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# BROOKLYN TATTLER

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*This month's cover photo is of Louise and Kala at the June Brooklyn Market. Louise's stall featured a colourful display of her most recent knitted mice creations.*

*Photo credit: Euan Harris*

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Email your contribution to [tattler@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:tattler@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

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# from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PHONE 384 6799

Kia ora, Hello and welcome to the July Brooklyn Tattler. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. Looking forward to longer daylight hours and hopefully warmer weather.

### Brooklyn Connections Project

Come and talk to Wellington City Council about the proposed Brooklyn Connections cycle way design and street changes. You can see the plans, ask questions and find out how to take part in the consultation. Everybody is welcome at the local drop-in sessions.

**Session 1:** Saturday 25 July from 11am to 2pm at Brooklyn Community Centre.

**Session 2:** Tuesday 28 July from 5pm to 7pm at Two Todman.

### Brooklyn Markets

We had a very successful market on Saturday 20 June with a full hall of stall holders and a steady stream of people coming in to browse and buy throughout the afternoon. Our next-door neighbours, the Brooklyn Scout Group, held their book fair on the same day, which was an added attraction. Thanks once again to musician Emma Kate who came along to sing and play for us in the foyer and to all the stallholders. We are already receiving bookings for our next market on Saturday 19 September.

### Kāinga Ora purchase in Taft Street

Construction of the Taft Street Townhouse project on the site of the former St Bernard's Church has been completed. All the 12 two-bedroom two



*Musician Emma Kate and Kate Powell performing at the Brooklyn Market*

story townhouses have been purchased by Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities with people expected to move in during July. You can view a photo of the new townhouse development on page 15.

### Brooklyn Residents Association Committee 2026/27

The Brooklyn Residents Association held their AGM on 17 June with the following people elected. Nick Ruane and Carl Savage were re-elected as officers. Nick as Chair and Carl as Secretary. Julie Seevens was elected to the Treasurer position. Congratulations to Carl Savage who was appointed a life member in recognition of his services to the Association. Email your ideas, queries or concerns to [brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com)

### Reader's contributions

Contributions of local photos and stories are welcome. It would be great to see older pictures of Brooklyn, even from more recent decades including the 1980s and 1990s, so if you have some photos stashed away at home you think may be of interest, please contact us so we can share them with others. Email [tattler@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:tattler@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

This month we feature an article on Crafting Threads of Aroha, a local community knitting group that meets monthly in the Penthouse Cinema Café. Thank you to Katherine Harris for contacting us with the story which you can read on page 5.

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## FIVE STAR ZIGGY

Ziggy comes from a privileged background and is used to the finer things in life. He's always enjoyed a snuggly basket with his special blanket to sleep in, the finest fishy broths mashed to perfection, his own sunny garden, excellent head scratches, and passing the time with a game or two.

The 8-year-old came into the CPW shelter when his people had to move overseas, and they decided it would be kinder not to put him through the stress of travel. Luckily, CPW is able to offer five-star care, so he still has the comfy bed, top-notch food, head scratches and games!

Ziggy has been with us for a few weeks and is becoming a bit more confident with new people. He's looking for a settled home with safe outdoor space to explore.



He doesn't have much experience with children, so would be best suited to an adults-only home.

Come and visit Ziggy at our Kingston shelter if you have a comfy home to offer him.

To see all our gorgeous available cats, visit our website here: [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](http://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz), and follow us on social – we have clips, pictures and stories on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.



**Brooklyn School**  
Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

### School Enrolment Scheme

#### Out of Zone Applications 2026 and 2027

Enrolments at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office or from our website: [www.brooklynprimary.school.nz](http://www.brooklynprimary.school.nz)

Ballot applications are now being accepted for places in Years 0 for 2026 and Years 0,1,2,3,4,7,8 for 2027. Actual vacancies will be determined at the time of the ballot.

