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# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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*This month's cover photo is of the Friday Circle Group with guest speaker Ingrid Gotlieb.*

*Photo credit: Euan Harris*

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# from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
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Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou  
Māori - Happy Matariki!

Hello and welcome to the July edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. Matariki is celebrated this month, the predawn rising of Matariki in the mid-winter sky marking the changing of the seasons and the beginning of the Māori New Year. It is a special time of remembrance where we honour those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki, we gather together to give thanks for what we have, and we look forward to the promise of a new year. We hope you are able to spend some time with loved ones and to take time out to relax, reflect, and contemplate the coming year.

### **Brooklyn Festival**

We had an enthusiastic turn-out to our first meeting of the upcoming Brooklyn Festival, thanks to those who came along. The festival is scheduled for Saturday 11 November (with a postponement date of 18 November) and will run from 3pm – 10pm. We are excited to be assisting Two Todman in bringing this event to Brooklyn but we can't do it without volunteers so if you are able to help out in the lead-up to the big day or on the day itself, please

contact us here at the Community Centre or Two Todman directly.

### **Friday Circle News**

Long time Friday Circle member and former Harrison Street resident, Val Willcox celebrates a milestone birthday this month. Val is 90 years young on Thursday 29 June. Family and friends have organized a special party for Val at the Brooklyn Community Centre. Happy Birthday Val!

Our Friday Circle Seniors Group will take a break over the school holidays and catch up at the Penthouse Cinema Café. It's hard to believe that the first half of the year has already gone. A highlight of our regular Friday meetings is the guest speaker slot after lunch. We have had some great speakers and musicians entertain and enlighten us over the last six months, including JoElle Gragilla from South Coast Studios; Geoff Layton from the Wellington Volunteer Coastguard; Ainslie Maresca's stories about her time as a theatre usher; Lana Burns on Ukraine, her birth country; Edith Diggie speaking about her artist journey; Rev. Scottie Reeve from Two Todman; Joyce Gibson and her overseas travel adventures; Dr Pritika Narayan on heart health research work; Gibby Inkster, a Shetland Islands native, talked about his home county; Kay Webster from Age Concern; Megan Bate from the Nationwide Health & Disability

Advocacy Service; Lawyer Ramona Rasch speaking about Enduring Power of Attorney; and Ingrid Gotlieb on Landscape Design. Local musician Emily Clemett and her son Tama have played and sung for us and so has Steve Kohler from Te Aro. We are always looking out for more people to come and have a chat. Talks are very informal and the group really look forward to them, so if you have a spare 20 to 30 minutes at around 1pm on a Friday afternoon, please get in touch with us.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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# from the LIBRARY

## JAZZ IN THE LIBRARY – NICE!

Did you know the Naxos Jazz Library allows you to stream over 210,500 tracks of jazz from more than 17,930 CDs and includes over 32,000 jazz artists? You can access the Naxos jazz Library from the Wellington City Libraries home page or download the app directly to your phone. Take the music with you wherever you go! You can search for music by artist, album or label, create your own playlists, and keep up-to-date with all the latest releases at the click of a finger. You can even access the artists' biographies and CD booklets and liner notes, complete with the inlay cards and track lists. Choose from contemporary artists to nostalgic classics. It's an outstanding repository for the jazz enthusiast.

And if you don't like jazz – after all, it's the only music in which the same note can be played night after night but differently each time – then check out the Naxos Music Library for access to over 276,000 tracks from 19,000 CDs featuring classical, blues, world music, and more. It enjoys all the same features as the Jazz Library but with rather less emphasis on the difficult, improvised, syncopated rhythms so beloved by the jazz aficionado.

If, after all that, you're no great fan of digital databases and prefer to go old school, then you should know that Wellington City Libraries holds over



28,000 CDs, including some covetable boxsets, and 1,300 vinyl albums to borrow - and since earlier this year, there's been no charge to borrow the CDs. And if you prefer to make sweet music and you're looking for inspiration, then the library holds access to over 5,500 music scores featuring everything from classical, Disney, The Beatles, to the latest pop hits. All of these are available to order via the WCL homepage, or you can pop into the library here at Brooklyn where Helen, El or Diana will be happy to help you navigate the Naxos sites or our own extensive catalogue (and to share our opinions regarding the place of Harry Styles in the musical firmament.)\*

Happy listening.

