

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo recognises ANZAC Day. Our thoughts are with our Returned Service men and women.

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ANZAC DAY The redevelopment of Brooklyn School which was to begin during April has been delayed, which means we can now hold the Brooklyn ANZAC Day remembrance service in the school grounds off Washington Avenue. As reported in last month's Tattler, plan B was to have the service in the Brooklyn Community Centre grounds which meant less space and no traditional march after the ceremony, so we are delighted have use of the school grounds. Please join us for this annual event which attracts up to 500 people. The service starts at 10:30am followed by a march to the Community Centre in Harrison Street for refreshments. Afterwards the traditional wreath laying ceremony will be held at the WW1 memorial on Sugarloaf Hill while a piper plays the last lament, which is always a special moment. We acknowledge and thank Brooklyn School for the use of their grounds, the Brooklyn Scout group for supplying the food, Wellington City Council for a funding grant and Phillip Bolton of the RSA for coordinating this event.

COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES On 4 April an official announcement will be made regarding proposals to change some of the ward boundaries in Wellington City, which will affect people in Brooklyn. This review relates to the way the next Wellington City Council elections will be run. The public consultation period is one

month from 4 April to 4 May. To inform locals the Council is holding a public meeting at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Monday evening 16 April from 6:30pm to discuss the proposed changes and answer any questions. For more details look on the Council website www.wellington.govt.nz from 4 April onwards and click on the Have Your Say tab.

SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

The big news in March at Brooklyn School was the gastro outbreak at the Year 7 & 8 camp at Teapot Valley in Nelson. Most of the students and a couple of the teachers were struck down by it and for some this meant an extra day down there before they were allowed to return home. Although parents at home (myself included) felt helpless at not being able to jump in the car and get our children, we were extremely relieved and thankful to know our children were being well cared for by the excellent teaching team and parents down there. Prior to the sickness a great time was had so it wasn't all sad news but it is certainly one camp that will never be forgotten! Ridgway students also had their camp in March, to Forest Lakes. I thankfully haven't heard of any mishaps happening to them. While the older students were away the younger ones had a couple of day trips so everyone has had an exciting March. Ridgway and St Bernards have been busy fundraising this term – Ridgway for the bike track currently being installed and St Bernards to raise funds for the school and to continue promoting the school to the wider community. All our schools have an extra day off for Easter, returning to school on Wednesday 4 April. End of term is Friday 13 April, it's hard to believe the first term is almost over already!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME School Term one ends on 13 April and our fortnightly fun school holiday programme starts Monday 16 April featuring day trips to Kilbirnie Rec, Laser Force and the Great War Exhibition, plus ANZAC biscuit making. There's also a morning at the movies planned to watch Rascal Rebel Rabbit. Programme details and enrolment forms available from the foyer of the Brooklyn Community Centre or you can download forms online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz by clicking the What's On tab.

BROOKLYN WALKERS The Walking Group have their latest list of walks out covering the period from April to September this year. You can pick up a copy from us at the Community Centre office or we can email it to you. The Walkers meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside the Brooklyn Library at around 9:30am depending on the walks planned. For more details phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.



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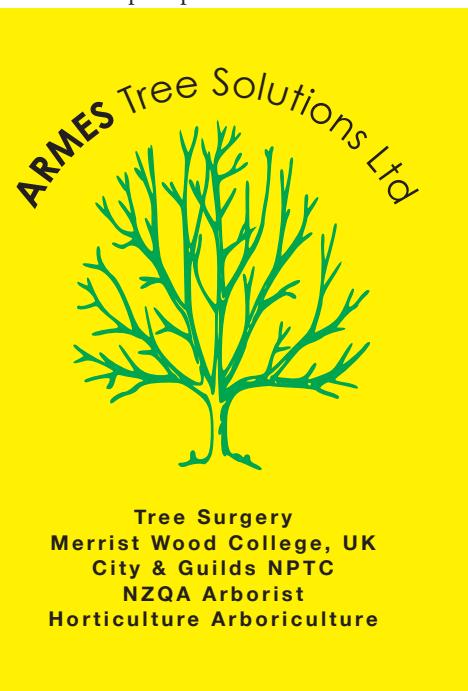
Kia Ora, I'm Fleur Fitzsimons, the new Southern Ward Councillor. I am thrilled to have been welcomed so warmly on to the Council by my fellow Councillors and want to particularly note fellow Southern Ward Councillor David Lee who has been generous with his wise counsel. I have been working with residents on a range of issues within the ward and am pleased that people have shared their experiences of council and their questions and concerns. While I cannot promise to provide a positive outcome in every case, I will do my best to find out relevant information