To apply, please complete an Out of Zone Application Form available from our website. Applications can be emailed to [office@brooklynprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@brooklynprimary.school.nz) or must be received at school by 9am, Friday 31 July 2026.

If the number of Out of Zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Fri 7 August 2026 and parents will be informed within 5 school days of the ballot being held.

Parents of students who live within our school zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during next year (2027), should notify the school office as soon as possible to assist the school to plan appropriately.

Please email - [office@brooklynprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@brooklynprimary.school.nz)



*Crafting Threads  
of Aroha*

*The Brooklyn Crafting Threads of Aroha group knitting over a coffee and chat at the Penthouse Cinema Café*

Crafting Threads of Aroha (CTOA) is a 100% volunteer-run community charity that connects people across Wellington, Porirua, Kāpiti and the Hutt Valley to create handmade items for those experiencing hardship, illness or vulnerability. The network of several hundred volunteer crafters knit, crochet and sew clothing, blankets, toys and comfort items for babies, children and adults in need. Last year they produced and distributed nearly 8000 handmade items through more than 30 partner organisations, including hospitals, women's refuges, foster care services and community charities.

They also collect and redistribute donated yarn and fabric, making it possible for anyone to contribute regardless of financial means, while reducing textile waste.

Beyond practical support, they foster connection and wellbeing through crafting. Volunteers participate from home or at local meetups, building skills, friendships and a shared sense of purpose. The Brooklyn group meets once a month from 11am on the last Saturday of each month at the Penthouse Cinema where they enjoy a coffee and chat while knitting or crocheting and sharing their skills. Although the group has produced many garments to be distributed through CTOA's networks, people are also welcome to work on their own projects. You can read more about the group on their website

<https://www.craftingthreadsofaroaha.nz/> or contact Katherine, the coordinator of the Brooklyn group, at [ka.harris25@gmail.com](mailto:ka.harris25@gmail.com).



## St John BROOKLYN

Welcome to JULY from St John Brooklyn.

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

the rain will stop and we can enjoy spring again that is just around the corner. It might be winter, but St John continues to grow and it's time to update some of our recent events and achievements.

Brooklyn has been very busy with the cadets and the Penguins. The combined team worked together and collected at Chaffers New World for the St John annual appeal. This was very successful and thank you for all the support.

Brooklyn again did well at the recent competitions and took away a lot of honours and amazing success stories. Brooklyn certainly shines at events and led by dedicated leaders.

The position of Assistant Divisional Manager has been filled by James who comes with a strong St John Background, rising through from a cadet to a newly appointed leader, that's when he is not flying as cabin crew with Quantas.



The Penguin group had a bake off and the photo opposite is just a sample of the great effort that they put in and not forgetting the many Penguin awards that were recently

presented including the "Super Penguin Award"

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>

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager on 027 404 6343

Ross, Divisional Manager on 021 264 0440

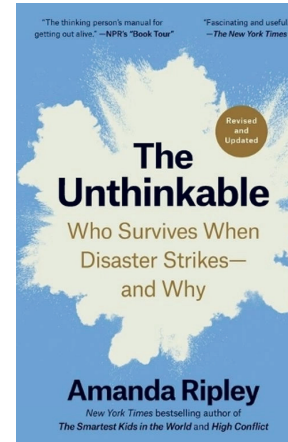
### Katie Underwood THE QUIET ACHIEVER

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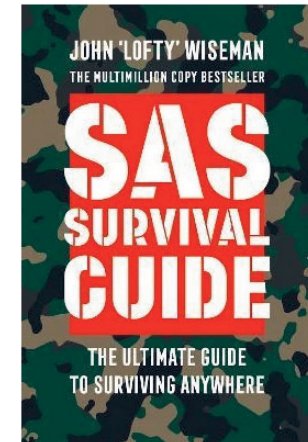


## DIRT

DIRT (Disaster Innovation Research and Teaching) is your community resilience group, based at Vogelmorn (93 Mornington Road). We meet regularly to get our neighbourhood better prepared for a significant earthquake, extreme weather, or other disaster scenario.

