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Brooklyn
Community
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Community
Market

12-4pm

23 March

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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This month's cover photo is of the Tuesday morning Early Childhood Music class in the Community Centre lounge.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
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Hello, kia ora, happy Neighbours Aotearoa month. The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly, with two editions a year delivered to homes in the greater Brooklyn area. The next home delivery will be in September, in the meantime you can get copies from here at the Community Centre, local businesses, and the library.

Speaking of the library, we here at the Community Centre heaved a collective sigh of relief when the recent announcement WCC were discussing closing it as part of their cost reductions turned out to be a false alarm.

RATs Tests and Masks

WCC have decided not to continue stocking the rapid antigen tests and masks so this unfortunately means we are no longer able to supply them free to our community. The nearest supplier is the Brooklyn Pharmacy, located at 67 Cleveland Street, who have single tests available for \$6.99 and a limited supply of free soon-to-expire tests.

Recycling

The recent nationwide changes to recycling hasn't really impacted on Wellington as we were already just recycling plastic numbers 1, 2, and 5 at the kerbside, so it's an easy transition for us. Liquid paperboard (tetra paks and similar) are part of the WCC non-recyclables but with financial assistance from Tetra Pak NZ, we have a very successful recycling initiative here at the Community Centre for them. We were the first drop-off point in Wellington City and suburbs for this type of recycling, which grew from the suggestion of a Brooklyn resident on a local

Facebook page to consolidate collection and carpool them to Earthlink in Taita (at that time the nearest collection point). We offered to be the drop-off point, expecting a small amount to come in but soon had people coming from all over Wellington to drop them off, including cafés and Weta Workshop. At danger of having to stop this initiative, Tetra Pak NZ stepped in and organised for Earthlink to make regular collections and they also supplied us with wheelie bins for them. This initiative keeps going from strength to strength and we are very proud to be doing our bit to help stop these items from ending up in the landfill. We also have recycling available here for items that Sustainability Trust organise to be recycled that would also otherwise end up the landfill; household batteries; and aluminium cans. Can drop-offs are available anytime as the container is in the carpark, for everything else drop-offs are available Monday – Friday from 7am to 6pm when BCA are staff here. The centre is open most weekday evenings and Sunday mornings for regular groups so drop-offs are able to be made then as well.

Market

Our next community market is coming up this month on Saturday 23 March from 12pm – 4pm. Come on down for a fun afternoon and celebrate Neighbours Aotearoa with us, friends, and neighbours.

Looking for Te reo Māori or Te ao Māori Facilitators

We would like to support any locals who are looking to practice their Te reo Māori or Te ao Māori in a relaxing, informal, and inclusive environment, by offering free room hire here at the Community Centre. We are unable to offer a facilitator at this stage but if you know of anyone who would like to head up a group, however small, please ask them to contact us. The expectation is that no participants would be charged a fee to attend sessions and that

everyone wanting to attend would be welcome to do so. We also have room for anyone wanting to run a more structured/chargeable group so please don't hesitate to get it touch to discuss rates and availability.

Friday Guest Speakers Wanted

If you are able to spare an hour on a Friday to give a talk to our Friday Circle Seniors Group, we would love to hear from you. Our group meets from 11am to 2pm during school terms and after lunch at around 1pm we have a guest speaker. It's to a gathering of up to 15 people and is very informal. We like to meet new people and hear about what they do, or a hobby or group they belong to, an overseas trip or any life experience. It doesn't have to be a long talk. You can plug a lap top into our TV monitor if you want to show photos. Musicians are also welcome as we appreciate a live performance and a chance to sing.

Have a great month

Julie and Euan

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from the LIBRARY

DON'T PANIC!!!

You may have heard recently that there has been some talk regarding the possible closure of Brooklyn library as part of a series of proposed cost cutting measures put forward for discussion as part of Wellington Council's Long Term Plan (LTP). Happily, this is not the case, although there may eventually be some changes to the library's opening hours. It is important to understand that this is only a proposal and that final decisions on the LTP won't be made until June, following a period of spirited and, no doubt, lively debate at the conclusion of the public consultation period, which will run from 12 April to 12 May. The final decisions on the LTP will be made known once it is adopted in late June.

However, regular patrons should rest assured that the staff at Brooklyn have their own plan to escape any decisions to defund the library. To this end, we intend to disguise the library as a Vape Shop. Given its proximity to the local school and kindergarten, we consider that the library will be safe from further scrutiny from the council and should continue to flourish under the radar.