and ensure residents are connected with the right people. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any matters within the community that you would like to discuss. I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the Draft Long Term Plan which the Council will shortly be consulting on. This plan sets out the Council's plans in a high-level way for the next ten years and contains many important proposals. There will be information on the Council website shortly.

In terms of my background, I have been a lawyer in Wellington for the past ten years and am active in the community. Over the last few years I've worked on campaigns to reduce student debt, deliver equal pay for working women and to save community playgrounds. I was involved in establishing the successful coalition for 26 weeks paid parental leave.

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OUT & ABOUT IN BROOKLYN

THIS MONTH EUAN HARRIS TALKS WITH NONAGEANARIAN JIM DRUMMOND

I'm interviewing Harrison Street resident Jim Drummond on the eve of his 96 birthday and he looks much younger than his 90 plus years. I enquire as to the secret of his youth and he replies that his lifelong love of swimming has a big part to play, that and good genes. Jim has been up earlier than me, as he is at the Wellington Aquatic Centre Monday to Friday from 8am for his regular swim averaging 16 lengths. Jim's love of swimming began many years ago as a young lad growing up in Timaru and has recently been recognised with a lifetime pool membership. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/well-good/inspire-me/101028762>

Like me, Jim is a mainlander having been born in Christchurch. At around 18 months of age, the family shifted to Timaru where he attended primary and secondary school and then joined the local Post Office as a telegraph boy delivering telegrams in a world far removed from the text message era we live in today. A career with the Post Office was well thought of back then and many people, including Jim stayed for most of their working life moving up the ranks. Jim attended telegraph school in 1939 and as an operator of Morse code he was appointed a signalman when called up for army service in 1941. But it was the Navy that Jim wanted to join given his love of the sea which he did in 1943. That was also the year that Jim was engaged to May (Mabel) who he describes as his sweetheart. They corresponded for



over a year and were married in Timaru just two weeks after Jim returned home from the war. Upon leaving the Navy, Jim resumed his career with the PO which involved a number of moves with his young family of three children (Bev, Lynn and Richard) before ending up permanently in Wellington during 1968. Jim retired from the PO in 1979 at the young age of 56 as you could only work at the PO for 40 years. He found employment as committee clerk at Parliament where he stayed to age 65, and then joined the Evans Bay Yacht club as a part time manager for the next 7 – 8 years.

I ask Jim what he likes about living in Brooklyn and he talks about the charm of the village and some of the local characters. The flat access of Harrison Street and easy walk to local facilities is a bonus. Jim has been attending the Brooklyn ANZAC Day service for many years, even before coming to live in Brooklyn. He reckons it's one of the best, a well organised event that involves many different groups from the community including children. "It's a great family day".

GET INVOLVED

It is important that parents and families are involved in their children's schools. Parents should be involved because children do better and have better feelings about going to school if parents are involved in the school. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some ideas to inspire you. Cooking with them: it's science in action! You melt, change, mix things; use energy to cook and consume energy when you eat; the food affects your body and your brain... talk with your kids about what's going on – and discover together online.

MentalFloss.com has a roundup of 10 edible science experiments.

- ◆ Meet your child's teacher. Let the teacher know you want to help your child learn. Make it clear that you want the teacher to contact you if any problems develop with your child.
- ◆ Get to know who's who at your child's school. There are many people at your child's school who are there to help your child learn, grow socially and emotionally, and navigate the school environment.
- ◆ Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- ◆ Find out how your child is doing. Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to other students.
- ◆ Apply for special services if you think your child may need it.

- ◆ Let the school know your concerns. Is your child doing well in school? Is he or she having trouble learning?
- ◆ Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children. What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners.
- ◆ Learn what the school offers. Read the information the school sends home.
- ◆ Volunteer at your child's school. Teachers appreciate it when parents help out at the school.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal,
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HI FELLOW RESIDENTS The last meeting was well supported by the public, so a big thank you to those who did attend and for the robust discussion.

