



Brooklyn
Community
Centre

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of the Brooklyn Brownies who meet at the Community Centre on Monday evenings.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
PHONE 384 6799**

Hello and welcome to the August edition of the Tattler, we hope you are managing to stay warm on these cold days and nights. Next month is the second of our twice-yearly home editions so keep an eye out for a copy in your letterbox.

Sylvia Heaven has gone to heaven

Former long-time Brooklyn resident and Brooklyn Community Association life member, Sylvia Heaven, passed away peacefully on 25 July at the age of 96. Sylvia lived on Brooklyn Road and then at the Shona McFarlane Retirement Village in Lower Hutt. She was a BCA committee member for many years, often helping out at the monthly Brooklyn Markets in the kitchen with Gwen Devereux and Min Janssen. Our sympathies are with Sylvia's family at this time.

Brooklyn Festival Volunteers Needed

We are another month closer to the inaugural Brooklyn Twilight Festival which is being held in Harrison Street on Saturday 11 November – rain or shine! We are excited to be working with Two Todman to bring the festival to Brooklyn but we can't do it alone and are needing volunteers to help out with some of the logistics. If you are able to help please email us here at the Community Centre or Two Todman at

two.todman@gmail.com. See page 7 for the latest Festival update.

More Volunteers Needed

Our recycling area for items able to be taken to the Sustainability Trust is busier than ever, we are so pleased at the massive uptake our locals have given to this initiative. However, the Trust is very particular about what they will accept and we are still receiving quite a few items either in the wrong bin, dirty, or unable to be recycled. We are now on the lookout for volunteers to help sort through the recycling before it gets taken to the Trust, so if you are able to spare an hour or two occasionally please get in touch.

Market

The next quarterly market is coming up on Saturday 16 September from 12pm – 4pm. There are still a few stalls available so email us at the market address if you would like to book in.

Play Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis group meet twice weekly to play in the Community Centre's main hall. People of all ages and abilities, including casual players, are welcome to come along either on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12pm or Wednesday evenings from 8pm. Beginners are encouraged to join. Bats and balls provided. Come and join the friendly group, meet new people and learn new skills. Contact

Philip Leong for more details. Phone 934 7445. Email codwgpdl@gmail.com or just turn up.

RATs and Masks

Rapid antigen tests and masks are still available free of charge from the main office. Please arrange for someone to pick them up for you if you have any Covid symptoms or call us from the carpark and we will bring them out to you.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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from the LIBRARY

eLibrary and chill

In a world dominated by the big pay-to-view streaming companies (you know who I'm talking about) why not try a couple of streaming channels with a bit of depth?

Did you know your library card gives you access to two high-quality streaming services you can watch for free? Both bring you an enviable selection of feature films, documentaries and series available to stream anytime and anywhere – from desktop to TV to tablet.

All you need is a library card!

Beamafilm is a leading streaming service for film-lovers to enjoy the best in ad-free on-demand cinema for free. Featuring the best in international cinema and a curated catalogue of independent and local stories, Beamafilm streams over 500 international movies and documentaries, with a strong Australasian focus. Featuring a wealth of documentaries, films and series taking in everything from Gender Studies, LGBTQ+, Drama, Fantasy, Period Dramas, Arts and Literature, and much more besides.

Kanopy is a video-streaming platform dedicated to thoughtful and thought-provoking films, streaming over 30,000 titles from around the world, showcasing an unrivalled selection of classic, cult, independent and world cinema, with a focus on enriching films that bridge cultural boundaries, spark discussion, and expand worldviews. Kanopy also has a dedicated children's section and a



great series of documentaries to ensure lifelong learning.

You can find both these resources by heading to the Wellington Libraries homepage and clicking on the link for the eLibrary. Or you can drop into the library where Helen, Diana, or El will happily help you set up an account while discussing their favourite books with you, and how much they hate it when books are reprinted with the movie adaptation cover art. Urgh.

Happy viewing!

