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# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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*This month's cover photo is of a previous Anzac Day laying of the wreath ceremony at the Brooklyn War Memorial.*

*Photo credit: Euan Harris*

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# from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**PHONE 384 6799**

Hello and welcome to the April edition of the Tattler. We hope you have been able to spend some relaxing time with family and friends over the Easter break.

### Anzac Day

After the cancellation of the annual Anzac Day commemorations last year due to the disruptions of Omicron, we are pleased and relieved to be back to normal and hosting them again this year. We are also pleased to be able to have the commemoration at Brooklyn School after several years of not being able to due to the major school renovations and cancellations caused by Covid restrictions. Join us at 10.30am on Anzac Day at the top playground of the school, then afterwards at the Community Centre for morning tea. Afterwards, the laying of the wreath at the Sugarloaf Hill War Memorial will round out the remembrance .

### Holiday Programme

School holidays are upon us again which means Adam, our Childcare Manager, has been busy organising the next school holiday programme here at the Community Centre. Adam has lots of fun activities ready, including trip days to the Penthouse and Laser Force; Easter Egg hunts; games days; donut making days, and more. To enrol email [childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz). A full programme of activities is available on our website: <https://brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/April-School-Holiday-Programme-Activities-1.pdf>



### Recycling

Our new recycling station in the foyer is being well supported with people regularly coming in throughout the day to drop off liquid paper board (eg. Tetra Paks), plastic lids, batteries, and metal lids. It's great to see our community being so supportive in our efforts to help reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill. Please just double check that any plastic lids have either a 2 or a 5 on them before dropping them off.

### RAT Tests

Our stocks of rapid antigen tests have recently been restocked so if you or someone you know is in need of some, we have plenty. Please call us first if you or someone in your household has symptoms so we can arrange for you to pick them up without having to come into the centre.

Have a great month  
Julie and Euan

*Ukrainian nationals Lana Burns and Ivanko talking to the Friday Circle Group about their homeland.*

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# from the LIBRARY

## Did you know...?

Wellington City Libraries have just introduced a new and improved mini app for your phone which allows you to add and store multiple family cards. No more worrying about forgetting or losing your library card – with this new app you have quick access to all your family’s cards allowing you see what’s on loan and when items are due to be returned across all the family cards you’ve added. The app also allows you to search the Wellington City Libraries catalogue; make and manage your reserves; find your nearest library branch that’s open right now; and access our eLibrary apps such as Beamafilm, Pressreader, and the Naxos Music Library, allowing you to read, listen watch, learn and more.

If you already had the previous app installed, you should be prompted to update to the new version the next time you open it. Otherwise, the new app is available for download now in both the Google



Play Store and Apple App Store. If you need help installing and using the new and improved WCL mini-app, just drop into the library where Helen, Diana and El will be happy to help.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT AT BROOKLYN LIBRARY

Monday 17 April: Cuddly toy animal storytime – 6pm-7pm

Dress in your favourite Onesie or PJs, bring along a cuddly toy animal and join us for music, stories and craft. Those who wish, may leave their cuddly toy for a special night in the library. Who knows what they’ll get up to, alone amongst the shelves?

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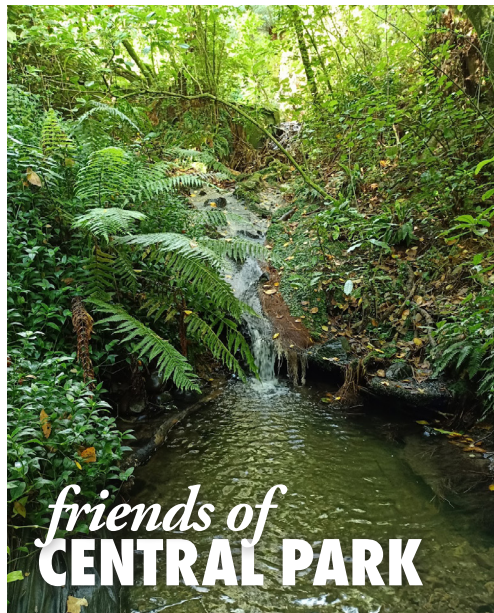
Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

## NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7:30 pm

Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - **Come and have your say**

