



Brooklyn  
Community  
Centre

# BROOKLYN TATTLER

*what's happening in your community*



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*This month's cover photo is of Amelia Fogg giving the address at the Brooklyn Anzac Day Commemoration Service held at Brooklyn School.*

*Photo credit: Euan Harris*

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## from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PHONE 384 6799**

Hello, Kia ora, welcome to the May edition of the Brooklyn Tattler. The nights are closing in now reminding us that winter is not far away.

Consultation is now open until 12 May for WCC's (ten year) long-term-plan. There are some significant proposals being consulted on so it's really important that as many people as possible make submissions, even for proposed changes that may not immediately impact on the greater Brooklyn area but if they go through will almost definitely be brought to our suburb in the future – yes, we're talking about suburban meter parking. Whatever your view on this, it's important the Council hears it. It's also vital to let the Council know how much we value our community assets, including the Community Centre and Brooklyn Library. Turn to page four for more information from our local councillors on the long-term-plan and how to make submissions. Documents and submission forms are available here at the Community Centre in the foyer.

### ANZAC Day

It was a blustery day on 25 April and at times it felt as though the marquee erected in the Brooklyn School grounds would lift up and blow away. In spite of the high winds, the weather remained fine and over 200 people attended the Brooklyn Anzac Day

Commemoration Service which began at 10.30am, including Rongotai MP, Julie Anne Genter, and Deputy Mayor and Paekawakawa Southern Ward Councillor, Laurie Foon.

As in previous years, Ross McMillan from the Salvation Army led the service, and highlights included the address given by 18-year-old Amelia Fogg and the reading of the Stewart Elliot's poem "On this Hallowed Day" by Brooklyn Community Association President, Sonya Bissmire. After the service we marched behind the Salvation Army Cuba Street Band back to the Brooklyn Community Centre for morning tea.

At midday the traditional wreath laying ceremony took place at the WW1 memorial on Sugarloaf Hill, accompanied by Emma Downey who played the last post on her bugle. Thanks to everyone, including all the volunteers who made this day a success. Special thanks to Phillip Bolton and Perry Aspros for organizing the proceedings, to the Brooklyn Scout Group and Bev Aspros for the catering, and we gratefully acknowledge Wellington City Council for their funding grant.

### Brooklyn Wellness Hub clinics

The practitioners from the Brooklyn Wellness Hub are now offering a new Wednesday evening clinic in addition to their Tuesday mornings sessions. You can now visit the practitioners on the third Wednesday of each month from 6pm – 8pm in the RSA room of the Community Centre, for natural

treatments of acute and chronic conditions, relaxation, and anxiety and stress support, plus free blood pressure assessments and advice. Drop in or make an appointment by emailing: [brooklynwellnesshub@protonmail.me](mailto:brooklynwellnesshub@protonmail.me)

### Ukulele classes

Moggie Grayson is back for term two with her adult ukulele classes on Monday mornings from 10am – 11am in the RSA room here at the Community Centre. The eight-week classes run until 1st July meaning you can join in at anytime over the next couple of months. People of all ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Moggie on 384 8213 or email: [moggigrayson@gmail.com](mailto:moggigrayson@gmail.com)

Have a great month.

Julie and Euan

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## FROM THE COUNCILLORS

### Laurie Foon

Deputy Mayor,  
Councillor for  
Paekawakawa/  
Southern Ward



Tēnā koutou people of Brooklyn,

We're creating Wellington City's next ten-year plan and budget (our 2024-34 Long-term Plan). We can continue to invest in making Wellington thrive but we need to balance the pace of our investment with what we can afford. As a community, we need to make some tough decisions about what to prioritise. We need to make three big decisions – about water, waste, and how we best manage our investment and insurance risk.

- How much do we spend on fixing the pipes?
- Do we introduce Council wheelie bins for rubbish and organics to reduce landfill waste?
- Do we sell our airport shares to help manage insurance and investment risk?

Our costs are increasing. To continue doing everything we are doing, as well as spending more on water, would mean an average rates rise of 26 percent for the coming financial year. We're proposing an average rates rise of 16.4 percent. This excludes a new levy to pay for the sludge minimisation plant at Moa Point, which will be about 1.6 percent.



### Nureddin Abdurahman

Councillor for  
Paekawakawa/  
Southern Ward

To reduce rates increases, we've looked at what we could stop, close, slow, or reduce. Our proposals include closing the Arapaki library and service centre on Manners Street, reducing spending on the bike network and sustainable street changes, stopping the annual mid-year fireworks display, not doing the planned transport improvements on Hutt Road, not upgrading the Ian Galloway Park and Waitangi Park skate facilities, closing Khandallah Pool, stopping the quarterly Our Wellington brochure, and selling Wadestown Community Centre. We're also looking at introducing parking fees in many suburban centres and introducing fees for motorcycle parking in the central city.

Formal consultation on the 2024-34 Long-term Plan will close on 12 May.

Providing feedback is an important way to have your say on the future of our city and we want to hear what you have to say. To find out more or make a submission, visit [wcc.nz/ltp](http://wcc.nz/ltp) or pick up a copy of the consultation document and submission form at any of our libraries or the Brooklyn Community Centre.