By the time this Tattler is printed the information session held on the 25th March regarding the Bell Road reservoir will have passed. Thank you to those who expressed concerns, but remember there is lots more happening in our suburb so don't miss your chance to have your say. Voicing your frustrations in private is great, but making your voice heard at a public meeting through feedback is better.

at various residents meetings on how to control this dangerous intersection will be made known to the city's traffic engineers. We are doing our best on your behalf to get compromises that will suit our community. We will keep you posted.

Great to see that the bike track around the Vogelmorn Park is taking shape and what an asset it will be for future generations of Brooklyn-Kingston Residents.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th April at St Mathews Church, 96 Washington Ave at 7pm. NOTE this in your diaries. We would love you to come along.


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Our first of five community dinners sold out - thanks to the community for getting behind this initiative. The second will take place on Sunday 29 April 4-7pm (activities from 4pm, dinner from 5.30). Book ahead through vogelmornbc@gmail.com to ensure your place or visit vogelmorn.nz for details.



WORK ON THE TAWATAWA

The Vogelmorn asphalt bike track is complete and you are now able to ride around it! Judging by the number of bikes and scooters in the neighbourhood this week it's getting great use already. Next step is fundraising to get phase 2, the skills and pump tracks, underway which you can do via Givealittle at <http://bit.ly/2GrIRdd>.

FIRST BROOKLYN MARKET A HUGE SUCCESS

The inaugural quarterly market here at the Brooklyn Community Centre was held on Saturday 24 March. The threat of rain didn't keep people away and it was fantastic to see so many people come down to check it out and mingle with neighbours. Local MP Paul Eagle came to say hello and was very complementary about our market. We had some amazing stalls including organic soaps, locally baked bread, hand-made jewellery, honey from Brooklyn bees, Dough Momma's sweet pies, Eureka clothing and a range of beautiful crafts. The Indian food truck did a roaring trade and are keen to return in June. We are also really pleased to have raised \$62.50 from kitchen cake sales for the Ridgway bike track. On behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) who ran the event, I would like to say a big thank you to our supporters and helpers for making this first market such a huge success – Caribe; Penthouse Cinema; Leonie Flint; Jenn McEwan of Capture Studios; Jarvis & Lowndes; Reef Reid of



Julie Seevens, BCA Manager; Euan Harris, BCA Coordinator; Paul Eagle, MP for Rongotai; Nick Ruane, BCA President; Sonya Bissmire, BCA committee member

Radar Photography; Service Printers; the Mark Lockett Trio; Warehouse Stationery; and our amazing team of organisers, Sonya Bissmire; Chris Wills; Tania O'Connor; Sarah Neal; and Steph McGrue. Biggest thanks go to our community for supporting us on the day and making all the hard work worthwhile. See you on the 23rd of June which is already promising to be even bigger!

from the LIBRARY



Tēna koutou katoa

Autumn is here and it's the perfect weather for reading! When Wellington's famous winds are howling outside and it's pouring with rain, curl up with a hot drink and a book. Rain is also the perfect excuse for spending all day inside watching a new show or having a movie marathon. Sadly, these rainy days can be unkind to our library items and many come back wet. Please remember to put library items in a closed bag when you're out and about in the rain. Even that quick dash from the car to the returns slot can leave pages damp!

JUNIOR COMICS With the change in season, there are changes at the library. Our Junior Comics are super popular, especially during class visits, but it was often hard for everybody find specific comics. We've organised all the Junior Comics alphabetically by title now and your favourite series are signposted so you can find them quickly. Our newest comic is Cucumber Quest: The Doughnut Kingdom, the first in a series about bunny siblings – Cucumber and Almond – and their hilarious quest to stop the Nightmare Knight. Other notable new releases include Five Worlds, a sci-fi/fantasy adventure

series, and Graveyard Shakes, a fast-paced spooky story. Is there a comic or book your child wants to see in the library? Let us know in the library or click the 'Suggest a Book' link on our website homepage. Your suggestions help the library take shape.