<b>Any Local Issues?</b>	Let us know if there’s local topics you’d like to see addressed. We are here for our local residents.
<b>Brooklyn Permanent Cycleway</b>	WCC have informed the community of its intention to make the current cycleway permanent. Consultation with the community as to what this proposal will look like will start in the next month or so.
<b>Kingston Matters</b>	Kingston toilet upgrade: Local residents and GBRAI have successfully lobbied WCC Parks and Recreation to upgrade and repaint the Kingston toilet block. A great result (and the character tiles were also retained).
<b>Water Leaks and Wellington Water</b>	Total number of leaks fixed/to be fixed since 01/07/2022: 5,599 total fixed in region (Wgtn City 2,327); 3,103 reported leaks - 449 reported in February of which 97 were on private property and owners responsibility to fix . <a href="https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/drinking-water/water-treatment-plants-2/leaks/leak-stats">https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/drinking-water/water-treatment-plants-2/leaks/leak-stats</a>
<b>Landfill Precinct – Council Run Careys Gulley</b>	WCC has allocated \$36M for SLEPO (Southern Landfill Extension Piggy Back Option) to go ahead and to be operational by 2026. <a href="https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/our-wellington/2023/02/slepo-and-zero-waste">https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/our-wellington/2023/02/slepo-and-zero-waste</a>
<b>Road Works / Chip Sealing</b>	Ongoing works on Karepa Street (laying chip seal) and Ohiro Road (between Brooklyn Village and Happy Valley)
<b>Multi-Unit Dwellings</b>	Work has commenced on the 24 units on Cleveland St. Expect some disruption.
<b>WCC Social Housing now a Community Trust</b>	Harrison Street social housing complex had an open day on 11 March; new families are moving into the townhouses.
<b>E-Scooters</b>	We have seen a constant rise of abandoned e-scooters scattered over the footpaths. While functional, they create hazards for pedestrians and those who are visually impaired. We recommend using the smartphone App FIXIT to take a photo and report to council. They will contact the two operators to get them removed and – if need to – penalise the particular users abandoning them.
<b>Beeping Light Poles</b>	As part of the Brooklyn light upgrade, acoustic “beeps” have been installed, to assist the visually impaired/blind. This is a nationwide project re. road safety.
<b>Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, or to sign up to our newsletter at: <a href="mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com">brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com</a></b>	





park is a less weedy place because of their contribution. And thanks to all our usual volunteers who provide muscle, weed-nouse, planning and fundraising skills, coffee, and baking. Moturoa stream is where Upstream Friends of Central Park started. It is a far cry from the blackberry-infested path we took on 15 years ago.

Come and enjoy the park at our next working bee. Bring your own mug – we supply drinks and baking.

**Next working bee 30 April 2023 – Last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm**

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

“You never regret a swim.” That’s what our friend says when we’re standing toe-deep in the freezing ocean, contemplating just how much it’s going to hurt when we take the plunge. Yet, she’s always right. Can you regret a gumboot-full of waterfall? We tried that one out this week at our working bee in Central Park. The crew were removing tradescantia from the edges of Moturoa Stream. In some places the only way to do this is by standing in the stream itself. We discovered that crouching on a rock opens up the back of your boots at just the right angle to catch incoming water. Did we regret this? No. It’s utterly beautiful at stream level. Removing the weeds in dry socks or wet makes no difference to that.

Our working bee was also powered up by a dozen capable young people from the Student Volunteer Army at Victoria University. A big shout out to them – the

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Everyone welcome!



## CLEVELAND STREET MEMORIES

This month Chris shares some of his personal memories with Tattler readers.

Here is a 1959 view of Cleveland Street, with a city bound tram approaching Pickett’s Corner towards Ohiro Road. The tram is passing Brooklyn’s one and only bank agency, the ANZ. This only lasted a few years and was quite popular with local businesses and residents. A driveway to the left heads down to Ron Spratt’s upholstery business though his shop was around the corner in Ohiro Road (where Mark’s hairdressing salon is now). Behind the tram was the JM Babywear shop, then the ever popular Faulkners Cake Kitchen (previously described in an earlier Tattler).

Behind Faulkners is the brick Fire Station, and outside this, at the road, is an old rubbish truck. Our rubbish collection was made weekly using this old truck. The men would empty the bins in homeowners’ backyards, usually hopping over fences or through hedges to the bins, then emptying the bins into their huge sacks, and once the sack was full, would sling it over their backs and to

the waiting truck. The fact the men would come around the back area of properties was a practice quite acceptable by all at the time. Recycling was unheard of then.

Note the cars – all were British and American then, no Asian or European vehicles.

Behind the rubbish truck is the Self Help Store. This was a chain of stores, originating in Brooklyn, and the forerunner of today’s supermarkets. The colour scheme of Self Help was gold lettering on a sky-blue background. The roof seen behind the Roma Tea sign is that of the Methodist Church, and the big brick building on the skyline at right was part of Brooklyn School – this two-storey building housed all the standard classes, to standard four. In the background can be seen an old bus. It is standing where the tramline ended, and took passengers up to Mornington and The Ridgway.

Brooklyn was a one stop shop suburb then, most items a household needed could be bought in Cleveland Street.

