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BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo was taken at the Brooklyn Community Association AGM and features Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman with the newly elected committee.

Photo credit: Euan Harris

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PHONE 384 6799

Hello and welcome to the October edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. With the start of Daylight Savings at the end of September, we are looking forward to the longer days and sunny evenings as we get closer to summer. Hopefully, our younger residents adjust quickly to those daylight bedtimes!

Brooklyn Festival

The inaugural Brooklyn Twilight Festival is now only a month away. We are working alongside Two Todman to bring this event to Harrison Street and it's promising to be a fun-packed event with market stalls, live music, children's entertainment, food trucks, and more. The festival runs from 3pm – 10.30pm on Saturday, 11 November. Many hands make light work and big thanks go to those who have offered to help out in the lead up to the festival, and on the day. We are still needing more people to assist though so please get in touch if you are able to volunteer on the day. There are still some community stalls available so if you know of a local group who may be interested in one, please let us know.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels is a valuable community service made possible thanks to a team of volunteers who deliver food during weekdays

to seniors and the housebound throughout wider Brooklyn. The meals for delivery are collected at the Community Centre in Harrison Street from approximately 11.30am – 12pm. Sue, our local coordinator, is currently looking for more volunteers, so if you can spare a couple of hours either weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, please contact her on 021 620 599 or email sue@mcglashan.co.nz

General Election Voting

The date of the election is fast approaching and the Brooklyn Community Centre is where you can cast your vote on Saturday 14 October in the main hall from 9am to 7pm. We are also pleased to be able to offer an advanced voting service for two weeks and have been liaising with staff from the Electoral Commission to provide this service to people who are unable to vote on 14 October, or just want to cast an early vote.

Advanced voting for Wellington Central, Rongotai, and the Māori electorate Te Tai Tonga will take place in the Community Centre's RSA room on the following dates and times:

**Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October
from 10am to 4pm**

**Monday 9 October – Friday 13
October from 10am to 4pm**

Trained election staff will be onsite during those dates and times to guide you through the voting process and answer any questions.

Brooklyn Community Association AGM

The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) held their AGM on Saturday 23 September. Guest speaker Paekawakawa/Southern Ward Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman started the meeting with an interesting talk on his Councillor role. Longtime Brooklyn resident and former BCA president Perry Aspros was made a life member. All of the former committee were re-elected including Sonya Bissmire as president, Joelene Skelton to the treasurer role and Richard Lucy, Chris Rabey and Bridget Bridgman as committee members.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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Some newspapers have started charging for their online editions - but you can still read them for free if you're a Wellington City Libraries member, anywhere, anytime!



Mind you, before you get too carried away with excitement at the prospect of all this freely available material, I feel duty bound to add that for reasons best known to themselves (I certainly wasn't included in the memo), Stuff Ltd made a recent change to their New Zealand papers on PressReader so that they are now only available to view within the library itself, using library computers, or by using a phone or device connected to the library Wi-Fi - rather annoyingly, these papers include The Post, The Sunday Star Times and the TV Guide, which can no longer be accessed remotely outside of a Wellington City Libraries branch - but other than that, everything else is available to access and read wherever you go.

Get a global perspective on world events with PressReader. The app is available on iOS and android - then just drop into the library and El, Helen, and Diana will be happy to help you set it up on your device.

Helen would like to add that she got rather upset the other day when she couldn't find any scissors to cut a coupon out of a newspaper. She was, in fact, reduced to tears. (This is generally regarded as a top notch example of librarian humour, if you can be doing with that sort of thing - I can take it or leave it myself).



Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

Next Meeting	GBRAI next meeting is Wednesday 15 of November – we hope to see you
General Election Meeting for Wellington Central Voters	We host candidates from the main parties at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Tuesday 3 October. Starting at 7pm sharp.
General Election Meeting for Rongotai Voters	GBRAI hosted the candidates for the Rongotai electorate at the Ridgway School gym/hall on Tuesday 19 September. Six candidates and 40 or so members of the public. An engaging and friendly successful meeting.
Water Leaks & Wellington Water	Wellington Water (WW) is responsible for fixing drinking water, storm water, and sewage services. It serves six councils region wide but is underfunded. According to WW, since 1 July this year, 832 leaks have been fixed (615 in Wellington); 2022-2023 financial year there were 8,042 leaks fixed. Region wide there are 2,642 (1,536 in Wellington) outstanding leaks. So, despite this huge workload, we still urge residents to log and register – via the FIXIT APP – any water leaks. As well, with the approach of the El Nino weather system and the dire state of our 3 x water pipe network we will be looking at likely water rationing here in Wellington. https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/drinking-water/water-treatment-plants-2/leaks/leak-stats
Landfill Precinct – Council Run Careys Gulley	WCC is actively planning and getting ready for the next stage in their landfill expansion for 2026; T and T Landfill are in initial stages of seeking a new resource consent (current RC expires in 2026) to operate post 2026 and C & D Landfill appears to still be seeking a buyer to take over their site.
Road Maintenance - Mills Road/ Washington Avenue - Road Repair and Maintenance	WCC main contractor - Fulton Hogan – has notified us of intensive work, road closures and diversions on these roads. This will cause travel disruptions. So, if you can allow more time / find alternative routes, that would be sensible.
Brooklyn Connections / Cycleway	WCC has made some changes but the bulk of the proposals will be initiated throughout 2024. Currently working through their consent and Traffic Resolutions process.