**Matariki by Firelight at Brooklyn Library**  
Speaking of listening, Brooklyn Library will be hosting an evening of stories and song celebrating Matariki on the evening of Monday 10 July. Helen and Diana will be your hosts, providing hot chocolate and marshmallows for an evening of Matariki by Firelight – between 6 and 7 PM.

\*(They're mixed, btw)

# BROOKLYN

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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Monthly update on issues and projects involving our community

## NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 7:30 pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

<b>AGM Meeting</b>	GBRAI held its AGM on Wednesday 21 June. We had some 30 participants and the Executive for 2023/2024 was elected. Many thanks to those who have stepped forward to work for the community. Grateful thanks to Sam Donald (past Treasurer) and Ewan McMaster (social housing and CD container advocate) who are standing down from the Executive.  We appreciate your efforts.  Our guest speaker was Alistair Henshaw of Predator Free who updated us with the successful efforts of pest eradication from the Miramar peninsula, and the intention to extend to Phase Two – the area including Brooklyn – with more extensive pest eradication efforts. Educational and fascinating.  We also had GWRC Chair Daran Ponter update us on the ongoing stresses and problems with the local bus services, and the specific service provider TransUrban bus company.
<b>Brooklyn Road Temporary Cycleway to be Made Permanent</b>	WCC are proposing to make permanent the temporary cycleway on Brooklyn Road leading up Brooklyn Hill. There will be the ability to make submissions on this, and other traffic related issues in the next few weeks. We will keep you informed of options
<b>WCC Landfill / Careys Gully</b>	Comprises the actual landfill, a composting facility, and the – for the time being – city's sewage sludge dewatering plant SDWP, the source of much of the local stench. On a positive note, construction of the new SDWP has commenced at Moa Point, Miramar peninsula, to replace it.
<b>Brooklyn Lights and Road Sealing</b>	Work has been completed with separate turning lanes now operational. GBRAI have been advocating for this for over six years. Well done Guido S, Sam D, Alex G, and all those involved in the process over the years.
<b>Residential Waste Working Group</b>	WCC and Central Government are moving forward with Zero Waste proposals. WCC are now having RWWG meetings seeking and proposing ways to reduce waste. If you are keen on attending/ contributing to environmental matters or have ideas toward waste reduction, GBRAI are seeking volunteers to participate.

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



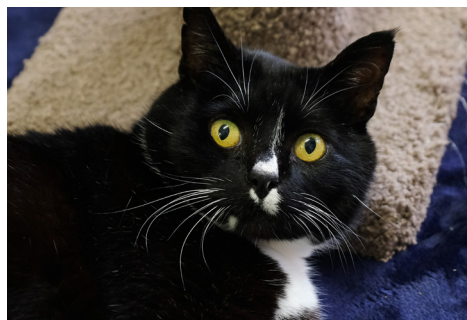
# HUNTING FOR LOVE

The only thing Hunter is interested in hunting is a loving home.

The chonky 11-year-old had been much-loved by a couple who had become less able to give him the care he needed, resulting in a sudden collapse from a blocked bladder. After an emergency rush to the vet and life-saving surgery, the family agreed that it was time Hunter found a new home, and he was surrendered into CPW's care.

Despite his recent trauma, Hunter is gentle and affectionate, and he adores lots of attention. He's great with gentle older children, and enjoys being able to wander outside. He would rather hunt your attention than mice or birds, so he would be safe in one of Wellington's many bird-friendly areas.

Hunter is on a special diet following his urinary issues and has ongoing treatment for



skin irritations, so he's eligible for our Care for Life foster programme. CPW will pay the medical costs of all his existing conditions, so that his family can focus on giving him the love and care he needs.

If you have a comfortable home for Hunter (and a sturdy enough lap), make an appointment to meet him. There's more about Hunter and all our other cats at [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](http://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.

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TWO TODMAN & BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENT



## SAT 11 NOV HARRISON ST.

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.

The festival will begin at 3pm with kids and families performances until 6pm including **Anika Moa** and **Fun and Funner**. Festivities will continue into the evening until 10.30pm with **VBC** booking some fantastic talent, and beloved Brooklyn businesses bringing street food offerings including **Penthouse Cinema, 1852, Chimichurri, and Smoked & Pickled**.