Chris Rabey



# BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

**Sunday 30 April 10am - 4pm at Ridgeway Hall, 117 Ridgeway Road, Mornington**

To introduce ourselves we are offering FREE Health Assessments, Information and Treatments to our community. We are a group of professionals, including experienced natural health practitioners and practitioners with nursing experience, who have established Brooklyn Wellness Hub. We all live and work in the Brooklyn community.

Everyone is welcome to drop into Ridgeway Hall between 10am and 4pm on Sunday 30 April. We look forward to meeting you and your family. Children and elders especially welcome.

**Good health is about lifestyle choices, nutrition that really fuels the body, healthy gut, reducing inflammation and the amount of toxins in our bodies.** "If your body is in optimal health, it will be better able to heal itself".

**For sale:** Coffee, herbal teas and cake for purchase.

**Natural products:** balms, creams, oils, essential oils, oral care, herbal teas, gut health products, natural cleaning products, natural vinegars, etc to sample and buy. Recipes to make your own, also available.

Each of our experienced Practitioners will have their own table with an educational focus and products to check out. Each will also offer simple treatments for you to experience, and you will be able to make appointments for further assessment or treatment.

**We will offer:**

Health check-ups and assessments B/P, blood sugar, oxygen status and education.

Information for chronic conditions addressed with natural therapies.

Nutrition and healthy eating options. Wellness mentoring.

Emotional and Spiritual Health Check-ups and resources.

Information and education regarding EMFs.

Bodywork and massage for sports injuries, stress, relaxation.

Bowen Therapy for body pain. Reflexology foot massage and Reiki.

Client-centred practical and emotional support to people during grief, adjustment, anxiety, and depression etc.

PEMF devices, (these diagnose areas of low energy in the body and treat these areas, using frequencies to increase the voltage in the cells and help the body to heal itself).

Lowered immunity and vaccine injury assistance.

Quantum Healing Hypnosis Technique, Rapid Transformational Therapy, rapidly finds root causes of any problem. Bookings available with all our therapists.

**Get to know us better** - Each month one of our Practitioners will write an informative health article in the Tattler.



# BOSTIK'S STICKY SITUATION

**Our cats come from all sorts of situations, but Bostik's was a little more precarious than most.**



He was spotted in the machinery room of a local factory, which houses a moving conveyor belt. One of the factory managers called pest removal company Pestproof Wellington to see if they could rescue the cat. Luckily, he was extracted without any injuries before being brought to us.

Bostik is highly intelligent and has quickly learned tricks like 'sit' and 'hi-five' for treat rewards. He relates well to people, always ready for company and attention. He can sometimes play a bit rough, so he would best suit a home without small children. As Bostik is FIV+, he needs to be kept indoors away from other cats.

He is eligible for our permanent foster programme, so we will pay for his medical needs. If you're interested in bringing the affectionate Bostik into your family, give our shelter a call to make an appointment to come in and meet him.

There's more about Bostik and all our other cats at [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](http://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.



**THE BRC CHARITABLE TRUST**  
*formerly The BRC Society Inc*  
[brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com)

The BRC Charitable Trust received applications for its first funding cycle of 2023 from local schools, community groups, and sports clubs. Trustees meet in the middle of this month and applicants should receive notification of an outcome sometime in late April.

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 second funding cycle of the year will occur in September. The funding rounds are held every six months to coincide with the delivery of the Brooklyn Tattler to all households. Any not-for-profit community organisation, group, or incorporated charity that provides an activity, programme, or service for the benefit of people in the wider Brooklyn area can apply (with a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project).

The BRC Charitable Trust



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

WEEKDAYS

**BEFORE SCHOOL  
 AFTER SCHOOL  
 HOLIDAY** **CHILDCARE  
 PROGRAMMES**

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

MONDAY

**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**

A 30-mins strength workout for busy people like you! Contact Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

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

**10 - 11:30 AM KANGATRaining**

Post natal classes for new mums and their babies with Hannah Foley. Email hannah@kangatraining.co.nz

**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

**5 - 7 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

# VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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<https://vogelmorn.nz/>

## Monthly Working Bee Sunday 16 April from 9am-12midday at Vogelmorn Green

Help us to keep the Vogelmorn Precinct thriving and join us at our Monthly Working Bee! This month we will be clearing out the mud shed and reorganising it so that our outdoor furniture and equipment is easily accessible by hirers and the community. In return for your mahi, you will get community rates for your next event OR a VBC cafe voucher. Pass by for as long as you can, even if it's only for an hour or less, as every bit of help counts! All welcome, bring the whole family!

## Vogelmorn Open Mic Night Thursday 20 April at the Bar from 3pm. Music from 6pm at Vogelmorn Upstairs

Join us on the 20th April for Vogelmorn's Open Mic Night! Known for its emphasis on song writing and intimate performances, Vogelmorn are excited to open their doors for local talent (far and wide) to grace the "upstairs" in an evening of song and joy.