In June we looked at the WREMO (Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office) information pack for our neighbourhood. This is part of the Emergency Hub kit at Brooklyn School and lists out specific challenges and advantages our area could have in a disaster like a big earthquake. It hadn't been updated since 2019 so there's plenty to add to it in light of the disruptive events we've faced since then and what we've learned from them.

We also started off our DIRT book club to share books we've found that have great information about preparing for and responding to disruption as well as ones that help think about it, or maybe just give some entertaining reading around what can be challenging ideas.



It can be difficult to think about disasters and how they affect us, but coming together to talk, learn, share and take action is a great way to overcome this. We'd love to see you at our next DIRT event.

DIRT #21 is Sunday 26th July, 4:00–6:00pm at VBC, 93 Mornington Road.

## CARPETECH CARPET MAINTENANCE



### BROOKLYN

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# THE VOGELMORN FOUNDATION – FINAL FUNDING ROUND AND CLOSURE NOTICE

After many years of supporting local charitable and community initiatives, the Trustees of The Vogelmorn Foundation (TVF) have made the difficult decision to wind up the Foundation.

As part of this process, TVF is inviting applications for a final round of funding. The Foundation's remaining funds will be distributed to eligible organisations and individuals whose activities align with the Foundation's charitable purposes and benefit the local community.

## Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for funding:

- The organisation and/or its activities must be based within the TVF geographical area.
- The TVF geographical area comprises **Brooklyn, Mornington, Vogelstown, and Kingston.**
- Funding must be used within **12 months** of receipt unless prior approval is obtained from TVF.
- Individuals applying for funding for their own use must have lived permanently within the TVF area for at least **three years.**

Preference will be given to projects and activities that provide a clear and lasting benefit to the local community.

## How to Apply

Applications should include:

- A brief description of your organisation or project.
- Details of the activity or purpose for which funding is sought.
- The amount requested and a simple budget.

- Confirmation that the application meets the eligibility criteria.
- Contact details for the applicant.
- Bank account details for the organisation or individual to whom any grant funding would be paid.

Please email applications to [admin@tvf.org.nz](mailto:admin@tvf.org.nz) with the subject line **Final Funding Application.**

## Key Dates

- **Applications close:** 14 July 2026
- **Successful applicants notified:** By 11 August 2026
- **Final grants distributed:** August 2026

Late applications will not be considered.

## Foundation Closure

Following the completion of the final funding round and the distribution of all remaining funds, The Vogelmorn Foundation will complete its legal and administrative obligations and formally wind up its affairs. The closure process is expected to be completed by **29 September 2026.**

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have supported, partnered with, and benefited from the Foundation over the years. We are proud of the contribution TVF has made to our community and hope these final grants will continue to have a positive impact for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

The Trustees

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

## NEXT MEETING – We invite you to our next meeting on Wednesday (TBC) 22 July at 7pm

**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

<b>2026/27 Committee</b>	The Residents Association held their AGM on 17 June with the following people elected. Nick Ruane and Carl Savage were re-elected as officers. Nick as Chair and Carl as Secretary. Julie Seevens was elected as our new Treasurer. Carl was appointed a life member in recognition of his services.
<b>Brooklyn Connections Cycleway Design and Street Changes</b>	We have been informed that Wellington City Council will be consulting with residents via two drop-in sessions planned for Brooklyn during July. <b>Session 1:</b> Saturday 25 July - 11am to 2pm at Brooklyn Community Centre. <b>Session 2:</b> Tuesday 28 July – 5pm to 7pm at Two Todman. Come along and view the plans, ask questions and find out how to take part in the consultation. Everybody is welcome.
<b>General Election Saturday 7th November</b>	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 <b>Thursday 15 October</b> , 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.
<b>Landfill issues WCC Southern Landfill and the two privately run landfills in the Landfill Precinct.</b>	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.
<b>Brooklyn Road</b>	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. Work is progressing well on the retaining wall. Please be patient when passing the road works.
<b>Owhiro Road Bus Depot</b>	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.
<b>Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at: <a href="mailto:brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com">brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com</a> - <a href="http://www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington">www.facebook.com/brooklynresidentswellington</a></b>	

