

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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ANZAC DAY The weather turned out just right on Wednesday 25 April and once again Brooklyn hosted a large crowd starting with the traditional service in the Brooklyn School grounds at 10:30am led by Ross McMillan of the Salvation Army. A highlight of this year's service was the reading of the poem 'In Flanders Field' by 9 year old Tom Seevens of Brooklyn School and the poignant speech given by guest speaker Councillor Brian Dawson.



Tommy Seevens reading In Flanders Field

The service concluded about 11:20am followed by a march down Washington Ave into Cleveland Street and finally Harrison Street to the Brooklyn Community Centre for morning tea. Afterwards the annual



Cr Brian Dawson giving his ANZAC speech

wreath laying ceremony took place at the WW1 memorial on Sugarloaf Hill with a bugler playing the last post. Thanks to everyone including all the volunteers who made this annual occasion a success, and to the neighbouring Brooklyn Scout Group for their food preparation. Earlier in the week 65 children in our school holiday programme made ANZAC biscuits during a day of baking on Monday followed by a trip during Tuesday to The Great War Exhibition by Sir Peter Jackson.



WWI Memorial gathering for the Last Post

NEW TERM PILATES Beth Beard who has run regular Pilates on Mondays and Fridays at Brooklyn Community Centre has stepped back to concentrate on other interests. However Beth is still taking her popular Tuesday evening Zumba classes at Vogelmorn Hall. Liz Birkett has taken over our Monday and Friday Pilates groups at the same times, i.e. Mondays 9 – 9:45am and on Fridays 9 – 9:50am and 10 – 10:50am. Mats are provided. Liz says "I encourage clients to work at their own level. I provide variations and options to encourage a pelvic floor and lower back safe practice suitable for beginners and the more experienced. My passions are for developing optimal body alignment and supporting women to build ample muscle power relative to their body weight especially as they age". For more details please email lizbirkett.yoga.pilates@gmail.com or pick up a flyer from us at the Community Centre.



from the COUNCILLOR

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Council is proposing changes to ward boundaries and introducing a bi-lingual name for each. Currently Brooklyn suburb is split between the Southern, Onslow-Western and Lambton wards. The change will mean all of Brooklyn will be in Southern Ward. The purpose is to bring the ratio of population to Councillors in line with other wards.

After input from mana whenua, the Te Reo name proposed is Paekawakawa. This refers to the valley that leads down to Island Bay and the Paekawakawa Stream. The translation is “the place of kawakawa”, a plant used for medicinal purposes, which reflects the healing nature of the area, with the hospital and other facilities nearby.

Consultation on these proposals close 4 May, 2018.

We are also seeking feedback on our 10 Year Plan; submissions close on 15 May.
While the city is performing strongly, there are challenges. Our growth needs to be sustainable so that Wellington continues to be liveable, vibrant and successful. We need to make our city more resilient as the earth moves, climate changes, and sea levels rise. The plan explains what we propose to invest in over the next 10 years, and gives Wellingtonians the opportunity to tell us what matters to them.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE BEGINNINGS

When the Community Centre opened in 1949, the first chairman, Jack Ackroyd-Kelly, asked the Census and Statistics Department for a rundown of the population figures for Brooklyn at the time.

The Government Statistician provided the following figures:

Total Population	3822
Population 21 and over	2870
Population 21 and under	952
Number of occupied dwellings	1181

Flats were included as dwellings and the numbers were based on the fact there would be no more than one family sharing a dwelling.

Within a year of opening the Community Centre decided to hold a Carnival. The variety of stalls was quite extensive, with fancy goods, cakes, sweets, dolls clothes, novelties, toys, produce, white elephant, books, poker work, and bran tub. In addition, there were afternoon teas, raffles, and other entertainments. All the stalls made a fair profit during the day, with the fancy goods (44 pounds 12 shillings), and Miss Burrell's cake stall making 30 pounds 5 shillings, the most profitable. All in all the Carnival produced an income of 220 pounds. Mesdames Carran, Burrell and Annabel kept the visitors suitably fed

with excellent afternoon teas.

Funnily enough, the official opening had been scheduled for midway through 1948. Legal difficulties regarding the title, and the necessity for an order in Council declaring Harrison Street a public thoroughfare, delayed the opening until 1949. However, the Centre Committee decided to stage the ‘Monster Carnival’ in the Community Hall on Saturday 4 December 1948. All of the stall organisers were wives of Community members apart from the book stall, which was organised by Logan Smith.