On a brighter note – join us on Thursday mornings for Preschool Storytime, ideal for the parents of toddlers



looking to fill that difficult period between naps. Between 10.30 and 11 our resident storyteller, El, delights in presenting tales and songs with a rare verve and panache that left at least one parent remarking: "I didn't realise you could tell stories quite like that," but in a good way. Preschool Storytime is available during term time only, not because of government cutbacks, but because the space tends to get a bit busy during the holidays. We look forward to having you join us.

The role of full-time part-time (if you know what I mean) librarian at Brooklyn Library is currently the hottest ticket in town with over 300 enthusiastic hopefuls vying for the role so recently vacated by Helen. She left some big shoes to fill, but we've put them in the cupboard outside next to the bins if anyone fancies them. In the meantime, we hope to introduce you to our newest team member shortly.

Remember: Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.

BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Monthly update on issues
and projects involving our
community

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

Threats to local services due to council funding crisis	It is now clear WCC is in so much debt that they have run out of red ink to track it. There are a series of service cuts and extra costs being proposed by WCC officers including cutting swimming pool and library hours, and introducing parking charges in suburban shopping centres. GBRAI will be developing submissions and fighting to retain local Brooklyn wide services in and around Brooklyn village, as well as the proposed suburban car parking fees idea from WCC. This will be a series of ongoing battles we suspect. We WILL be looking for assistance drafting submissions.
New sewage sludge dewatering plant construction levy	The new sewage sludge dewatering plant being built at Moa Point (replacing the old plant at the Southern Landfill) is well underway. This \$370M project has been separately funded by WCC via Central Government's Infrastructure fund, to be repaid separately from our standard rates payments. The new individualised bills are being sent out currently. Brace yourself.
Battery recycling & landfill diversion.	We continue to collect a variety of batteries at our collection point at the BCC. To date, we have collected 171kg of 9 types of batteries. The biggest (by volume) have been 90kg of AA, 27kg of AAA and 11kg of D batteries as well as a variety of other. Please ensure any batteries are not leaking or damaged as these are dangerous and CANNOT be recycled.
Prince of Wales Park water reservoir opening	This near \$70M joint venture project between Wellington Water and WCC (situated in the Prince of Wales Park/Omaroro) has now officially opened and is operational.
Scruffy uncut council berm/road reserve	WCC Parks and Reserves department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of strips of road reserve and berms citywide. Due to a lack of funding and staff, some of these areas are overgrown, causing potential fire hazards and impeding traffic views. GBRAI are exploring the option of community volunteer gardeners, with WCC permission, of taking over and beautifying them. More work to do and news to come.
Landfill Precinct – council run Careys Gulley.	WCC has submitted its consent to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for its next landfill stage (Southern Landfill Expansion Piggyback Option – SLEPO). We expect the project to proceed and be completed by 2026.
Brooklyn Cycleway.	Brooklyn cycleway expansion – with WCC in the financial plight it is in and Government funding withdrawn, we will see how/whether this proceeds

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:
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BRIGHT-EYED MOG ON LOOKOUT FOR NEW HOME

At just 3 years old, Mog is one of our youngest residents, and she still looks pretty wide-eyed about life!

The small tabby girl was originally found abandoned as a kitten on a farm, and she was lucky to find a good home for her early years. However, when her family moved, she struggled to adjust to the new location, especially as she didn't have the outdoor space she was used to.



Mog is confident enough to explore the shelter happily, although she can be shy with new people at first. When she does feel comfortable around you, she's likely to curl up on your lap. She can usually be found lounging on our sofas in the main living room. We're looking for an indoor-outdoor home for her, located away from wildlife areas as she is a bit of a hunter.

If you think Mog would be a perfect fit (as an only cat) in your home, call us to make an appointment to meet her this weekend.

There's more about Mog and all our other cats at catsprotectionwellington.org.nz. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories, and videos of cats in our shelter.




REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN*

OPEN DAY – Sunday 10 March 1-3pm
Vogelmorn Bowling Club (Free BBQ, boot swap, kickaround, free recycled equipment and lost property)

SEASON STARTS – 4/5 May *Closes on 28 March

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THE BRC CHARITABLE TRUST
formerly The BRC Society Inc

brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com

The BRC Charitable Trust is pleased to announce its first funding cycle for 2024. Applications open 1 March and close 31 March. Trustees meet in the middle of next month and applicants should receive notification of an outcome by late April.