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



don't have to worry about what they have to eat tomorrow, or whether they will be alive to eat it. But, in Britain for example, exactly what do you restore to? What it was in Victorian, Elizabethan, or medieval times? Or earlier? Britain wasn't always fields and hedgerows, it was once all forested. (I once read that 'how things should be' is how they were when you were twelve years old.) Here in Aotearoa New Zealand, we have the privilege of having remnants at least of original bush that has survived in balance for probably thousands of years, so we know what we are aiming for.

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

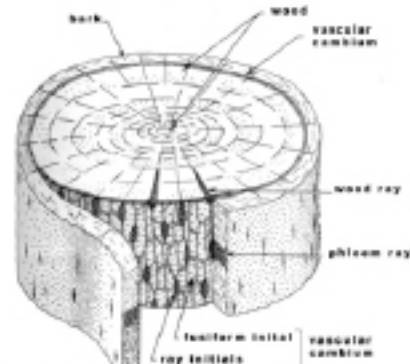
Janet Campbell

for Friends of Owhiro Stream

email owhirosteam@gmail.com

What a pleasure to have another fine, sunny day for our working bee. And very satisfactory too as far as work accomplished - nearly all plants safely in the ground, although as always there are a few strays. Somehow we never manage to plant every single one. But, if those that were planted down on the flat near the playing field are taken as an example, in two or three years it will be a nice bushy walk down from Domanski Crescent and over the bridge, from where you can continue along the stream and past the school. So now the 2023 planting season is over, and we revert to trying to eradicate, or at least control, blackberry, fennel, dock etc.. Yes, it does sound like hard work and a never ending chore - but I can assure you that rolling up carpets of tradescantia is VERY satisfying, leaving a nice clear space where seedlings might have a chance to germinate before it returns again - as it undoubtedly will.

I sometimes think how very privileged we are to live in Aotearoa New Zealand; conservation and restoration are issues the world over, or at least those parts of it that



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BROOKLYN

twilight festival



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What sets Busy Bees Brooklyn apart?

- Age appropriate spaces
- Nutritious meals
- Robust transition to school programme
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- Multicultural team and community

Pop in and see the centre for yourself and experience what makes Busy Bees Brooklyn so special!

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BROOKLYN PIPPINS

This term Brooklyn Pippins has been busy getting out and about around our community. We went for a ‘Spring’ walk to learn about how accessible our local community is. We visited the Brooklyn Library and looked at their large print books and read some books. We walked past the shops and looked at the pedestrian crossing and the traffic lights. We learn a lot about the different tools available in our community to help people. Of course, we finished our walk with an ice-cream treat! The awesome staff at Wing on Chang were very accommodating to 14 Pippins popping

in to choose an ice-cream. We ended our term with a family BBQ celebration at Shoreland Park – we played some games, had a sausage sizzle, had a special ceremony for some new Pippins, and received the badges we had earned this term. The Pippins had a lot of fun this term completing their Heart, Body, and Mind Badge.

We love having new girls along to Brooklyn Pippins so please contact Madi brooklynpippins@outlook.co.nz if your 5 or 6 year old wants to come along!

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 021 230 4083 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM NATURAL TREATMENT CLINIC

All welcome for natural treatments of acute and chronic conditions, relaxation, anxiety and stress support. Free B/P assessments and advice.

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

11 AM - 12 PM SENSORY PLAY SESSIONS

Messy Minis fortnightly sensory play sessions for under fives. Contact Carla 022 029 7415 or Bela 022 652 4022.

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 9 December from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz to book your stall.

SUNDAY

9:15 AM BROOKLYN ANGLICANS

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

10 AM - 1 PM EKKAALLAM CHURCH

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

4:30-6:30 PM KARATE

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

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



THE BRC CHARITABLE TRUST
formerly The BRC Society Inc

brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

The BRC Charitable Trust has received enquiries for its second funding cycle of 2023 from pre-schools, schools, sports clubs, and various other groups and organisations operating within the local community. Trustees will meet early this month to allocate funding for this round 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 \$5,000 for each project).