GET COOKING A warm and hearty meal is the perfect cure for a dreary day. For those of you bringing out the slow-cooker, Allyson Gofton has a new recipe book titled Slow Cooked. Nadia Lim's Let's Eat has a fantastic recipe for cheesy bean quesadillas that can be made vegetarian or vegan. If you find heavy cookbooks a hassle, take a look at the cookbooks in our eLibrary. We also have cooking magazines such as Nadia and Australian Healthy Food available for free through RB Digital.

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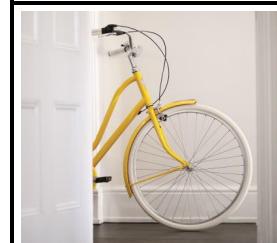
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	Meet in the RSA Room on the 4th Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm. Contact Jodie on 938 8943.
BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB	Next monthly meeting Wednesday 4 April at 7:30pm in the RSA Room. Contact Barbara on 389 4307.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm-7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. Contact Louise email: louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com
INDIAN COOKING	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKALAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
JAZZ & HIP HOP	Jazz (Grade 3) - Tuesdays 4 - 5pm Hip Hop - Tuesdays 5 - 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
QUARTERLY MARKETS	Brooklyn Market Saturday 23 June, 2 - 5pm. Contact 384 6799 or market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS	Beginners Wed 5:30-6:15pm & Thurs 5-5:45pm Adult Beginners Wed 6-7pm & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm Kardio Power Wed 7:30-8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30-7pm. Contact Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am during school terms. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
ROCKING POPPING BODS	Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 year olds. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838.
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GET THE BEAT	Music for under 3 year olds. Mondays at 10am in the RSA Room. Contact Lois McConnell on 973 1650.
KANGA TRAINING	Mondays 10am-11:30am. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
VINYASA YOGA	Saturdays 10:30am with Jenn. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com

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BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtontowncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10-11am & 7-8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 3:30-7:30pm during school terms. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40 - 6:10pm Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am with Ming Janssen. Ming's teaching is inspired by various yoga styles, mostly Kundalini and Vinyasa flow. Her classes are a combination of stretches and flowing movements with breath and strength development. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Thursdays 4:45-7pm & Sundays 9:15-11:30am. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10pm-6:40 Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6-7pm & Saturdays 3-5pm. Cam 021 263 0351 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
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WEDNESDAYS 9AM-4PM The Wednesday Circle have been enjoying our new venue and it has been great to have some newcomers join us. The more, the merrier! If you know anyone who would enjoy a day out in the company of others, encourage them to come along and see what is on offer. There is a nominal charge to cover costs. **10:30am:** Morning Tea **Noon:** Lunch **1pm:** Arthritic Exercise **1:30-2:30pm:** Speaker **2:30pm:** Afternoon Tea

SPEAKERS WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

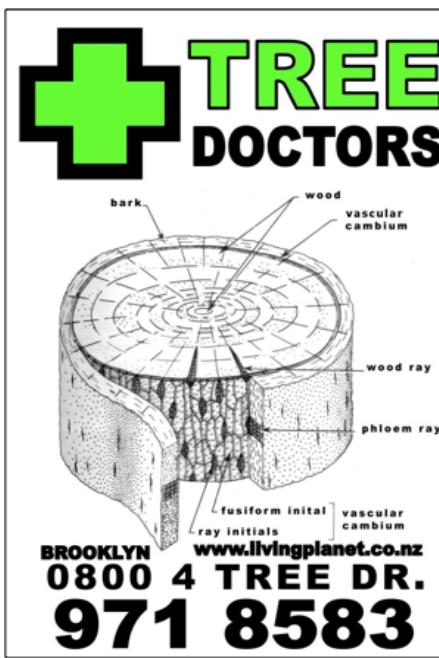
4 April: Heather Smith: Walk Wellington
11 April: Mary Snowden/Sue Honoré:
Identifying people from The Resource
Centre photo archives.

18 April: Irena Papp: Tripping around the North and South Islands (NZ) with family
NOTE: There will be no Wednesday Circle on ANZAC DAY (25th April).

Last month Ashley Joy gave a passionate talk about the wildlife found in Zealandia. Two elderly attendees from Ohiro Road and Irwell Rest Home in Island Bay require transport to and from St Matthew's Church. If you are able to assist as a guest speaker or volunteer driver, please contact Jenny. We are currently consulting with groups and organisations in the local community to find out how we could improve on the delivery of our services.