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).

In 2023 the following groups/organisations received funding: Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club, Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club, Brooklyn Northern United Junior Football Club, Brooklyn Playgroup, Brooklyn School, Brooklyn Scouts, Brooklyn Trail Builders, Capital Montessori School (Kingston), St Bernard's School, Two Todman, Vogelmorn Community Group, and Whanāu Manaaki Brooklyn Kindergarten.

To apply for a grant from The BRC Charitable Trust applicants can request funding information by email at: brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com. An application form and guidelines will be emailed by the secretary. Please post your application form and supporting documentation back. If you're unsure whether you are eligible to apply for funding, please contact us (on email above) to discuss your project.

The BRC Charitable Trust

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RETAIL TRADING OVER THE YEARS

Before weekend trading became the norm most stores could only sell essentials at weekends. Some bizarre restrictions included shops not being allowed to sell nails or aspirin. It was all about protecting the standard 40-hour week. However, we are being terribly old-fangled. Before 1892 there were no trading hour restrictions. Most shops opened from 8am to 6pm six days a week, and to 10pm on Saturdays (pay-day for most folk) and respectfully shut on Sundays without even being asked.

The Shops and Offices Act of 1955 answered the growing pressure for a 40-hour week with no weekend trading. The essentials of Kiwi life were exempted, including lollies; fruit; fresh dairy products; petrol; vegies; and, of course, saveloyes! Flowers could only be bought if they were exposed for sale by the grower on premises where they were grown. Tea was sold in packs not exceeding half a pound, and cigarettes were sold one pack per customer. Any other items had to be locked away out of view from the public. The Department of Labour made hundreds of prosecutions annually for those flouting the law. Bizarre and wonderful discrepancies abounded.

No person under 16 could be employed before 7am except newspaper boys aged 12 and over and milk boys aged 14 and older who could work from 6am. Even in 1986, Sunday sales of lettuces and tomatoes were fine, but potatoes and carrots were not allowed. Appliance stores gave away video recorders with every

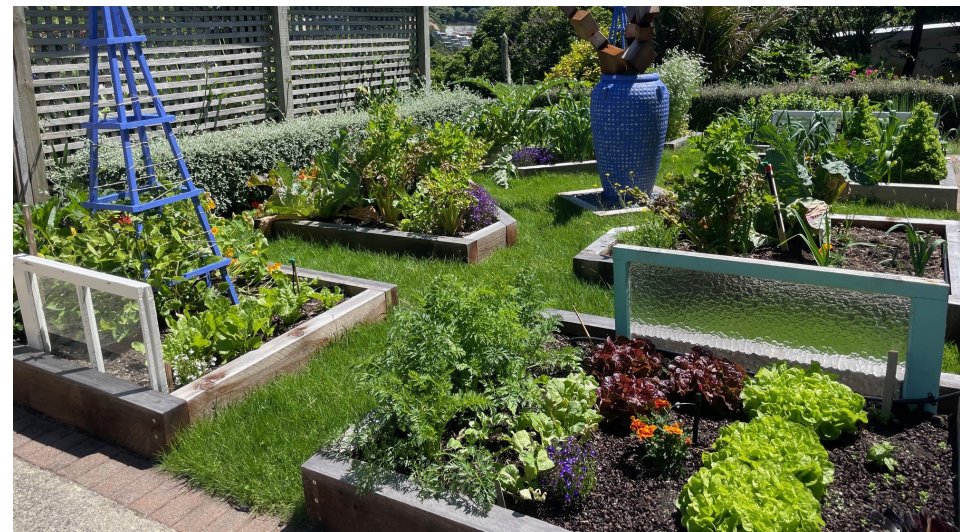
lemon sold on a Saturday. Expensive lemons, - perhaps the video recorder was the lemon! Even as late as 1981, the Brooklyn Discounter began opening over weekends, and complaints poured in, inducing the Council to force them to close.

In the late 1970s/early 1980s, Arthur Dodd, who was the independent owner of the Brooklyn Service Station in Ohiro Road, applied to the Wellington City Council (WCC) for permission to trade in basic foodstuffs. This was at a time prior to the convenience stores/service stations we have today. The WCC granted permission and Arthur spent a considerable amount of money on remodeling the shop, only to be later told that WCC had made an error and he couldn't sell the proposed foodstuffs after all. Years later, in 2001, Arthur and his daughter Julie installed a Four Square superette at the service station which did extremely well until Arthur sold the business in 2005, at which time the Four Square was closed down.