# 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

**9 - 10:30 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC**

For Tamariki aged 0 - 3 and their whanau. Contact Ahna Jensen on 027 775 8534 or email: ahnasmusicstudio@outlook.com

**6 - 8:30 PM ST JOHN YOUTH**

Penguins: 6 - 7pm. Cadets: 7 - 8:30pm. Contact Ross Young on 021 264 0440 or email ross.young@stjohn.org.nz

WEDNESDAY

**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

**8 PM TABLE TENNIS**

Inquiries Philip on 021 230 4083 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

THURSDAY

**10 AM - 12 PM CRAFT CONNECTIONS**

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

**5 - 6:30 PM KARATE**

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

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

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

FRIDAY

**9 AM PILATES**

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

**11 AM - 2 PM FRIDAY CIRCLE**

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

**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

SATURDAY

**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.

SUNDAY

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

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

**10:30 AM EKKAALLAM CHURCH**

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

**3:45 - 6:45 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

## MANY USES FOR AN OLD BUILDING

The two-storied building on the Todman/Ohiro south corner has had a chequered past. One of the first buildings to be erected in the new suburb of Brooklyn, it replaced a similar sized building which burnt down in 1903. This had been built by the Ferkins Brothers, who were builders, and whose family owned the first general store in Brooklyn, run by their mother, Annie.

Once completed in 1905, and also built by the Ferkins, it became a resting place for horses and tram passengers. Trams would stop at this corner before making their journey back to town. For people visiting relatives in Brooklyn, who didn't leave till late at night, they could stay overnight in the upstairs part of the building. A billiards saloon on the premises would have kept them amused. Stabling for horses was at the rear of the premises. Above the stables was a hay loft.

In later years the ground level had many varied retail tenants, from a butcher to a brothel. Right on the corner were Beattie & Co; Butchers, but the business at the western end of the building was a gunsmith from Czechoslovakia, Lada Krida. He had escaped from occupied Czechoslovakia during WW2 by floating down a river on a log into Austria. He eventually came to Wellington, sponsored by Tisdalls, who bonded him, so he worked for them for a number of years, before going out on his own (in those days

Tisdalls sold firearms and ammunition). Lada Krida moved to Brooklyn and bought the Todman Street shop in 1960 and lived in the ground floor next to his shop, until his death in 1986.

At one time Lada, and fellow gunsmith Din Collings, were the only two gunsmiths in the whole Wellington region. Lada was a master builder of shotgun stocks. Really a woodworker, he was a master craftsman of the old school.

Lada's neighbour was dry cleaner Maurice James, who lived upstairs with his popular cockatiel, Charlie.

Other tenants in the building were famed poet and writer James K Baxter, who lived there for ten years in the 1940's and ran a boy's club in the upstairs area. Later on, leadlight specialist Graham Stewart occupied part of the building, using it as his studio. He had been responsible for restoring stained glass windows for several Wellington churches, including the Methodist Church in Cleveland Street. One time he crafted a cross for Pope John Paul II, staying overnight in his studio, so he could hand it personally to the Pope the next day, when he called into Brooklyn.

Owner of the building then was Vic Parry. In the 1970's Parry's son Frederick, had the stables converted into a flat – retaining the character, including the trapdoor leading to the hay loft. Vic Parry remembered a loner, and hoarder, 'Old Mac', who lived in two rooms upstairs before they were renovated. Vic admitted being a self-confessed 'softie', and never very good at charging market rentals. He recalled, 'the only time a



tenant moved out was when they died'.