The carnival was the first of many events the Centre enjoyed over many years. Shortly after this carnival, a Variety Concert was held. This began with songs by members of the Brooklyn Townswomen’s Guild Choir, followed by a Maori poi, a violin solo by Mr Wilson, further songs by Robert Wentworth and Ernie Deans, and a dance (the Butterfly Catcher) by Alison Ackroyd-Kelly (Jack’s daughter).

Interval followed where copious amounts of ice cream and soft drinks were available, then a comic play - ‘World Without Men’ was staged by seven women. The evening finished with a Grand Carnival Dance - 50-50 dances for young and old, dancing until 1am. The cost of the evening was 4 shillings single, 7/6d double.

Chris Rabey

OUT & ABOUT IN BROOKLYN

This month Euan Harris talks with Slow Boat Records owner Dennis O'Brien

Many people know Dennis O'Brien as the owner of Slow Boat Records in Cuba Street which has the distinction of being the longest independently owned record shop in NZ and last year was named as one of the 100 top record shops in the world. However prior to establishing Slow Boat, Dennis made a name for himself in the 1970s and 80s as a singer/songwriter not only in NZ where he won several industry awards but also overseas, notably in London and Germany.

[www.audioculture.co.nz/people/dennis-obrien](http://audioculture.co.nz/people/dennis-obrien)

Dennis is a Brooklyn boy through and through. Brian and Val, his parents, lived in Taft Street and Dennis together with his younger brother Phil, attended nearby St Bernard's School starting his education when it was still known as St Anthony's. Intermediate years were spent at Marist Newtown and secondary at St Patrick's College followed by study at Victoria University where Dennis ended up doing music reviews for Salient magazine and working part-time in Smith's second-hand bookshop.

Dennis's father Brian O'Brien was editor of Sports Digest for 30 years and also served as a Wellington City Councillor. Grandparents on his father's side lived close by in Lincoln Street and Dennis fondly remembers visiting his grandmother working at Faulkner's Cake Kitchen, Cleveland Street for egg sandwiches and other delicious eats. As a small boy Dennis would drop into the local milk bar along from the Vogue Cinema and occasionally help himself to a chocolate buzz bar.



One day the suspecting owner chased him out of the shop and Dennis ran up the Vogue fire escape to hide.

It was at St Pats that Dennis met like-minded people with an interest in music and from these beginnings Triangle, his first band, was formed with Dennis on vocals and piano. In the early days they played gigs as a covers band at local venues, including The Beachcomber on Oriental Bay and The Attic in Courtenay Place. Dennis moved to and from London in the early to mid-70s working his passage across the seas by performing on the Shaw Savill liner, Southern Cross and it was on one of these trips that he met Suzy his future wife.

Eventually Dennis settled back in Wellington and recorded a number of successful singles and albums in the late 70s and early 80s. His last album was released in 1982 when he was beginning to sell records at Paddy's Market. Dennis moved to a small shop on Plimmers Steps and then bought a second-hand record and book store at 191 Cuba Street. During the 1980s Dennis successfully bid for the Westpac building at 183 Cuba Street, which has been home to Slow Boat ever since.



The milk bar at 201 Ohio Road (next to The Vogue) that Dennis frequented as a young boy

SCHOOL NEWS

By the time you read this Term Two will have started after a two week break. Winter sports will soon be in full swing so hopefully the weather is kind to all our sports girls and boys this year.

At the end of Term One Brooklyn School farewelled Lois who has been Office Manager for seven years. The office won't be the same without her. The year 5 and 6s are due to head off to camp on Wednesday of the first week. Fingers will be crossed that their camp is not quite so adventurous as the Year 7 and 8s who suffered from a gastro breakout at their camp in March.

Ridgway School encourage their students to come up with fundraising ideas and

to run the fundraiser. At the end of last term, a team of girls produced a full colour school newspaper and sold it for \$1.00 a copy to raise funds for the Vogelmorn bike track. The school is also on the look-out for a volunteer with landscaping knowledge to help with the track design; to beautify it but also for some design ideas to help encourage children to stay on the track and not deviate from it. If you can help please contact Jason Eady at jasoneady@hotmail.com.

