unlike the introduced species, native worms don't do well in land converted to agriculture. The ones we see in our gardens are likely the introduced kinds. One exception is the native *O. multiporus*. It's big and long (30 cm) and squirts out glow-in-the-dark orange liquid when its disturbed. They're also yummy and handy if you need fish bait. They are epic burrowers, living up to 3-5 meters down,

which means they are less sensitive to changes in land use at the surface. So, you could find them in Central Park. Maybe we did? As none of us are worm specialists we might never know. Happily, we managed not to damage them. Some earth worms can grow new tails – but hit them too near to their heads and they won't survive.

If you like finding organic treasure in the earth, come to our next working bee. Bring your own gloves, if you have them, and a mug. We supply delicious Supreme Coffee and baking (and worms – eating optional).

Next working bee: Sunday 30 August
10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

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

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

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Monthly update on issues
and projects involving our
community

NEXT MEETING – We invite you to our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday 12 August at 7pm at

Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street

Come and have your say and please consider contributing your time to advocate for the community, listen and speak

Brooklyn Connections proposed Cycleway and Street changes

By the time you read this, the WCC consultation period and window to make submissions will have closed. Whatever your position, we hope you have taken the time to submit as the proposed road changes will have a substantial effect on transport in and around central Brooklyn.

General Election Saturday 7th November

It's General Election Year and that means we will run one of our popular and informative "Meet the Candidates" evenings. Our meeting date has been confirmed as Thursday 15 October, so mark that date in your calendar. We encourage you to come along and bring your questions for the candidates running in the newly renamed Wellington Bays electorate.

Battery recycling

GBRAI initiated own local Brooklyn battery collection project in 2022.

From October 2022 to mid-July 2026, GBRAI have collected & recycled: 569.25 kg of all various battery types.

The most numerous are: 283 kg of AA batteries, 84 kg of AAA batteries, 35 kg of C batteries, 41 kg of D batteries. The remainder being made up of button batteries, computer, 6V, 9V, 12V and 18V batteries. 28kg were disposed of in July 2026 without being sorted. These batteries that are recycled are sent to a recycling site in Australia. Approx 5-10% of all these batteries are landfilled as damaged or weeping.

Landfill issues

WCC Southern Landfill and the two privately run landfills in the Landfill Precinct.

WCC Southern Landfill: A decision was made earlier this year to continue the operation of the current land fill (rather than close it this year) as it has between 100 - 150,000 sqm of space still available.

It's a logical use of this space for waste & rubbish as it is already consented and it has taken thousands of tonnes of waste/storm debris from the 19th/20th April severe weather (we will source a total tonnage later)

Southern Landfill sewage sludge dewatering plant – we are still awaiting the completion of the Moa Point plant before the one located in the Southern Landfill can close.

Brooklyn Road

WCC has previously said it will repave Brooklyn Road with chip seal as part of its maintenance schedule. We can proudly say we have – through advocacy of Alex Gray as well as the transport community and others – forced a reversal of WCC position and now they WILL repave with asphalt. The date is unconfirmed at present though it is expected to be during 2027.

Owhiro Road Bus Depot

The Brooklyn Residents Association have been liaising with Metlink and Owhiro Bay residents regarding the land purchase by the Greater Wellington Regional Council to garage 100 buses. Work is ongoing.

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Snell's Butchery looking down Cleveland Street c 1910

Photo credit: Joseph Zachariah, source: Zak Collection Alexander Turnbull Library

BREWERS & BUTCHERS OF OLD BROOKLYN

Home brewers were around in Brooklyn in the early 1900's. One Ohiro Road resident, Fred Johnson, brewed his own, filling large glass jars with his frothy concoction. He provided this service at some risk to his reputation in the community as a blacksmith. He shod many horses owned by church-going neighbours, nearly all of them being firm adherents of the temperance movement.

Johnson was a great supporter of the Brooklyn Rugby Football Club, and always ensured enough bottles of beer were on hand after a game. While the players enjoyed the refreshments, the

ladies out the back prepared Snell's saveloys, accompanied by lashings of Olsson's Tomato Sauce.

Another brewer further down the hill in Aro Valley, was William Strike, though he kept on the good side of any god-fearing householders, as his drinks were non-alcoholic aerated waters.

Mr. S H Snell owned the only butchery in Brooklyn, on the Ohiro/Cleveland corner, and was addressed as 'Mr. Snell' by all his customers who entered the shop. Apparently, when the family had originally emigrated, they were of German descent, and the surname was Schnell, but the grandfather, sensing anti German feeling, changed the word to Snell prior to them emigrating.

In his shop, his meat cleavers stood to the left of the huge wooden butcher's

block, behind the counter.