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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

Meetings	Our next regular meeting is Wednesday 20 September at 7pm at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Harrison St. We are always keen for new faces and to hear from new voices so please come along if you can.
Community Facilities Plan	Te Awe Māpara – The draft Community Facilities Plan is out for consultation. Get involved to help guide the Council's provision and decision-making about community facilities for the next 30 years. Please share your feedback by 5pm Monday 7 August https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/wellingtons-community-facilities
Brooklyn Connections Project	GBRAI has made a written submission on the Brooklyn Connections project (planned safety improvements for walking and cycling) and will present at 10.10am at WCC on Wednesday 9 August. The submission covers various details that we think could be improved upon or done differently to deliver similar outcomes for the community and the wider city. We have only been allocated five minutes, but have requested ten minutes as we have lots of points to cover. You can watch online or in person.
Water Leaks and Wellington Water	Wellington Water is responsible for fixing drinking water, storm water and sewage services. It serves six councils region wide but is underfunded. https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/drinking-water/water-treatment-plants-2/leaks/leak-stats
Landfill Precinct – Council Run Careys Gulley	WCC has allocated \$36m for SLEPO (Southern Landfill Extension Piggy Back Option) to go ahead and to be operational by 2026. https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/our-wellington/2023/02/slepo-and-zero-waste
Landfill Precinct – C & D Landfill	C&D Landfill (building waste) in negotiations between WCC and a new private operator.
Landfill Precinct – T & T Landfill	T&T Landfill is expected to seek an extension to its Resource Consent (which expires in 2026). Expectation that this will be granted
Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, or to sign up to our newsletter at: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com	



One thousand, one hundred, and twenty-five hours. That's the yearly tally for volunteer hours in Central Park. A whole 28 solid working weeks. A little less than a half of those hours were from people who came along on Sunday for the working bees. The next biggest contribution was from the people who maintain the traps. And the rest? Planning for the working bees, fundraising, individual tree planting, supervising corporate volunteers, baking, coffee making, guiding glow worm walks, writing ... So many ways to help out.

Thanks to everyone who mucked in last year (literally when it was muddy). If you've been thinking about new activities this Matariki, consider supporting the work in Central Park. Gardening might not be your thing, but there's always a way to help make Central Park even more lovely than it is now. We'd love to see you.

Come along to our next working bee to connect with us. Bring your own mug. We supply tools and eats.

Next working bee is 27 August 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!



School Enrolment Scheme

Out of Zone Applications 2023 and 2024

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

Ballot applications are now being accepted for places in **Years 1 and 4 for 2023 and Years 0, 1, 5, and 8 for 2024**. 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 or must be received at school **by 9am Friday 11 August 2023**.

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 Thursday 17 August 2023 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(2024), should notify the school office – office@brooklynprimary.school.nz immediately to assist the school to plan appropriately.

TWO TODMAN & BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENT



SATURDAY NOV 11

Planning for the Brooklyn Twilight Festival continues. We are most of the way towards our fundraising goal, and we have received approval from Wellington City Council for the closure of Harrison Street for the day.

Anika Moa and Fun and Funner! are booked for the families part of the evening, and our food vendors are all booked in including **Smoked & Pickled, 1852, Penthouse Cinema, ChimiChurri, Common Good Coffee, Papa Pekas Super Donut Hero and Hong Kong Foodie**

The festival will begin at 3pm with kids and families performances until 6pm. Festivities will continue into the evening until 10.30pm with **Vogelmorn Community** booking some fantastic talent.

TO GET INVOLVED
TWO.TODMAN@GMAIL.COM

WE NEED HELP!

Community groups who would like a stall at the event

Small business operators or creatives who would like a stall in the market

Sponsorship of a towable KVA generator, 2 lifeguard boxes and distribution cables.

A team of 6-8 volunteers who will take care of our sustainability and waste plan for the event. This will include managing bins, sorting recycling, and transporting it.

12 'Event Wardens' who will each volunteer for 2 hours to keep the event safe, and let people know what's going on.

2 Ablutions managers who will make sure our toilets are clean and tidy.

Any doctors, nurses, or those appropriately trained to be on-call first-aid officers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS. THE VOGELMORN FOUNDATION, BRC CHARITABLE TRUST, PUB CHARITY & WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL



The BRC Charitable Trust holds two funding cycles at the same time each year – one in March and the other in September. Applications open at the beginning of the month and must be received on or before the last day of the month. We are unable to accept requests for funding outside of these periods.

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

as some other supporting information. The Guidelines for Applicants includes information on eligibility, funding criteria, the types of projects/activity the Trust supports and where to send applications. The Trust does not fund under some instances such as for wages, overseas travel, or retrospective events - that is for activities/projects that have already taken place.

The BRC Charitable Trust has the same allocated sum to distribute in the wider Brooklyn Community every six months. To ensure a fair distribution there is a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project. If the Trust receives more applications than the funding available, then some groups/organisations may miss out or not receive the full amount requested.