On the subject of fundraising, St Bernards managed to raise \$938 from their Easter raffle. All proceeds go towards new school sports tops.

Term Two finishes on 6 July for all our schools.

Julie Seevens

BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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There are a large number of projects ongoing in our neighbourhood that impact on us all, here are a few currently on our radar:

Washington Ave waste water main renewal: underway, expected completion end of April

Tawatawa – Vogelmorn Bike Track at Ridgway School: ongoing project, donations welcome

- Email: bridgmans@gmail.com

Decommissioning of trolley bus wires: work to be done overnight from mid-April to mid-May
No overnight parking – with two day prior notice for impacted residents

Bus hub Cleveland/Harrison/Jefferson intersection: July 2018 = improved service to Kingston, Mornington, Kowhai Park which has been long awaited, however:

- Increased bus movements/congestion is a concern
- 3 carparks lost
- Cycle and pedestrian safety for all especially: School children; Passengers crossing Cleveland and Harrison Streets to change buses; Library users

Ohio/Cleveland/Todman intersection safety improvements:

- Under review with onsite assessment to be completed including traffic modelling for a potential barn dance pedestrian crossing

Removal of Jefferson St mobility parks:

- Planning stage to relocate to Cleveland St

Re-development of Brooklyn School: expected start date late 2018

- Noise, dust, debris trucked through Brooklyn to Southern Landfill
- Vehicle movement/parking for material suppliers and workers

Prince of Wales water reservoir and Bell Rd reservoir replacement: improved water storage resilience, 2–3 year construction, expected start date 2020

- Preliminary work laying pipes down Brooklyn Rd to connect to Te Aro
- Likely temporary closure of Bell Road to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians
- Dust, noise, and increased truck traffic through Brooklyn to Southern Landfill unless alternative route can be found, plus construction traffic movements

Ohio/Brooklyn Rd intersection safety improvements:

- Planning stage – ideas sought

Victoria/Webb/Willis/Brooklyn Rd intersection safety improvements:

- Planning stage – ideas sought

Harrison St WCC owned flats – EQ prone

- Long term plan to be demolished and redeveloped as social housing

All this is happening in our community, what do you think, what are your suggested solutions? Email them to us.

Come to our next meeting 7pm Tuesday the 22nd of May or to our AGM at 7pm Tuesday 26 June at St Matthew's Church on Washington Avenue.

from the LIBRARY



By the time you read this the school holidays will have passed. I hope some of our Brooklyn children have had the opportunity to participate in the Holiday Technology Programmes provided across our Library sites. To follow on we have a number of coding books available to help foster further creativity with computers and technology. Remember we can get any Children's book in the catalogue sent to Brooklyn as a free reserve when using a Child's library card.

Once again we have teamed with Hell Pizza to encourage children to read. Hell Pizza is generously providing a free Hell333 Childs pizza for every seven children's books issued. Come on in and take advantage of this offer to give your children an extra incentive to read. Don't forget to check out the "Stuff for Kids" page located on the "Your Library" tab on our website. This has resources for children and for parents looking for some fresh inspiration.

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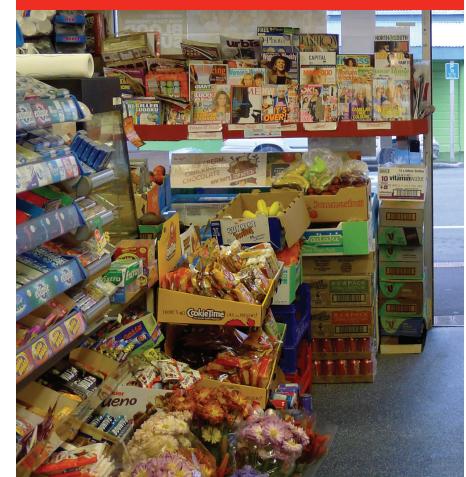
It is time to talk about the future of Wellington. The 10 Year Plan is out for discussion and we have copies and submission forms at the library. While you are thinking about the future of Wellington also think closer to home, i.e. your Brooklyn Library. If you have any suggestions or ideas of what you would like to see at Brooklyn Library please let us know.

Keep warm, relish the last of the summer sun and enjoy your reading.

Ngā mihi

Heather and the team at Brooklyn Library.