We would love to see more new faces - anyone is welcome to pop in for any length of time. Easter greetings to you all.

Jenny Swan, Co-ordinator



NEXT WORKING BEE IS SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Upstream meets from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm on the last Sunday of every month - join us in Central Park at The Jetty – enter the park through the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the signs along the path leading upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome!

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (OR AT LEAST TO

OHIRO ROAD) A path leads from behind the site of the old caretaker's cottage on Ohiro Road down to the area by the drinking fountain near the main park entrance on Brooklyn Road. This is a 'desire line' path i.e. one that walkers have made themselves because it takes the route they want to use. However, due to its informal nature, it was not properly formed and in the past has been rather slippery and treacherous in wet weather, deterring some would be walking-commuters and weekend walkers. No more!

Chris Logan and Phil Bartley of Upstream, generously funded by the Terawhiti Licensing Trust, have designed and built a set of steps to negotiate this route and volunteers at the last working bee assisted in back filling the steps with gravel – good exercise on a Sunday morning! Just in time for autumn rains, which as I write this, are pouring down steadily.

In the last year, volunteers from Volunteer Wellington have cleared tradescantia and other weeds in this area which has enabled Upstream volunteers to re-plant the understory with native trees and shrubs. Eventually this will link up with the restoration work we are undertaking on the site of the old caretaker's cottage so that it reflects some sense of its previous purpose and heritage.

The improvements in this area demonstrate what can be achieved with skilled volunteers and others from Upstream and Volunteer Wellington supported by external funding. Thanks to all.

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OWHIRO STREAM

Our working bees, held on the second Saturday of the month from 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, are always rewarding events, but last month's was made even more so with the visit of two special people, Nicole and Jos, who live down Happy Valley Rd by the stream. A few weeks ago. Jos had his third birthday, and of course, a party to celebrate. Instead of presents his mother Nicole asked guests to make a donation to Friends of Owhiro Stream. I'm not sure that Jos will think this is such a great arrangement for future birthdays, as he grows more aware of what he might be missing out on, but this year, FOOS were very appreciative of the \$100 they presented to us. We are planning to spend some of it on small size gloves for little hands who come along to help, and some on new tools, which keep getting lost among the piles of weeds (sometimes rediscovered later with rotten handles), or broken when trying to dig out stubborn roots of blackberry.

Also very much appreciated was the work of a group of volunteers from the Ministry for the Environment, who came along one Friday and cleared a large area of

nasty weeds that had been causing us some despair. The Council has agreed to augment this work by spraying for regrowth which is very pleasing. The intentions is to plant the area very thickly, to create a shade canopy that prevents weeds from growing - or at least discourages them somewhat! Finding a suitable space and project that makes the best use of the enthusiasm and energy of corporate groups is sometimes a problem, but the results in this case were outstanding, and so encouraging for our regular volunteers.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



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Infants - 29
Under 7 years - 42
7 years to 16 years - 50
Over 16 years - 138
Crew plus passengers - 329 overall

The immigrants were housed in the ship's hold, where cheap wooden partitions were hastily erected after clearance of cargo from earlier voyages. The family cubicles were very small, possibly six feet square per family with bunks for multiple use. The sole doctor on board had the immigrants bring their beds up on deck daily for airing and had the cubicles scrubbed out and sprinkled with chloride of lime. Food included bread, flour, raisins, peas, rice, butter, mixed pickles, salted beef, pork, and sweetened lime juice.

The doctor the ship carried wasn't always a medical doctor. One early Ohio settler, John Moffitt, was a trained dentist prior to sailing. The ship he immigrated on had no doctor on board so he assumed the role, and by all accounts the ship reached Wellington with a very small number of casualties.

More history next month.

ANZAC SERVICE
Wednesday 25th, April
10:30 am, Brooklyn
School (no longer at BCC)



Lest we forget...

CATS PROTECTION WELLINGTON

SAVING THE WORLD, ONE CAT AT A TIME



If you're looking for a cat to join your home, or if you just want to spend some time around cats, come and visit the Cats Protection Wellington shelter – right here in your neighbourhood.