Snell was a short, balding man in his late fifties. His ample girth, around which hung a blue & white striped apron, suggested he was rather too fond of some of his own products, especially the fatty sausages. He liked to joke, the better to charm those who were frustrated by the lack of another butcher in the suburb.

Snell was acutely aware of the value of a half-penny, as when counting out change, was well known to make 'mistakes' in his own favour instead of the customer's.

Householders went in for their weekly cuts of mutton, fresh bacon, and beef or pork sausages, and occasionally a few inches of black pudding, Jack Johnson, as it was known by, then. Snell would

cut up beef and sheep carcasses from 5am each morning of the working week. He also supported the local rugby team, often providing all the saveloys for the after-match function.

Leaving Snell's, the mums would then go across the road to Mr. Jack, the grocer, for their baking flour, butter, milk and eggs. They also bought their milk from Mr. Gotlieb, a red-faced jovial man who ran a dairy just around the corner on Ohiro Road.

Chris Rabey



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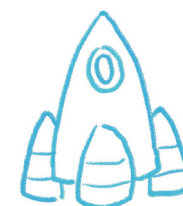


We're lucky to have Brooklyn Toy Library as part of Vogelhorn. Run by dedicated locals, the Toy Library helps families save money, reduce waste, and keep children inspired through play.



out the collection: Fridays, 3:30pm–5:30pm
Saturdays, 9:00am–12:00pm
Find Brooklyn Toy Library at

With a wide range of toys for tamariki from newborns to around seven years old, there's something for everyone.



Come along and check

93 Mornington Road, Brooklyn or visit brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz





TWO TODMAN NEIGHBOURS' PLACE

WINTER UPDATE

Every year I forget that winter affects me. All those nagging doubts that lay dormant in my brain come to the surface, and I feel flatter, and more alone.

Winter is hard. We're tired and sick, and it's cold and grey. We do need to withdraw and go slower. To rest and tend to our minds and bodies. But in all that good and sometimes necessary withdrawing we don't stop needing other people. We still need connection.

And so, amongst my winter-foggy-flatness, I've been grateful to remember the goodness of connection this July.

The first reminder came early into the month

on Matariki Friday (10 July). The day was wet and miserable, and I had made peace with the possibility that no one would turn up to our event for kiddos. On a winter public holiday, it's a huge effort to get up, get your kids dressed, fed, and out of the house and be somewhere in the morning. But despite my resignation, kids and parents turned up to decorate star cookies, read stories, and reflect on the year that has been and the year ahead. Food was shared; connections were made. It was good.

In the weeks that have passed, I've found myself grateful for the opportunity Matariki presents us every year to do this kind of thing. To be with others and look back, and forward together at an appointed time, in the middle of winter. It is good.

The second reminder of the goodness of connection came a few weeks later, when our volunteers, co-workers and champions of Two Todman got together on a Tuesday evening for (excellent) pizza and drinks at 1852. A mid-winter get-together of sorts. It's simple enough, food and drink with a group of people. But again, it was good, really good. We got to

know each other better, maybe even deepened our relationships with one another. And that's not a little thing.

So, as we continue to slog through winter, maybe we can be encouraged to take a teensy step towards connection. This could be as simple as: making a cup of tea for a co-worker, getting up earlier and walking to work, or turning up to share waffles with your neighbourhood at St Matthew's next monthly neighbourhood waffle offering.

In connecting (in however small a way), we're pulled out of ourselves and into the world of others. And with that, it's possible for our worlds to expand, even if just a little. And that's not a little thing.

Until next time... Be well, Brooklyn!

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The BRC Charitable Trust holds two funding cycles at the same time each year – one in March and the other in September. Applications open at the beginning of the month and must be received on or before the last day of the month. Please note we do not accept requests for funding outside of these periods.

Local groups and organisations can request grant information by email. By reply you will receive a Grant Application Form and Guidelines for Applicants. The Grant Application Form requires details of your group/organisation such as your aims, where you meet, how many people are involved and the nature of the project or activity you are applying for a grant, as well as some other supporting information. The Guidelines for

Happening/ Upcoming at Two Todman:

- 7:00pm, Friday 14 August, and 10:00am Saturday 15 August: Sourdough Bread-making workshop.
- 17-23 August, Len Oliver, Nymphaum (a Solo Exhibition), with opening night on Monday 17 August, and a Jazz night with Frida Flacks, paint and sip, Friday 21st August at 7.30pm
- Starting Friday 31 July, Friday + Maths with Esme Winfield. Drop in koha maths sessions each Friday. Snacks provided!
- Yoga with Maria: Tuesday, 6:00pm, and Thursday 6:30am. Contact Maria at: maria.m.bergvall@gmail.com if you're keen to come along.