A footnote to this story relating to food. Some children at a secondary school in the early 1980s had breakfast before their lessons. Baked beans on toast was served to them, and a number of them preferred spaghetti which was also served. One helper, and father of some Brooklyn pupils, fixed that. He mixed baked beans with spaghetti and announced a new breakfast dish – “Slobbery Gob”. After a tentative taste the children ate with great gusto even coming back for seconds!

Chris Rabey

(additional reporting Julie Seevens)



BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1993)

Have you thought about joining a garden club but were uncertain about how to go about it? Then look no further. We are a group of gardeners, ranging in age and with different gardening styles - vegetables, flowers, natives, pots - but linked by a passion for plants and planting. You don't need to have an actual garden to join, just love plants.

We meet in the evening of the first Wednesday each month at the Reformed Church in Harrison Street from March to October. In February and December we meet outside for a garden picnic, sometimes in a member's garden, and in November we take a garden trip in the wider Wellington region. We also organise smaller outings to gardens, workshops and events through the year, outside of regular meeting times.

Members pay a small fee, and for this we get:

- speakers at most meetings, such as garden designers, plant experts, community garden organisers, public garden managers
- garden advice and problem-solving specifically for Brooklyn sites
- plant-swapping
- monthly newsletters

If you want to meet like-minded people, talk about plants, get and give advice, expand your plant range, visit other gardens and hear speakers with a variety of perspectives, then join the Brooklyn Garden Club. Contact Kathleen Skudder (kathleen.skudder@gmail.com) or Sue Reid-Tait (msreidtait@gmail.com) if you would like to join, or to talk further about the club.

As Audrey Hepburn said, “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”

what's on at your
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
18 Harrison Street

WEEKDAYS

**BEFORE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY**

**CHILDCARE
PROGRAMMES**

Contact Adam Hendry, Childcare Programme Manager.
Phone 385 0089 or email childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz.

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

**9 AM - 12 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Contact Philip on 021 230 4083 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com

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

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

**10:30 AM - 12:30 PM NATURAL
TREATMENT
CLINIC**

All welcome for natural treatments of acute and chronic conditions, relaxation, anxiety and stress support. Free B/P assessments and advice.

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

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

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**

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**8 PM TABLE
TENNIS**

Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpdl@gmail.com.

10 - 11 AM YOGA

Weekly one hour classes in the hall with Ale Figueroa. Contact Ale on 021 033 2049 or email: shining soul.nz@gmail.com

**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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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

**12 - 4 PM QUARTERLY
MARKETS**

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 23 March from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz to book your stall.

**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

**10:30 AM 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

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE HAPPENINGS





Long game

If you walk through Central Park just now, you'll see the strain of the dry weather and wind on the plants. The heart-shaped leaves of kawakawa are folded inwards and lean into the path, dry leaves abound underfoot, and more pinecones than usual present obstacles to the unwary. But it's not all bad news. Transplants from our last working bee seem to be holding their own. And as anyone who has watched time-lapse photography of plants in an Attenborough special can tell you – life moves on, even if we can't perceive it. Vines grow several metres in just days; in South America, apparently stationary giant water-lilies swing their heads in slow arcs, marking out their territories in ponds. Closer to home, our only indigenous palm tree, the nikau, takes 40 to

50 years to begin to form a trunk. Two hundred years later it could reach its adult height of 10 metres. While things look stuck in the short term, adjusting the way we look at things brings a different perspective. Hope perhaps.

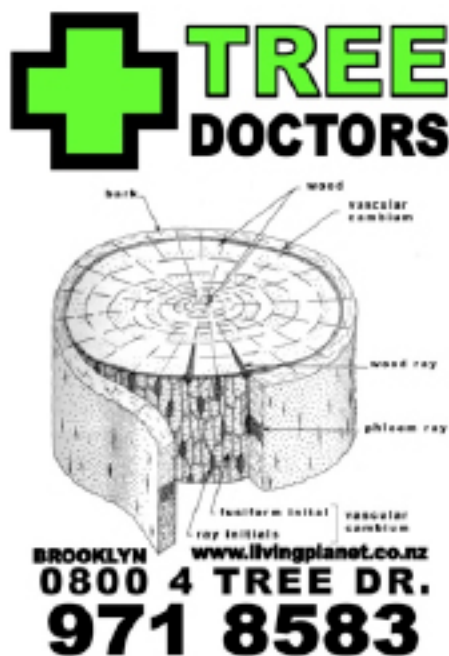
Come and make a difference to your local park. Bring your own mug (and gloves if you have them). We provide morning tea and plenty of weeding!