We are now at the stage where we would love to hear from:

- Community groups who would like an info stall
- Artisans and creators who would like a market stall
- Food vendors who would like a street-food stall

We are also seeking additional financial support to reach our full budget, including charitable grants or corporate sponsorship.

To ask about any of the above, reach out to us at [manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](mailto:manager@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)



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



# BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

More information on website [Brooklyn Wellness Hub](#) – “For the People, By the People”

**Next Open Day on Sunday 23 July 10am -4pm**

Health is Happiness, IS Wealth!

When did you last get a WOF on your vehicle? How often do we get a WOF on our personal ‘happiness wealth’? Or take the BP of our family well-being?

Usually, our body vehicle reminds us that we are running low by stress, tiredness, poor sleep, emotional swings or digestive un-ease. A cold, flu, cold sore, or tummy upset is simply our bodies naturally trying to rebalance themselves. When our immune system is strong we quickly and naturally get well, again. If we ignore the small warning lights, then a chronic fault will arise, creating long-term illness or dis-ease. We then need a specialist physician or “wheel-realignment” to re-balance us. And, if we become our own inner physician, able and confident to do our personal small “tune-ups”, then we re-balance sooner, our health becomes inner wealth. Wealth to share with family and community, the gift of happiness.

We can experience ‘high health’ tune-ups in many small and free daily acts of care for ourselves.

- A glass of filtered water, squeeze of lemon, pinch of sea salt to start our day, ignites our gut biome, plus balances body PH to become more alkaline therefore less inflammation.
- Intermittent fasting is the best friend of our liver, kidneys, and adrenal glands - it can reset our immune system after just three days!
- Stress can be lowered by small regular acts of

- kindness: walking, games, gardening.
- Go device-free for a day - less EMF’s, plus downtime for our emotions.
- Prayer, meditation, music, singing or chanting re-aligns us emotionally and socially.
- Laughter, hugs, compassion fills our happiness tanks up. Contentment and calm can be yours!

Try this now for Heart health:

Breathe, smile, walk bare feet, release tension in your body. Breathe slowly into your heart area for 60 seconds, inviting a gentle feeling of ease, be patient, compassionate. Build up to 2-3 repeats daily, especially before a meal, or sleep.

Next Open Day Sunday July 23 10am-4pm

The Ridgeway Hall, 117 The Ridgeway, Mornington.

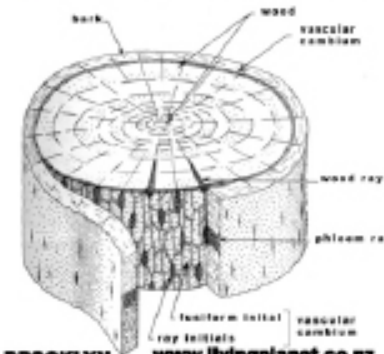
- Meet our Natural Health practitioners.
- Café with home bakes, coffee and tea.
- Natural health products to try and buy.
- (Bring cash for entry koha and café)
- On the Hour FREE Workshops 15 - 20 mins
- 11 am Fasting & Ketogenics - Helen
- 12 pm Happiness Health - Barb
- 1 pm Weston A Price diet. Exercises for seniors. Deb
- 2 pm Homeopathic first aid - Dianne
- 3 pm Mental health for you and family - Gayleen

We look forward to meeting our local community, sharing health conversations, happiness solutions and building health-wealth, together.



*Local resident Glen Morrison recently sent us this stunning photo of fog over Todman Street. We welcome contributions so send in photos, articles, news, or anything you think our residents would be interested in or should know about.*

*Photo Credit: Glen Morrison*



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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**

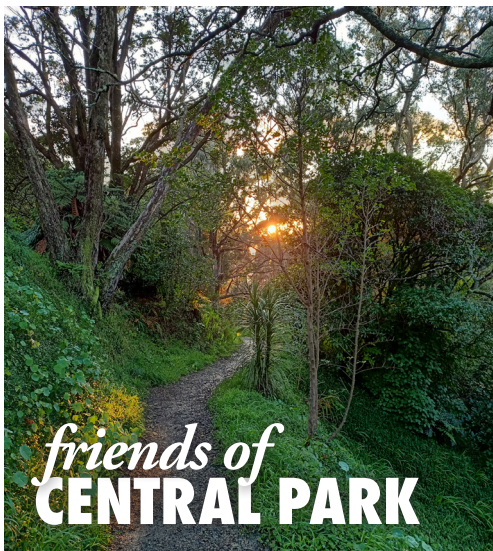
Tamil Christian worship and service. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916