Trustees meet in the month following each funding cycle to consider the applications and allocate funding. Applicants can expect to hear an outcome within six weeks from the date grant applications close. Grant applications for the next funding round open on 1 September.

The BRC Charitable Trust

RUSTY THE LOVE LION

Rusty is a cuddlesome four-year-old who needs a whole family to love him – he just needs to be the only cat.



He arrived at the shelter because he'd been bullying the older cats in his previous home and had been banished to the garage and outdoors for their safety. In the shelter he mostly ignores cats, preferring to focus on getting as much attention as he can from staff and volunteers.

Rusty just loves people. He wants warm laps and kids to play with. He even grew up with a dog that he liked – it's just cats he can't cope with. He needs lots of attention and company, so he needs a home where someone is always around.

He's used to having lots of space to roam in, so he needs to live away from busy roads and wildlife areas. We've discovered that he really enjoys water – he

likes to paddle in the sink and lick water off his feet!

Rusty really needs to find a home before he starts to get depressed. He's seen other cats come and go and doesn't know why someone hasn't taken him home yet.

If you feel like you might be Rusty's soul mate, please make an appointment to meet him.

There's more about Rusty 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.

BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB

“Masonic Hall, Brooklyn. To-morrow (Friday), 6th Sept. At 8pm. GRAND CONCERT! Arranged by Mr. B Walter and Friends. In aid of BROOKLYN CRICKET CLUB. Tickets 1 shilling.” This was the first article we found when researching our Club history. We managed to find a review for the grand concert as well and you can read it on our new website.

www.brooklyncricketclub.com

We are 111 this year and continue to thrive in the community, our AGM is held in a local hall named after one of our original members. Our Club trophies recount some more recent Brooklyn residents, some of whose names have appeared in the local history section of the Tattler. We continue to offer grassroots cricket to all even if the styles have changed a little over time.

Brooklyn Cricket currently field seven teams over three different formats: One Day; T20; and Vintage cricket. There is room for more cricketing folk to join us in these or other forms of cricket. We used to field a Women's team which was instrumental in Brooklyn winning regional honours one season. Brooklyn would love to support another if the interest is out there. Regular practices are held, in season, at Vogelmorn Park and players of any ability would be welcome.

All the cricketers are looking forward to the improving weather and the coming season. If you want to develop some new skills or dust off some old ones let us know. Practice starts in October and the season starts in November. Follow Brooklyn Cricket Club on Facebook. www.facebook.com/brooklyncc/

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

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 16 September 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

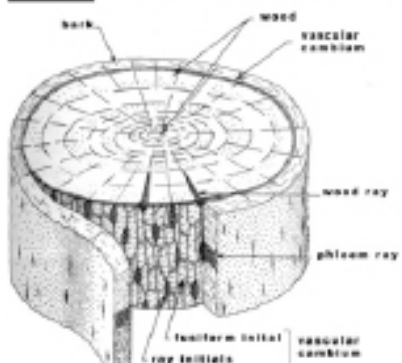
4:30-6:30 PM KARATE

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

TE KURA O TAWATAWA - RIDGWAY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tawatawa - Ridgway School are very excited about their new adventure playground and tree top walkway that is currently under construction. The adventure playground includes two long tunnel slides which go from the school all the way down to the large field below. The slides are expected to be finished by the end of this term (22 September) and the tree top walkway (with a fort) should be completed by the end of November.



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BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

For information check our website:
Brooklyn Wellness Hub (PHA Brooklyn) – “For the People, By the People”
For consultations/appointments:
Email: brooklynwellnesshub@proton.me

Next Open Day: 10am – 4pm on **Sunday 17 September at Crombie Room, Home of Compassion**, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Easy car parking, walk across lawn to room with beautiful bush views.

Assessments, taster treatments, workshops, health information, café.

Bring cash for health products, koha, and café.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF WHEN

Circadian rhythm is the fluctuation in activity occurring in our physiology roughly over a 24-hour period. It can be affected by external stimuli, the main two being **light** and **food**. A robust circadian rhythm that is **in alignment with the day/night cycle** is paramount to a happy healthy life.

Here is a few tricks to help you achieve just that:

- **Expose your eyes to bright daylight early in the day**, as soon as possible after waking. Even when it's cloudy, there will still be enough blue light and brightness to reset the circadian clock in the brain, although you will need more time. You may choose to go outside for a short walk (no sunglasses) or have breakfast by a big window.