In 1987 two young couples bought the property from Vic, buying it just before the stockmarket crash in October 1987. They spent nearly \$200,000 converting the downstairs into what eventually became a split-level restaurant/café. One of the young men, builder Simon Skinner, had already secured the services of well-known chefs Lois Daish and Gregory Williams, who became operators of the business. The plan was to retain the feel for the history of the

building. Linen tablecloths, rimu chairs, simple, wholesome food with plenty on the plate, set the tone. Sufficient carparks at the rear replaced the flat, formerly stables.

Chris Rabey

*Photo credit: Charles J Fearnley, source; Wellington City Libraries Ref: 50003-1019 c 1978*

# WHATS ON AT VOGELMORN

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 93 Mornington Rd, Brooklyn, Wellington, 6021



## Whānau Reading Morning

Friday 3rd July

9:00am - 12:00pm in the Vogelhorn Café

We're marking Matariki with a cosy morning of reading at the Vogelhorn Community Café and you're warmly invited. There'll be free fluffies + biscuits, and the café will be cosy and warm. We've got a fresh stash of children's books that explore Matariki, te ao Māori, and voices from Aotearoa - perfect for tamariki and the young at heart

## Ebony Lamb & Gram Antler | Vogelhorn Upstairs

Saturday 11 July

7:00 pm - 10:00pm

Vogelhorn Upstairs

Tickets at UTR

Performing as a duo and releasing Gram Antler's long awaited debut album 'Novel Lover' alongside Ebony's beloved catalogue of original work and road-testing new creations inspired since relocating to Japan in 2025.



The top photo shows the former St Bernard's Church on Taft Street which was demolished in May 2025 to make way for a new townhouse development.

# MOGMUSIC

Private tuition in **Piano, Guitar, Ukulele & Recorder**. I have places available for beginners from age 5+ and also for adult beginners.

Phone or email Moggie **384 8213**  
**moggiegrayson@gmail.com**



brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

The BRC Charitable Trust was established at the beginning of 2021 and held its first funding round in March the same year. Since then, the Trust has held 11 funding cycles and distributed nearly \$192,000.00 to local community groups and organisations. In the past year The BRC Charitable Trust has provided grants to preschools, primary schools, sports clubs, community centres, toy library and an environmental organisation in the wider Brooklyn area.

The BRC Charitable Trust will be holding

its second funding round for 2026 in September (to coincide with the Brooklyn Tattler delivery to all households in the area). Applications open 1 September and close 30 September. 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).

If your group or organisation has a project or activity in mind, now is the time to plan, gather information and obtain quotes before applications open at the beginning of September. Details on how to apply for a grant from The BRC Charitable Trust will be published in this column next month.

The BRC Charitable Trust

## PROBUS WELLINGTON CENTRAL

The next meeting of Probus Wellington Central is the Mid-Winter lunch at the Wellington Club at 4/88 The Terrace on Friday 17 July, starting at 12noon.

Our regular meetings at Prefab Hall on Jessie Street will resume during August, with Helmut Modlik, Chief Executive of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, as the speaker on Friday 21 August.

Probus usually meets on the third Friday of the month (Feb to Nov) at Prefab Hall from 10am to 12noon. Membership is \$50 per annum. Stay for buffet lunch at Prefab for \$25.

All active retirees are welcome to join in our social connections. No charge for monthly meetings.

Contact Steve Lawton for membership details. Email: [slawton745@gmail.com](mailto:slawton745@gmail.com) 021 164 5329

For more information go online to: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/wellingtoncentral/>



removing pest plants and supporting our native flora. This month we've made progress in some of the trickier slopes in the park with help from our friends the geocachers, with volunteers from CVNZ pitching in too. We're ready for the hundreds of plants coming our way from Forest and Bird. If you like planting trees, this is your moment! Join the long list of amazing people restoring Central Park.

Come to our next working bee. Bring your own gloves, if you have them, and a mug. We supply delicious Supreme coffee and baking.