Next working bee – Usually, last Sunday of the month between 10am – 12.30pm

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

Contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz
Everyone welcome!

Credit: Dept of Conservation
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-plants/nikau-palm/>



BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

Why Good Oral Care is so Important.

Research is revealing that a healthy mouth is extremely critical to the health of your whole body. A compromised oral cavity can increase risk of developing chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and dementia. Oil pulling is an easy and inexpensive way to improve the balance of microorganisms in the mouth and improve our health. One of the major oral bacteria is **streptococcus mutans**, which when left unchecked will multiply in the mouth.

How Do You Oil Pull: Take 1/2 tsp of coconut oil with anti-microbial tea tree/ clove/ lemon, oil in mouth and swish around for 10-15 minutes, twice daily. Avoid gargling oil, instead use slow pulling motions and don't swallow the oil as it is full of toxins and microbes. After finishing, spit oil into toilet. Rinse mouth well with water and salt to eliminate any toxic debris from mouth. Brush teeth well with natural toothpaste.

Oil pulling goes beyond brushing and flossing, although important for oral hygiene, oil pulling has been shown to bind, trap and eliminate more microorganisms and get into deep pockets within the teeth and into some regions around root canals.

How else can I protect my oral health?

- Diet high in calcium-rich foods and low in sugary foods and beverages. Sugary foods attract bacteria that can lead to gingivitis and caries.
- Drinking plenty of water
- Avoiding smoking can significantly lower your risk of developing gum disease.

Smoking, vaping, and tobacco have negative effects on all aspects of dental health, including contributing to receding gums.

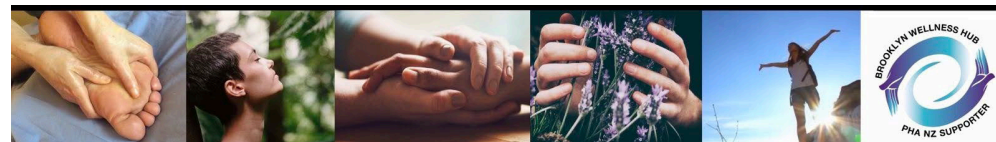
- Managing your stress can help keep your gums healthy. It is believed that stress can alter the immune response and affect the body's ability to fight bacteria buildup.

Natural Health Clinic every Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm at Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison Street, Brooklyn

- Natural health products, including oil pulling and natural toothpaste available for sale at clinic.
- Health assessments, consultations and treatment available with our experienced and professional Practitioners at clinic
- Drop in or make appointment via website.

Brooklyn Wellness Hub will be at Brooklyn Market Day 12pm - 4pm at Brooklyn Community Centre. Come and meet our practitioners and experience natural therapies and products for sale. Website: <https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

- **Available during Market Day: Koha Taster treatments** - light therapy, essential oils, dietary consults, massage, holistic pulsing, NZ flower essence therapy, reflexology, blood pressure and blood sugar assessments, exercise advice.
- **Information and benefits on becoming a member of Brooklyn Wellness Hub**, e.g. having access to emergency phone no when other medical treatment or ambulance not available plus access to our practitioners etc.



VOGELMORN PRECINCT



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<https://vogelmorn.nz/>

New Neighbourhood EV Charger

Vogelmorn now has a roadside community EV charger for neighbourhood use! It is a 7kwh charger, perfect for an overnight charge. Access is via subscription. Get in touch with Phil on 027 556 5543 for details. Let's power up and go green together!

Monthly Community Book club

The Community Book Club has started up again for another year. It's a great group for anyone who loves to read to come and share what they've been enjoying and get some recommendations for new titles to look out for. Each month we pick a theme to focus on, often a chance for readers to expand outside their tried and true favourite genres. Pick an old favourite or a brand new fantasy book you've never tried before. As well as a theme we find a title in the Unlimited Fiction selection on Libby so everyone can access it. This month we've gone with A Letter to Three Witches by Elizabeth Bass. Our next meeting is on Sunday 10 March at 3.30pm. Our group theme for the month is Fantasy. Can't wait to see you there!