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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	Meets on the first Wednesday of the month 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@orse.co.nz
PILATES	Mondays at 9am and Fridays at 9am & 10am. Contact Liz 027 503 0211 or birkettboys@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838.
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays 9am - 12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpd@gmail.com.
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
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

what's on at

VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

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AFTER-SCHOOL ROCKING POPPING BODS	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm. After-school music and motion for 5 - 8 year olds. Contact Moya on 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com.
BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@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 is ticking along very smoothly at St Matthew's Church. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in one way or another during our transition. Our programme is available for anyone to attend. Outlined below is our schedule of activities over the day.

10:30 am	Morning Tea
Noon	Lunch
1 pm	Arthritic Exercise
1:30 pm	Speaker
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea

SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

We have a great line up of guest speakers during May with something to suit everyone.

2 May – Pam Wright: Spending time in Finland

9 May – Francis Lepper: Hooves in the sand (horses during WW2)

16 May – BINGO

23 May – Irena Papp: Part 2 - Tripping around NZ (North Is)

30 May – SYLO (Sing Your Lungs Out) choir come along and listen to SYLO performing in the main church area joined by students from Queen Margaret College and Wellington College choirs.

Feel free to drop by on a Wednesday to see what is on offer. You can stay for any length of time.

We would love to see a few new people.
Jenny Swan, Co-ordinator



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evanandrebecca@gmail.com



NEXT WORKING BEE IS SUNDAY 27 MAY

Upstream meets from 10.00 – 12.00 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!

Once upon a time...Central Park had its own caretaker who looked after the established gardens, maintained the paths and kept the waterways clear. In those days, people stayed in the same job for many years and the first caretaker, Mr G. Clarke, lived in a cottage on Ohiro Road provided by the council from 1920 – 1945. Only two more caretakers held the position until 1986 when the work was passed onto contractors and other council staff. Upstream has now been part of the mix for well over a decade, helping to maintain and improve the park.

The caretaker's house was eventually removed, leaving a flat grassy, but somewhat bland area. Last month we began work on restoring some character to the site by removing some dead trees and undesirable species, pruning back overgrowth from nearby

tracks and clearing the banks around the site, where old rock walls from the former cottage garden still remain. Vestiges of the garden planting can be seen in such plants as laurel, magnolia, winter sweet and hydrangea, although, sadly, a large rhododendron will be amongst the dead trees to be removed. We're currently working with the city council to plan some replanting that will be in keeping with the site's heritage. The goal is to reflect the history of the site and also to enhance it as a place that people might enjoy as they puff uphill to Brooklyn (and all live happily ever after).

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From time to time FOOS receives one of Peter Reimann's excellent Trellissick Park newsletters. The Trellissick Park Group is one of the oldest (formed 1991) and most successful conservation groups in Wellington, as a walk through the area will testify. Compared to most of FOOS's tracks, theirs are positively park like, and provide a vision of what we are aiming for; one photograph in the March newsletter shows legions of beautifully regenerating kohekohe seedlings - a joy to behold - BUT the "Regeneration 25 years after the first clearance of tradescantia, with three other clearings since." Obviously FOOS, being 15 years old rather than 27, has some way to go, but sometimes we despair of ever making a permanent difference. Then we realise that with gardening, nothing is ever finished or final.

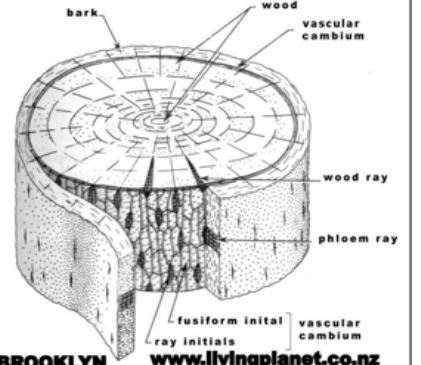
While we are aspiring to Trellissick Park's nicely groomed paths, their newsletters show they feel just as despairing as we do about the same issues; tradescantia - will we ever get rid of it; blackberry and other nasties; and as for rubbish dumping - Grrrr!

Last month I said that we had received a donation that we were intending to put towards gloves and tools that were more manageable for smaller people to use at working bees. It is always encouraging to see families with young children participating, but it's quite difficult for parents to work and keep an eye on kids as well. Hopefully having appropriately sized equipment will make life easier for both parents and children.