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We are a group of experienced Practitioners from the Brooklyn area in Wellington, that have just launched an alternative health care offering. We focus on wellness not on sickness. It's new, it's organic, it's a revolution, it's growing. We have a vision to return health choices back to the individual and the community. We present a team approach to health at our Open Days and weekly Natural Health Clinics focussing on physical, mental and spiritual wellness.

Natural Health Care Clinic - Assessment and Treatment of Acute and Chronic Health Conditions with Natural Therapies.

Every Tuesday 10.30-12.30 (not school holidays)
RSA Room Brooklyn Community Centre Clinic

More information/booking: www.brooklynwellness.nz brooklynwellnesshub@proton.me

Natural Health Workshops coming up

1. Basic three-hour Massage Workshops for Beginners (two dates to choose)

Thursday 2 November 6.30-9.30pm at RSA Room, Brooklyn Community Centre

Sunday 5 November 2pm – 5pm at Crombie Room, Home of Compassion

Massage Workshop - Basic massage techniques using essential oils for relaxation and stress management. Includes Reflexology - involves stimulating reflex points on feet to improve circulation, relaxation, and energy flow. May help with pain, stress, anxiety. Includes Facial

Aromatherapy Massage- specific techniques to improve the overall appearance of skin, stimulate your facial muscles, help tighten skin, relieve tight muscles, and boost circulation. May relieve sinus pressure, discomfort, and congestion.

Cost: \$50 Tutors: Mel and Suzanne.
Register/info Mel melmoimartin@gmail.com.
www.brooklynwellness.nz

2. Holistic Pulsing Introduction Workshop: Basic techniques to calm central nervous system, heart, gut and emotions. No prior experience required. Self-Pulsing for mental calm and emotional vitality. Register: Barb Gibb brooklynwellnesshub@protonmail.com

Sunday 29 October, 1-4pm HoC. \$30 - includes ongoing practice group for participant.

Create my Health Wellness Open Day-Sunday 12 November 10am -4pm Crombie Lounge, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington

Focus: Optimal health naturally. Balance the body so it can heal itself. Release anxiety and stress to prevent illness.

FREE Health assessments, consultations and taster treatments. Koha /donations appreciated

Natural health products for sale.

Ionic foot spa treatments, reflexology, pulsing, massage, essential oils, emotional support.

Cafe with herbal teas, tea and coffee and homemade cakes and biscuits.

Lots of information and opportunities to speak with our Practitioners and make appointments for further treatments and a personal wellness pathway.



BEANS WANTS YOUR LOVE

Beans is a friendly, affectionate older guy who just loves a big cuddle.

He enjoys attention so much, that when he's asked to present himself for meds, he jumps right into his little beach chair and takes them without any fuss!

Beans was found living as a stray but no owners have ever been found. That means we don't know much about his history, and his age is only a guess (probably around 15). He has clearly lived with people before as he's outgoing, affectionate, and adores his fuses.

At some point in his life, Beans has suffered some major trauma to his hind legs, such as being hit by a car. He gets around fine, but may need extra care as he ages, such as keeping his weight down to avoid added pressure on his legs. He is also



hyperthyroid and takes meds daily to treat this.

Due to his age, Beans will be part of our Care for Life foster programme. That means CPW continues to pay his medical bills, but Beans gets to live in a comfy home for the rest of his life.

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

THE
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Visit us at
www.tvf.org.nz

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

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

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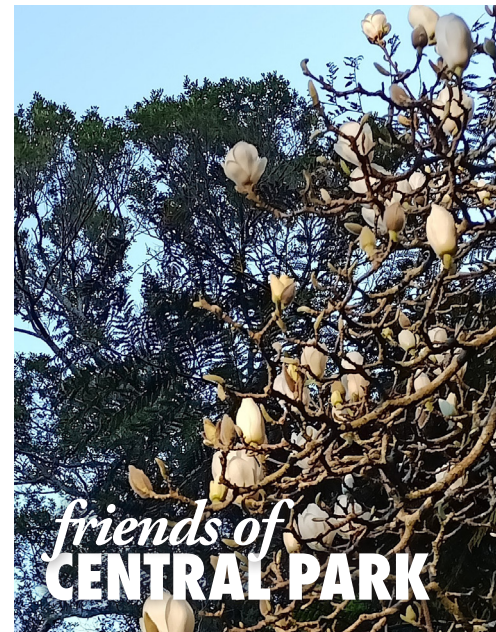
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FAKING IT

It's spring and the last plants for this year are in the ground. Thanks to geocachers and other volunteers for completing the final push. Among the new additions are hen and chickens ferns – mouku or manamana in te Reo – asplenium bulbiferum in Latin. Mouku is native to Aotearoa New Zealand and sold widely in nurseries around the country. But just like the recent proliferation of fake news, true mouku are in short supply. Rather an imposter fern, a hybrid of mouku and another fern from Norfolk Island, asplenium dimorphom, is often sold as the New Zealand native. Te Papa says the two plants would never have found each other if it wasn't for the intervention of a Victorian botanist who sent both varieties back to England. The hybrid is called Asplenium x lucrosom.