Any questions? Email
elissa.rae.jordan@gmail.com

Vogelmorn Community Pizza Picnic

Sunday 24 March 11.30am – 2.30pm
Vogelmorn Green

Let's celebrate Neighbours Aotearoa together! Across the country, neighbours are getting together to celebrate their place, support one another, and share. Come along to Vogelmorn — join us for an afternoon of community, connection, and kai. Let's gather to create delicious pizzas together. The outdoor pizza oven will be fired up from 11am and we'll supply the dough. Just bring your friends, family, and your favourite pizza toppings. We'll lounge on the grass if the weather permits — or head inside for a picnic upstairs. If you have dietary restrictions, feel free to bring your own gluten-free bases or dairy-free cheese.

Please note that while the pizza oven and outdoor area are accessible, the Vogelmorn Bowling Club itself is not accessible.

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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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Community Market

12-4pm
23 March



**Toasted sandwiches
Sausage Sizzle
Knife Sharpener
Terrariums
Plants & Succulents
Jewellery
Resin goods
Crystals / Soaps
Home baking**

**Organic balms & skin care
Ceramics
Crochet toys
Crafts
Vegetables
Chutneys
Environmentally friendly products
Brooklyn Wellness Hub**


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Recycling at the Community Centre

- » Liquid paperboard (tetra paks)
- » Number 2 & 5 plastic lids
- » Metal tops/lids
- » Household batteries
- » Aluminium cans




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BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS

Pippins (5-7 years)
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Guides (9-12.5 years) brooklynguides@gmail.com or visit
<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to sunset 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 23 March 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 Octowwwber at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrg.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

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

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

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

BROOKLYN WALKERS

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

4 March – Stellin Memorial to Wadestown. Catch

9:55am No. 22 bus from Railway Station.

11 March – Maupuia to Miramar. Catch 9:25am No. 24 bus from Willis Street by Unity Books.

18 March – Waikanae Beach to Paraparaumu. Start at 9:13am from Wellington Railway Station.

25 March – Trelissick Park walk. Start at 10:02am from Wellington 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.

vogelmorntenniscub.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

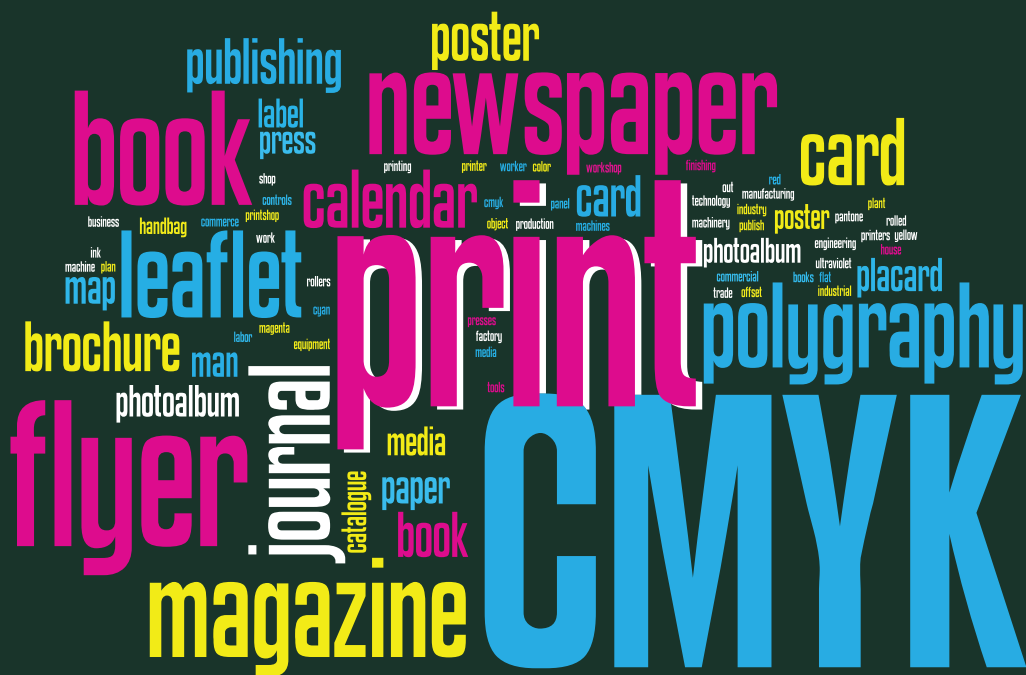
22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com or call 027 700 1363.

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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