Next working bee: Sunday 26 July 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

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

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

### Fish Passages

This month the folk from the Fish Passage Project at Greater Wellington Regional Council assessed Moturoa Stream. What is fish passage? It's the way fish move up and down streams through water catchments. We already have a few varieties of fish in Moturoa Stream: kōara, banded kōkopu, tuna (eels) and kōura (crayfish). Sadly, it's looking unlikely that other species will be joining them anytime soon. The big culvert near the bottom of the park is a mighty deterrent to fish moving up the stream. Other barriers are remnants of the park's historical features such as the concrete paddling pool where the jetty is now. Modifying these barriers would be costly, requiring significant technical expertise and re-grading the stream.

What we know now is that our biggest conservation gains will come from

## Kōtare Gardening

- Lawn mowing
- Garden maintenance
- Sections cleared or tidied
- Hedges trimmed
- Weeding



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

Brooklyn and surrounding suburbs

**BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

Pippins (5-7 years) [brooklynpippins@outlook.com](mailto:brooklynpippins@outlook.com)  
Brownies (7-9.5 years) [brooklyn.brownies@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyn.brownies@gmail.com) Guides (9-12.5 years) [brooklynguides@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ)

**BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB**

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

**GECKOS HOCKEY CLUB**

Come and play hockey with us. Years 1-8 during winter terms Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30pm indoor at the Chinese Cultural and Sports Centre near the National Hockey Stadium. Just turn up on practice day. <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com> or [facebook.com/geckoshockeyclub/](https://facebook.com/geckoshockeyclub/)

**LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**

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

**BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Next meeting on Saturday 25 July from 2 - 4pm at Brooklyn Library. We'd love your input or queries. Please contact the convenor in case our advertised date or venue changes. Sharon Macintyre 0276344455 [sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com)

**BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC**

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

**BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

First Kicks enrolments for girls and boys aged 5 and 6 open throughout the season. Email enquiries to [info@bnujfc.co.nz](mailto:info@bnujfc.co.nz) or register online at [www.bnujfc.co.nz/registration](http://www.bnujfc.co.nz/registration)

**BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP**

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

**BROOKLYN SCOUTS**

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

Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Financial Support available. Find out more at [www.brooklynscouts.org.nz](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz) or contact John Morrison on [membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz](mailto:membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz)

**BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB**

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

**BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS**

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

**BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY**

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

**BROOKLYN WALKERS**

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

**6 July** – Brooklyn walk to War Memorial. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library.

**13 July** – Paraparaumu to Raumatī Beach. Catch 9:33am train to Kapiti.

**20 July** – Mt Crawford to Seatoun. Catch 9:25am No.24 bus on Willis Street.

**27 July** – Eastbourne to Days Bay. Catch 9:48am No.83 bus from Railway Station.

**3 August** – Mt Victoria to Kilbirnie. Catch 9:44am No.20 bus from Courtenay Place.

**BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUBS**

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

**PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN**

Hello Kaka, goodbye rats! We're looking for volunteers to host traps on their properties. If you'd like to help email [predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:predatorfreebrooklyn@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz) [www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz](http://www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz)

**ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION**

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen Don 027 404 6343 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Ross Young 021 264 0440 [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)

**TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm fortnightly at the Reformed Church on Harrison St. Bridget 0211 379 656, Sylvie 022 197 3610 [turbine@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:turbine@toastmasters.org.nz) <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

**UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK**

Working Bees from 10am-12:30pm on the last Sunday of the month. Contact Lynne White at all. [whites@xtra.co.nz](mailto:whites@xtra.co.nz) Come along for great conversations, meet new people, delicious morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park.

**VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB**

[Vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://Vogelmorntennisclub.com) Fun exercise for all abilities. Give tennis a go at the best little tennis club in NZ. Club days, competition and coaching available. Call in or email [secretarylvtc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarylvtc@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](http://acwellington.org.nz/events)

**BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE**

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact [brooklynplaycentre.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hdrysdalenz@gmail.com)

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