- **Reduce light in the evening - ideally avoid screens for 2-3 hours before bedtime.** As a minimum, make use of the night mode on your device and keep the brightness as low as possible. Keep your evening lighting soft and yellow. There are also special light bulbs emitting no blue light at all. Additionally, avoid overhead lighting in the evening - position the lights below eye level as this avoids stimulating the area of the eye that communicates directly with the master clock in the brain.

- **Eat within a specific time window**, no more than 12 hours. It can (and should) be even shorter to allow enough time for gut repair. As a rule of thumb, **only eat during daylight hours** as this is when digestion is at its most efficient. It is recommended to **stop eating (and snacking) at least 2-3 hours before bedtime.** Water is fine at all times. Starting and closing your eating window at approximately the same time every day will also ensure digestion efficiency.

In summary, we need **a lot of bright light in the morning** and **as little as possible after sunset** and are supposed to **eat only when it's light.**

Curious to find out more? Come chat to us about your health needs, experience ionic detox foot spa, reflexology, keto diets, dying and death information, and much more.

Next Open Day: 10am – 4pm on Sunday 17 September at Crombie Room, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington



EARLY STREET PROJECTS

Though not built on for a further nine years, St Peter's Church in Willis Street owned a building site in Washington Avenue from June 1900. Nearby, a large bank of earth was removed to widen the street. The removal work was carried out by Thomas Delaney for six pounds. Further banks of earth were removed during 1900 along the same road, all removed by Delaney, then the road was regraded and restored to its full width. Footpaths were then formed on either side. Further roading projects were in progress at this time, a track five feet wide was formed at the top of Lincoln Street then metalled. Mornington Road was not formed until the 1930s, so Lincoln was destined to become a no-exit street.

Harrison, Jefferson, and Cleveland Streets had footpaths formed on both sides, this work being carried out by Thomas Davis who also built the path at the top of Lincoln Street.

In these early days of settlement homeowners were required to form these roads and paths and arrange contractors to complete the projects. Only when they were completed and Council came to inspect and declare them as streets, the Council then undertook to maintain them.

A new 18 foot road was formed in Vogelstown, this was Wright Street (later renamed Pearce Street). A few years later its width was increased to 20 feet. More work was carried out on Ohio

Road from Ashton Fitchett's farmhouse to Jacob Joseph's slaughterhouse at the bridge (Happy Valley). The road was reconstructed and graded to 25 feet with a footpath on the western side on a higher level, down to the intersection with Bunny Street (later renamed Butt Street).

Stormwater drainage continued to be of major concern and was grossly inadequate. In a typical period of rain flooding on properties was frequent due to drainage overflows. There were other issues going on besides the stormwater. During the latter half of 1900 property owners in both Vogelstown and Brooklyn were actively discharging soap suds on to the footpath. Melrose Council soon put a stop to this practice.

Gas main laying in Brooklyn commenced at this time, laid by the Wellington Gas Company. The gas rates were set at 237 pounds. This all increased the unimproved value of the Borough.

The drainage problem was alleviated somewhat in September 1900 when the Melrose Council constructed a 24-inch pipe drain extending from the Todman Street intersection to the drain crossing Cleveland Street with a brick manhole at each end of the new drain. Once this was completed, AB Fitchett was called upon to fix a sump in the water table on each side of Todman Street which prevented flooding of Cleveland Street.

Chris Rabey



Construction of apartments in Cleveland Street. Photo credit: Julie Seevens

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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Southern Bays Restoration Groups combine forces for weed control

Many of us know the feeling of desperation when we see unwanted plants growing willy-nilly in our garden, thinking “If only I had some help to get on top of these blimmin’ weeds”. In the last couple of years environmental restoration groups in the Ōwhiro catchment and Southern Bays have been doing just that. They have come together in the name of SWWAC! (South Wellington Weed Action Coalition) to plan how to deal with their weed problems more systematically and across their boundaries where this is sensible. Weeds know no boundaries after all. Currently there are seven groups in the coalition which is still growing including, groups looking after Paekawakawa, Tawatawa and Oku Street Reserve; Manawa Karioi Society; Friends of Ōwhiro Stream; Ōwhiro Bay Learning Community Stream Team; and Ōwhiro Bay Residents Association Environmental Group.