Well, we haven't sourced any decent small tools yet, but we did manage to buy some of the cutest little gloves. Now we are keeping our eyes open for something suitable for 10-13 year olds.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream





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It has been a great summer at the Brooklyn Community Orchard. Our Monday night working bees had the usual attendees and we had visits from many groups in our community, including the Brooklyn Garden Club, Brownies, Brooklyn School, Duke of Edinburgh participants, as well as the Tree Croppers Association and the co-ordinators of other community gardens in Wellington. It is a pleasure to know the space is well used and appreciated. This has been our best fruiting year thanks to

the weather conditions and the age of the trees. The Orchard has been going for 10 years now and the trees are showing their maturity and providing our community with fruit. It is a little thank you for all the love we have given them over this decade.

The Orchard is a picking orchard not a harvesting orchard. So please fill your pockets not your bags. We set up the Orchard with the ethos of sharing, thinking of those who come after you, learning together and working together as a community. It is a wonderful space where you can come, not only for the fruit but also to soak up the benefits of nature.

Our working bees now move to Sunday afternoons on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm and all are welcome. Our feijoas are ripening, the pip fruit will need pruning, beds will need mulching and the weeds just keep on growing; so there is always plenty to do.

Look forward to seeing you there.

BELL ROAD RESERVOIR



Wellington Water

We had an excellent turnout on 25th March from the local community at the first public open day for the Bell Road Replacement Reservoir. It was a positive and productive session with much of the focus on transport routes and impacts on different community groups.

Following the feedback from the open day and other meetings with the community we have been working to refine the transport route options and the hours of

operations. We will be holding another meeting with the community to further refine these.

We have also started looking at the options for the landscaping and future use of the land where the current reservoir is located. This site is within the Town Belt and any use will need to be consistent with the Town Belt Act, but there will be an opportunity to work together on the options for this site.

Meanwhile, our engagement team is continuing to meet one on one with residents adjacent to the proposed construction site. The project is on track to lodge an easement application with Wellington City Council under the Wellington Town Belt Act later this year.



Gypsy is the strong, silent type who's gone from starving stray to super-smooch. He showed up one day under a bed in a house which already had two cats. "I'm glad he chose my house," his kind-hearted rescuer told us. "Plenty of other people would have shooed him outside with a stick. I just knew he needed care." As her cats were politely opposed to an additional roommate, Gypsy was brought to our shelter.

Now that he has had vet treatment for his bad teeth and is getting three meals a day he is more relaxed around our volunteers.

Gypsy likes pats and cuddles and will headbutt people he likes. He's around 10 years old and can usually be found on one of our sofas, or lounging in a sunny doorway to catch the breeze. Sadly, he is FIV+ so he will need a home where he cannot mix with other neighbourhood cats. He is eligible for our foster programme.

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Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working Bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm, 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 9 May 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 BNJFC

Our winter season is currently running. Register online at www.bnjfc.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 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.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.

7 May Fort Dorset to Churchill Park and on to Miramar via Worser Bay. 9.57 No 11 bus from Wallace St. to Seatoun

14 May Simla Cr, Lucknow Tce into Nairnville

park, Cockayne Rd, Punjab St into Odell reserve, Old Porirua Rd, Lower Ngaio Rd. 9.18 No 7 bus, 10.02 train.

21 May Bell Rd, Nairn St park, Hankey St, High School, Basin Reserve, Ellis St, Brougham St, Majoribanks St, Waterfront to Railway Station.

CATS PROTECTION

WELLINGTON Visitors are welcome to meet the cats at our friendly shelter from 12pm – 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We're at 29 Vancouver St (off Montreal Grove) in Kingston. Phone 3899668. www.cpl-wellington.org.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

LIONS CLUB Help build your community and make new friends along the way. Vicki 022 033 0031

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 rata@montessori.school.nz

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

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>

UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Next working bee 27 May. Last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at the Jetty, a few hundred metres along the main path on the right, beside the stream - there will be signs at the

gate. 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.

EVERY GIRL'S & BOY'S RALLY

Thursdays during school terms from 7pm-8:30pm at Ridgeway Christian Youth Centre, 117 The Ridgeway, Mornington for ages 8 - 12. Contact Evan Tyler 027 274 2631 evanandrebecca@gmail.com



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