**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





*friends of*  
**CENTRAL PARK**

Matariki is a time of taking stock - looking back, looking forward, and being grateful. In this spirit we'd like to acknowledge the Wellington City Council's Natural Environment fund. Over the past four years this fund has allowed us to hire professionals to deal with the weeds in the steep and inaccessible parts of the park. With the help of this fund we are keeping invasive weeds under control and stopping them from spreading further into the park and surrounding neighbourhoods. Thank you WCC.

Looking forward, we'd like to invite you to a free night-time guided walk to see the glow-worms in Central Park. Find out more about these fascinating creatures - what makes them glow and why. **Come along on Friday 21 or Sunday 23 July.** We're hosting two walks per night, starting at 6.30pm and 6.45pm, with a maximum of 12 people per walk, including children. Please note, we ask you bring only two children (5-12 years) per adult to keep everyone safe. We will meet you at the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road

which are just up from Central Vets.

**Bookings for the glow-worm walks are essential.** Reserve your place by emailing Katie Underwood at [kt@danzat.co.nz](mailto:kt@danzat.co.nz), stating the number of people and your preference for day and time.

And don't forget, you're always welcome at our working bees on the last Sunday of every month. Bring your own cup, we supply baking and tools. Mānawatia a Matariki!

**Next working bee is 30 July 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@extra.co.nz](mailto:all.whites@extra.co.nz)  
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**THE BRC CHARITABLE TRUST**

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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 six funding cycles and many local community groups and organisations have received grants. In the past year The BRC Charitable Trust has distributed funding to several preschools, primary schools, sports clubs, community groups and various other organisations in the wider Brooklyn area.

The BRC Charitable Trust will be holding its second funding round for 2023 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



## ST ANTHONY'S TO ST BERNARD'S

St Anthony's Catholic Church, located on the hill overlooking Wellington where the Harbour View Flats are now, opened in 1911. The parishioners decided unanimously in the late 1920s that a convent school would commence in the church building. However, this did not occur until February 1935 when 43 pupils registered, these Catholic children had previously been enrolled at Brooklyn School. The Sister of Mercy at St Mary's Parish offered two sisters to begin the new School, namely Sisters Boniface and Fabian. The building remained as one big church hall, with a 6ft high partition dividing the church and school.

The school had big shelter areas and little rooms right at the back of the hall where classes were. A zigzag path from the top of Jefferson Street went to the school. A big box was kept at the front of the school which contained 'best' wine – Asti Spumante, Riccadonna, and even champagne. It apparently had fallen off a truck, and staff had picked it up and taken it to the school.

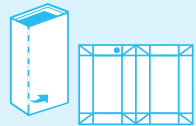
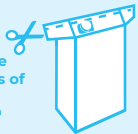
The school colours were maroon and cream. Sister Boniface was very proud of the school uniform, as she had helped design it. The girls' uniform was a mixture of silk and cotton, while the boys had maroon shorts and cream shirts. A solid grounding in English and mathematics was given, as well as sewing, cooking, painting, and singing. The girls were taught through to form 2, however the boys were only taught to standard 2 level as they then went to the Marist brothers' school in Newtown.

By 1948 the little school had become too small for the increasing roll, so the new school was built in Taft Street and opened for use in November 1948. In 1961 the decision was made to change the name of the parish and school to St Bernard's as St Anthony's was already in use for the parish and school in Seatoun.

Chris Rabey

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**1** Cut along the top and sides of the carton



**2** Completely open up the carton

**3** Rinse clean. Job done!



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## 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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The top photo of the former Brooklyn Fire Station building on Cleveland Street, was taken during November 1968. Only the facade remains today. To the left of the Fire Station is the Brooklyn Methodist Church, later to become Bartram Distributors Ltd.

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## LOCAL RESIDENT CONQUERS "CHANNEL OF BONES"

Local Brooklyn resident Gráinne Moss is embarking on a journey, attempting some of the toughest open water swims in the world to raise funds for Kenzies Gift, a New Zealand charity supporting the mental health of children, young people, and families facing serious illness or bereavement. Her first challenge, the 42km+ "Channel of Bones" in Hawaii, is renowned for its treacherous conditions, including sharks, swells, and jellyfish.