Last year the Coalition succeeded in an application for funding for weed control from Wellington City Council’s Natural

Environment Fund, supplemented by operational funding from the council’s Parks, Sport and Recreation team. For this big project we concentrated on control of specific troublesome woody vines, especially Japanese honeysuckle and blackberry, within adjoining areas of the Paekawakawa and Tawatawa Reserves and on some tricky areas on Ōwhiro Stream near Happy Valley Park. The volunteer groups all spend plenty of time on weed control, but these are extensive area and the weeds are too well-established or inaccessible for us to deal with safely on our own so the money was spent on professional control from ecological restoration and biosecurity specialists Kaitiaki Ngāhere Ltd. who already had established links with the Paekawakawa and Tawatawa groups.

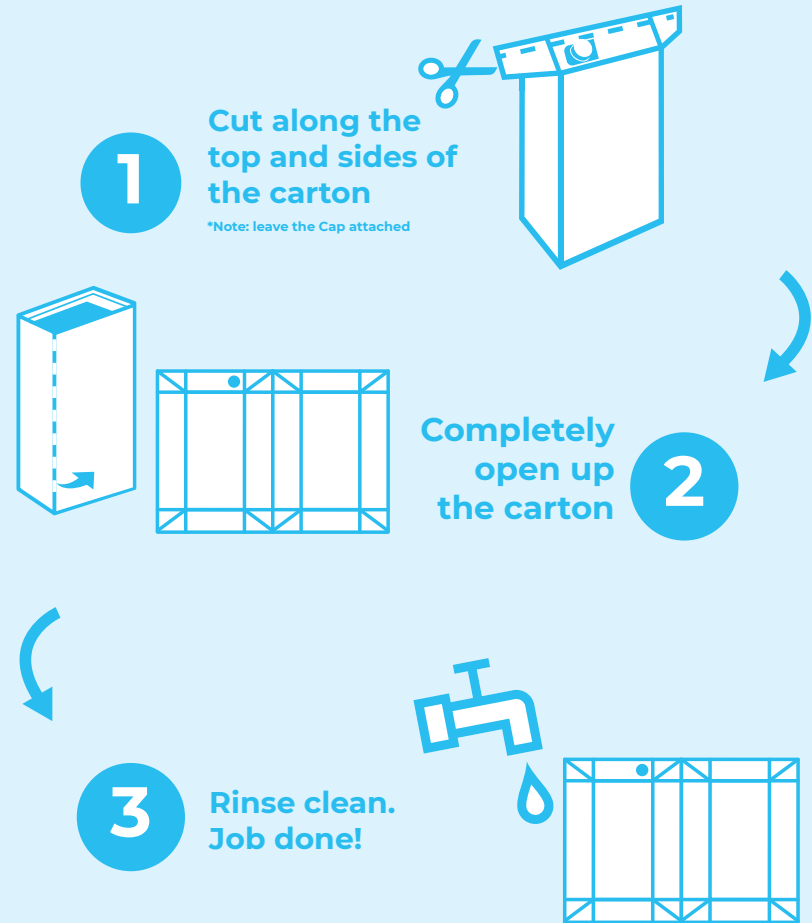
Kaitiaki Ngāhere’s work was successfully carried out between spring 2022 and autumn 2023. It included a valuable workshop for SWWAC members on weed monitoring and mapping. We thank Wellington City Council for funding and Kaitiaki Ngāhere staff for their professional skill and care. You will see the benefits of their work when walking on the Manawa Karioi / Paekawakawa Link Track and at the eastern edge of Happy Valley Park.

Further information: Paul Blaschke, FOOS and Manawa Karioi. paul@blaschkerutherford.co.nz

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

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream
email owhirosteam@gmail.com

How to prepare your Used Beverage Cartons for recycling at



BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

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Guides and Pippins
 Kathryn Lawrie 802 5049
Brownies
 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 26 August 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 Vogelhorn 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.

7 August – Atatürk Memorial. Catch 10:07am No.12 bus from Kilbirnie Bus Hub.

14 August – Wharangi Track. Start walking from the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

21 August – Pomare & River walkway. Catch the 9:50am Hutt Valley train.

28 August – Wrights Hill. Take the 9:40am No.2 bus from Lambton Quay.

4 September – Somes Island. Catch 10am East by West Ferry at Queen's Wharf.

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 Vogelhorn 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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