Our Kingston shelter is a bright and roomy space where cats can choose to relax on comfortable sofas or a sunny deck, or find a quiet hideyhole of their own.

We usually have around 30 cats in residence, and they have all different types of personalities. We have cats which are outgoing and smoochy, or shy and sweet, or feisty and independent.

Our cats are cared for by dedicated volunteers who take the time to get to know their likes and dislikes. This helps us keep the cats happy, and to match them with the best possible forever home.

For elderly cats and cats with long-term health issues, we have a unique foster care

programme where we pay the medical bills relating to each foster cat's condition. We want to give cats who might find it harder to get homes an extra chance at a new life.

The shelter is run by more than 80 volunteers who help out in many different ways. They clean the house from top to bottom every day, arrange food and litter supplies, take cats to the vet, manage social media, plan fundraising events and collect on the street.

Let us know if you want to join our friendly team – we welcome anyone who loves cats.

You can also support us by popping into The Coolest Little Op Shop in Lyall Bay. All of the proceeds from the clothes, books, toys and other treasures go towards keeping our cats healthy, warm and fed.

Our Facebook page has pictures and stories about our current cats, and updates on cats which have found new homes. Join the conversation at Facebook.com/CPWgtn.

CPW was started right here in Brooklyn in 1982, and is now located at 29 Vancouver Street in Kingston. We are open to the public from 12pm to 4pm every Saturday and Sunday.

Ph: 04 389 9668. Cpl-wellington.org.nz.

Thank you for helping us save the world, one cat at a time.

Amy Rountree

AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR CHESS

Wednesdays 3.30-5pm @ St Bernard's School, Taft St. Does your kid love chess? New junior chess group now running. All abilities welcome, ages 8-12. Try your first session free - \$60 per term Contact Ivan Moss - ivancmoss@gmail.com or 021 417 025

BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins
Nicola Burdon 971 1265
Brownies
Margaret 389 3028
Brooklyn Guides
Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working Bees Monday evenings 5:30-7:30pm weekly at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St. thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October at Brooklyn Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

Years 1-4 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club

astro turf at Tanera Park, 8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckoshockey.weebly.com>

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting 2pm Sat 8 April at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome. Chris Rabey 3849293 ships.pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 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

St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave. Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB BNUJFC

Winter season resumes 7th April. Registrations currently open. Enquiries to bnujfc@gmail.com or visit www.bnujfc.co.nz

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. Contact Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 4.30pm-6pm 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.bsra.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 934 7445.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

9 April Walk to Adelaide Rd. No 3 bus to Kilbirnie, walk to city via Hataitai.

16 April Walk to Wallace St, bus to Karori, walk Karori Cemetery, Kaiwharawhara Stream, Otari Wilton Bush.

9.10 start for 9.35 No 18 bus at Wallace St.

23 April Strathmore Heights/Ataturk Memorial. Walk to Adelaide Road. Catch 10.04 No 43 bus to Strathmore Heights. Get off at end of Kekerenga St. Walk to Ataturk Memorial, down to coast and airport.

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ST JOHN PENGUIN AND YOUTH DIVISION

Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060

Youth Division 8-18 yrs. Carol 0274 321 204

www.stjohn.org.nz

TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. Caroline 027 229 3623, Christian 021 651 892 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz <http://6879>. toastmastersclubs.org

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. Visit montessori.school.nz/playgroup or email cmsplaygroup@gmail.com

SHAO LIN GAO CAN MUN NAM PAI CHUAN (GCMNPC)

Kung Fu School. Wellington Swords Club Building, 2 Tanera Cres. Contact Rob Young on 021 408521 or wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

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UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Next working bee 29 April. Last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at picnic table next to the big bridge.

Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea

and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. vogelmorn tennisclub.com call in, or email secretary@vogelmorn tennisclub.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS

CLUB Tanera Bowling Club Vicki Lamb 970 7496 evenings

Tanera Bowling Club

8 Tanera Cres, Brooklyn

Venue hire: maximum 150 people. \$15 hr casual. Party hire rate negotiable. \$150 weekend night.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm from February to October, St Marks Community Hall, Basin Reserve (free parking). No experience or partner necessary; wear soft shoes; \$5 per night. Ring Elaine 389 3597 or Juping 970 7568



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