The bad news is that lucrosom can't reproduce sexually because of changes to its spore structure. The good news is it can easily be propagated by

the wee bulbils, little plants that grow off the main fronds, that give the original fern its name. The bulbils are the 'chickens' and the 'hen' is the fronds of the fern. So, you won't be out of pocket if you want to try home-grown propagation using nursery-bought plants.

However, if you want a true mouku, you might have to dig one out of the bush.

Our latest plantings bring the Upstream Friends contribution to 4,898 plants since 2011. A massive effort! If you want to help out, come along to the next working bee. Bring your own mug. We provide coffee and morning tea.

Next working bee is 29 October 2023 – Last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

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

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

Sources: <https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2009/04/30/is-your-hen-and-chickens-fern-a-fake/>

How to prepare your Used Beverage Cartons for recycling at SAVE

- 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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<https://vogelmorn.nz/>

Gong Bathing with Erika Grant at Vogelmorn Hall, Sunday 8 October 6pm - 8.30pm

A gong bath is a unique experience in which you are bathed (clothes on!) in the sounds and vibrations of the gongs and bowls, which lend themselves to enhanced states of well-being, relaxation, happiness and pleasure. Great for those who want to give a gift to themselves of an hour of 'me time' or as an aid to meditation. Bring an intention, an open mind and an open heart. All you need to do is relax and let the gongs do their thing. There will be cups of tea available afterwards to help us integrate and ground. Reserve a spot for \$20 by emailing Erika at erikaegrant@gmail.com.

Please bring a yoga mat, pillow and blanket for maximum comfort and warmth.

Unleash the Power of Generations - Board Games Night at Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS, Sunday 8 October 3pm - 9.00pm Seniors Week Event Te Wiki Kaumātua

Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter, bonding, and friendly competition that spans the generations! We will have a selection of board games for you to choose from, including the highly anticipated Grandparents vs. Grandchildren Table Tennis Tournament (sign up on arrival). Embrace the Joy of Intergenerational Play at the Grandparents vs. Grandchildren Games Night! Visit the Vogelmorn website for more information about the event and accessibility.

Spooky Halloween Disco at Vogelmorn Hall, Sunday 29 October 4pm - 7pm

Join us at Vogelmorn's annual Spooky Halloween Disco! Crawl through the spooky tunnel, make your way through creepy corners, munch on some scary snacks and boogie to some terrifying tunes by DJ Monster. Be sure to wear your scariest attire, as there will be prizes for the best, scariest, and most creative costumes! All ages are welcome. This is a free event, koha is welcome.

For extra spooky fun in the lead up, join us at a special Halloween movie screening at the Vogelmorn UPSTAIRS on Friday 13 October. There will be a family film followed by a grownups film! See our website for more info - vogelmorn.nz

INSIDE A VICTORIAN DWELLING

When researching my extensive history of Brooklyn and Vogeltown, I come across extra gems about how life was in the early 20th century, and this piece is no exception.

In a typical house of the 1900s period, there was a large open fireplace in the kitchen with lots of hooks hanging on chains on which were strung many big kettles and pots. Even the frying pan hung overhead. The vessels were lowered or raised according to the heat required. Adjacent was a big bakers' oven in which large joints of meat were cooked; pies were made; and on two days a week, quantities of bread were baked.

Every week the tables and dressers were scrubbed with silver sand, and all the bricks around the fireplace rubbed with a half brick which made them very red.

On the Welsh dresser were arranged all the willow patterned meat dishes, plates, and brightly coloured candlesticks.

All the living rooms, including bedrooms, had French polished walls and furniture (varnish would not have been tolerated in those days).

In the living room the deep-piled carpets made a fine setting for china, linen, silver, and tea services. The

room's windows would have been cloaked in heavy drapes for warmth. There were fireplaces in every room, even the bedrooms.

When an owner wished to sell, the house was described by the number of rooms with furnishings, rather than location. All these houses had bulk storage bins in their kitchen for sugar, flour, and other bulk items. Adult members would bring home large sacks of these commodities and tip them into their bins. Calico bags containing flour, once emptied and cleaned, would be cut up and used as patches for torn clothing.

Chris Rabey

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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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins (5-7 years)
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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 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: 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 28 October 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 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.

2 October – City to Hataitai. Start from the corner of Pirie Street & Kent Terrace.

9 October – Brooklyn to City via Kelburn. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

16 October – Southgate, Mt. Albert to Zoo. Catch 9:34am No. 29 Bus from Brooklyn.

23 October – Labour Day – No walk

30 October – Korokoro Dam & Belmont Regional Park. Catch Hutt Valley train to Petone.

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