On 12 May Gráinne achieved the first milestone, The Moloka'i Channel, between the two islands of O'ahu and Moloka'i in Hawaii, in 15 hours and seven minutes. Despite facing darkness, challenging currents, and painful encounters with jellyfish, her determination remained unwavering. Gráinne said, "At two, four, and six hours I got stung by Portuguese men of war. However, it was about 11 and a half hours in when I was stung by two box jellyfish, the stings which were excruciating, and I could feel the poison course around my body with my tongue swelling a little."

In July, Gráinne, who has featured in the Brooklyn Tattler previously when she conquered Foveaux Strait (April 2022 Tattler) and the North Channel from Ireland to Scotland (September 2022 Tattler) will tackle a 32km night swim between Santa Catalina Island and Los Angeles, followed by a 48.5km swim around Manhattan Island on the East Coast of the USA. These swims are part of the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. Gráinne will then head to the UK in September for a swim between England and Wales, adding



*Gráinne Moss finishes swimming the Moloka'i Channel, between the two islands of O'ahu and Moloka'i, in Hawaii.*

*Photo supplied*

to her previous accomplishments in the English Channel and North Channel.

Every dollar raised contributes to Kenzies Gift's vision of ensuring support for Kiwi children facing serious illness or grief. This includes one-on-one therapy and expert resources. Reflecting on her journey, Gráinne's thoughts were with the children enduring grief, motivating her to push through the pain and complete the swim. Recovery has been challenging, but Gráinne's spirits are high, and she looks forward to the next three swims with excitement.

**BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

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 Margaret Jones 389 3028

**BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP**

Local food and community. Working bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:30am at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

**BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB**

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

**GECKOS HOCKEY CLUB**

Years 1-4 and new entrants Fridays 4pm-5:15pm. Years 5-8 Tuesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm. Tanera Park Bowling Club astro turf. Just turn up on practice day http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com.

**LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**

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

**BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Next meeting on Saturday 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 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.

**3 July** – Box Hill and Bridle Path walk to the City. Catch 10:02am train to Box Hill.

**10 July** – Maupuia to Miramar. Catch 9:25am No. 24 bus on Willis Street to Maupuia.

**17 July** – Te Aro. Start at 9:30am from Brooklyn Library and walk down Bell Road.

**24 July** – Zealandia Perimeter. Either walk from Library at 9:30am or catch 9:59 no. 17 bus.

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

**BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. More details online at www.bjcc.co.nz

**FRIENDS OF OWHIRO STREAM**

Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: owhirostream@gmail.com

**PREDATOR FREE BROOKLYN**

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

**RATA PLAYGROUP**

Calm and nurturing place for babies and toddlers 0-3 years to explore, learn and socialise with a parent or family member. Morning

sessions available at Capital Montessori, Camrose Grove, Kingston.

montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email rata@montessori.school.nz

**THE KUNG FU SCHOOL**

Learn Shaolin Kung Fu for self defense and functional fitness. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. Contact Rob Young on 021 408 521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz

**ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION**

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen Don 027 404 6343 Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Ross Young 021 264 0440 www.stjohn.org.nz

**TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm fortnightly at the Reformed Church on Harrison St. Sam Day 022 436 8715, Sylvie 022 197 3610 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org

**UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK**

Working Bees from 10am-12:30pm on the last Sunday of the month. Contact Lynne White at all.whites@xtra.co.nz Come along for great conversations, meet

new people, delicious morning tea and contribute to the care of Central Park.

**SCRABBLE WELLINGTON**

Wednesdays from 7pm upstairs at the Vogelmorn Precinct, 93 Mornington Rd. All abilities welcome! Contact Nick Ascroft on 022 675 1399. Email: nick\_ascroft@hotmail.com

**VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB**

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching.

vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email secretary1vtc@gmail.com

**WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB**

By the Tanera Park bowling greens off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicci Lamb - Head Coach. Phone 970 7496 or email: bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com

**BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE**

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com or call 027 700 1363.

**COMMUNITY POTLUCK**

At Two Todman on the last Thursday of the month from 7pm. Everyone welcome. Please bring something to share. Find us on Facebook or visit www.twotodman.org.nz



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