Applicants includes information on eligibility, funding criteria, the types of projects/activity the Trust supports and where to send applications. The Trust does not fund under some instances - such as for wages, capital investment, overseas travel or retrospective events; that is for activities/projects that have already taken place. The BRC Charitable Trust has the same allocated sum to distribute in the wider Brooklyn Community every six months. To ensure a fair distribution there is a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project. If the Trust receives requests for funding in excess of the allocation, some groups/organisations may miss out or receive partial funding. Grant applications for the next funding round open on 1 September.

Trustees meet in the month following each funding cycle to consider the applications and allocate funding. Applicants can expect to hear an outcome within 6 weeks from the date grant applications close.

The BRC Charitable Trust



DIRT

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

At our July event we celebrated Matariki with shared food and drink and talked about what we are thinking in the face of all the various events, here and other places, that are disruptions/emergencies/disasters.

It can be hard to confront how it feels to be trying to 'do something' when the challenges are so obvious and now so frequent. The weather warning and (luckily minor) flash flooding on Tinakori Rd the day before really made

this clear as we still clearly see and feel the impact of the April floods.

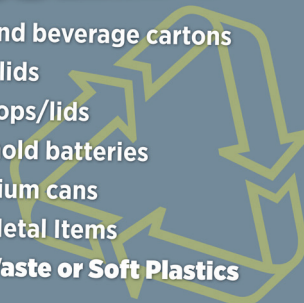
We formed a range of subgroups for people to get together between monthly DIRT events to work on mapping our neighbourhood's specific assets and challenges, how we increase our food resilience, help people quickly assess risk and take action when properties have been impacted, and building up easily accessible and shareable information to help people in an emergency.

Our August event will look at earthquakes; something we get frequent reminders of, with 'the big quake' sitting at the top of the list for Wellington emergencies in terms of impact on the city.

See you on Sunday 30th of August, 4:00–6:00pm at VBC, 93 Morningside Road.

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**




Brooklyn Community Centre
 18 Harrison Street, Brooklyn, Wellington 6021, New Zealand
brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz



The top photo was taken shortly after the Brooklyn Library opened on 29 October 1960. The original entrance on Harrison Street was moved to its present location during 1992 to provide wheelchair access.

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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 3pm 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 26 September from 2 - 4pm at Brooklyn Library. We'd love your input or queries. Please contact the convenor in case our advertised date or venue changes. Sharon Macintyre 0276344455 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided. We meet Wednesdays at 10am during school terms. *Wellington Reformed Church* 34 Harrison St. Maria 022 187 9030

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

First Kicks enrolments for girls and boys aged 5 and 6 open throughout the season. Email enquiries to info@bnufc.co.nz or register online at www.bnufc.co.nz/registration

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP

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

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure. Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs,

Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Financial Support available. Find out more at www.brooklynscouts.org.nz or contact John Morrison on membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 6pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. All equipment provided. To join email: bsrc.club.captain@gmail.com www.bsrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays at Brooklyn Community Centre. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 021 230 4083.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library is based in the Vogelmorn Precinct at 93 Mornington Road. We have a fantastic range of toys for children aged 0-7 years available to hire. Find us on Facebook or visit our website: brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

10 August – Te Aro, Mt Vic and Waterfront. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

17 August – Kingston, Wharangi Track to Island Bay. Start at 9:30am from the Library.

24 August – Hutt River walkway. Catch 9:30am train to Pomare Station.

31 August – Zealandia Perimeter. Catch 9:29am No.17 bus from Library to Ashton Fitchett/Karepa Street stop.

7 September – Central Park, Tanera Park, Kelburn and Central City. Start from the Library at 9:30am.

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

WELLINGTON CENTRAL

PROBUS Meets monthly at Prefab Hall, Jessie Street on the third Friday at 10am. There is an interesting monthly speaker and many social activities during the month including outings,

dinners, lunches, book club and more. All active retirees are welcome to join. Contact Steve Lawton on 021 164 5329 or at slawton745@gmail.com

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@extra.co.nz Come along for great conversations, meet new people, delicious morning tea and contribute

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

BROOKLYN SAYGO

Steady As You Go exercise classes Tuesdays at Vogelmorn Hall from 1pm - 1:50pm. Improve your strength, balance, help prevent falls and meet new people. Koha payment (suggested \$3) To join just turn up before 1pm. More info at acwellington.org.nz/events

BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentre.org.nz or call 385 6531.

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.

PRESCHOOL MUSIC GROUP

The Little Music Crew - Fridays from 10am during school terms. Join us for waiata, poi, actions and rhymes at Vogelmorn 93 Mornington Road. Voluntary Koha. Contact Heather at hdrysdalenz@gmail.com

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