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. "Sign ups" will be at the bar. Drinks and kai available from 3pm. Performances beginning at 6pm, so be sure to get in early to secure your spot!

Vogelmorn's Best Quiz Written and Hosted by Ordish Thursday 27 March Bar from 3pm Quiz from 6.30pm at Vogelmorn Upstairs

Secure a spot and come jump in on a classic, family friendly quiz night at your favourite new local. This will be a reoccurring event on the last Thursday of each month!

How it works

- Pre-register by emailing [ordishquiz@gmail.com](mailto:ordishquiz@gmail.com)
- Turn up from 6.30pm for a 7pm start
- Max six people per team
- \$20 per team (bring cash!)
- We have a maximum number of teams so best to get in quick or try your luck on the night
- Awesome prizes to be won

The bar will be open from 3pm with a great selection of local tap beers, wine, and non-alc. Smoked and Pickled will be dishing up delicious kai to keep your brains switched on!

Vogelmorn Bowling Club is not an accessible building.

# MARCH MARKET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE





The top photo of Vogelmorn Hall was taken during 1978. The hall was built in 1926 and was named by merging the Vogelstown and Mornington suburb names. Apart from a fresh coat of paint, the exterior has changed little over the last 45 years.

Top photo credit : Charles Fearnley, source; Wellington City Libraries Ref: 50003-1819  
2023 photo credit: Euan Harris



The top photo of the War Memorial on Sugarloaf Hill was taken during 1976. Built for approximately 700 pounds, the official unveiling took place on 22 September 1923. There are four sides to the memorial; one side lists the 48 people who lost their lives and the remaining three feature the names of those who returned from service.

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# HAVE YOU SEEN HEDGEHOGS IN BROOKLYN?

Did you know that hedgehogs have a ferocious appetite and will eat more than a rat and mouse combined in a night. Their diet includes many natives: Weta, lizards, and birds. When it comes to birds, it is not just ground nesting birds and fledglings. They are surprisingly good climbers if they want to. I'm a researcher from Victoria University collecting information on their home ranges, density, and hibernation patterns across Wellington suburbs, with the information going back to WCC and



Predator Free Wellington. To do this, I catch them at night and fit a GPS tracker to them. I then retrieve the data over the following few months.

Please report any sighting you might have to: [kat.grayston@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:kat.grayston@vuw.ac.nz)

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**Friday Circle**  
 SOCIAL GROUP FOR SENIORS  
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 11am - 2pm Fridays  
 Tea/coffee on arrival  
 Light lunch  
 Activities include:  
 gentle exercise, guest speakers, quizzes, bingo and movies  
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When I see quinces and pears in the shops I know that autumn has officially arrived, but much as I look forward to enjoying these autumnal treats, it's hard not to feel a little glum about the prospect of a whole winter before us. However, we don't have much choice, the world will keep on turning! 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', the poet said, and while here in Aotearoa it's not so much about mists, fruitfulness means that it is seed collecting time, so the shade house team has been out and about our local reserves looking to see what they can find. We are very much amateurs at this, and I am afraid we miss things - not all plants are so helpful as to produce easily noticeable bright orange berries like the taupata does. We collect from local reserves - Paekawakawa, Tawatawa, and the South Coast etc., because we have been told restoration projects are supposed to plant only eco-sourced seed, from plants indigenous not only to New Zealand or the North Island, but in particular the area - in

this case the south coast of Wellington. But, there has been a slight shift in thinking lately that maybe this leads to a restricted gene pool, and maybe our collecting area could be expanded to include a wider Wellington area.

Now we have our seeds we need to plant them. A visit to the Council's Berhampore Nursery shows us we have a lot to learn about this! It is not, as we have done in the past, a matter of sticking the whole berry in some potting mix and hoping for the best. Although, I have to say, we have had reasonable success rates, we are hoping that improved techniques will make for even better germination and sturdier plants.

Janet Campbell  
 for Friends of Owhiro Stream  
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**How to prepare your Used Beverage Cartons for recycling at *save* TO A PAK**

- 1 Cut along the top and sides of the carton  
\*Note: leave the cap attached
- 2 Completely open up the carton
- 3 Rinse clean. Job done!

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**BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

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 Margaret Jones 389 3028

**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 13 May from 2 - 4pm at Brooklyn Library. We'd love your input or queries. Please contact the convenor in case our advertised date or venue changes. Sharon Macintyre 0276344455 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.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 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.

**10 April** – Easter Monday Holiday.

**17 April** – Brooklyn to City via Hospital. Start from the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

**24 April** – Trentham to Silverstream. Catch Hutt Valley train to Trentham at 9:30am.

**1st May** – Stellan Memorial Park, Northland. Catch No. 22 bus from Railway Station.

**8 May** – Brooklyn to Newtown Zoo walk. Start from the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

**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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