Ngā mihi nui

Laurie and Nureddin - Councillors  
Paekawakawa Southern Ward

## LOVABLE LOUIE IS A ROYAL CHARMER

Louie (7) is a friendly boy who has been with us for months, waiting for someone to recognise his special charm and take him home.

He came into the CPW shelter because he was stressed in his previous home. He would be happiest as an only pet, and he responds best to people who can give him time and affection.

Louie is a lovely boy who enjoys hanging out with his people. He's good with children and loves to sit next to people – he'll be a great couch mate for those relaxing TV evenings!



He likes to spend some time outdoors, but isn't any kind of a hunter – so less of a threat to birdlife. If you want to take home lovable Louis, call us to make a time to meet him.

There's more about Louis and all our other cats at [catsprotectionwellington.org.nz](http://catsprotectionwellington.org.nz). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for pictures, stories and videos of cats in our shelter.



THE BRC  
CHARITABLE TRUST  
*formerly The BRC Society Inc*

[brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynresourcecentre@gmail.com)

The BRC Charitable Trust met last month to allocate grants for its first funding round of 2024. While Trustees would like to respond affirmatively to all grant applications, more requests for funding were received than the allocation available this cycle. As a result, some applications were turned down and some organisations/groups received full or partial funding for their projects/activities.

We are pleased to announce the following recipients received funding:

**Brooklyn Community Association** - to put towards Friday Circle costs

**Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club** - to put towards indoor hockey side barriers

**Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club** - to put towards purchase of team shirts/caps

**Brooklyn School (Years 5 – 8)** - to put towards Structured Literacy Reading books

**St Bernard's School** - to put towards reading books & replacing Chromebooks

**Two Todman** - to put towards Brooklyn Festival main headline act

The second funding round of 2024 will occur in four months' time. Applications open 1 September and close 30 September. Any not-for-profit community organisation, group, or incorporated charity that provides an activity, programme, or service for the benefit of people in the wider Brooklyn area can apply (with a maximum funding of \$5,000 for each project).

The BRC Charitable Trust

# from the LIBRARY

It's been a very quiet month at the library (no one has tried to close us down recently) so in lieu of any updates we thought we would compile a list of our 10 favourite fictional librarians.

**Rupert Giles** – watcher and guardian of The Chosen One from Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Wears glasses, had leather patches on his elbow and was always on hand to rifle through his extensive collection of esoteric texts and find some vital information to help save the day.

**The Librarian** - The library at Terry Pratchett's Unseen University is a storehouse for magical tomes and references. A magical spell gone awry transformed the head librarian into an orangutan. He has fought all efforts to transform him back to human.

**Mary Hatch** – The dowdy Pottersville librarian from 'It's a Wonderful Life'. A tragic old maid, living the life of a shy, mousy, spinster: what else could she be but a small-town librarian? Not director Frank Capra's finest moment but, remove those spectacles, and the hairpins, and it's Donna Reed (ask your grandparents) living in an alternate reality, so all is well.

**Lucien** – librarian in the Castle at the centre of the Dreaming in Neil Gaiman's Sandman. Curator of every book that has ever been dreamed or imagined, but never written.

**Dr Barbara Gordon** – Head Librarian of Gotham City Public Library. Manages a city's information needs by day, fights crime as Batgirl by night. What we all secretly aspire to.



**The Page Sisters** – Senior librarians at Golden Boughs Retirement Community - the biggest, baddest, hottest librarians the world has ever seen. Their job is to capture Fables who have escaped their stories into our world. From the Fables graphic novels by Bill Willingham – highly recommended.

**Sayuri Komachi** – the librarian from Michiko Aoyama's book 'What You Are Looking For Is in the Library'. She helps people find what's missing in their lives by providing them a list of recommended books that alters the trajectory of the characters' lives in significant ways (always for the better). One of the extra services we provide when we're not too busy.

**The Cat formerly known as Cheshire** – head librarian in Jasper Fforde's head-spinning 'Thursday Next' series. Has an encyclopaedic knowledge of every single book in the library, knowing not just where it is, but also how many times it has been read ever and how many people are reading it at that moment.

**Irene Winters** - part of a large network of librarians who are sent on missions to acquire rare books from alternate realities in order to keep reality in balance, in Genevieve Cogman's 'Invisible Library' series. Her world rollicks with the sort of gusto not always found at Brooklyn Library, it must be said.

**Madame Pince** – in fairness, this is no one's favourite librarian, but we would have been remiss if we hadn't included the librarian at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Greatly disliked by the students for her strict adherence to library rules, she forbids talking, laughing, whispering, sneezing, and scurrying – all of which are perfectly acceptable at Brooklyn Library, except the scurrying. We can't be doing with any scurrying.

Did we miss any out? Be sure to let us know your favourite fictitious librarian next time you drop into the library. We feel a bit fictitious ourselves sometimes, especially El, so we're happy to be

included on any list you may have.

Just in case you didn't throw out all your CDs with your vinyl, you might be interested to know that you can now borrow CD Players from the library. They come equipped with a wired over-ear headphones, a JBL portable Bluetooth speaker, and 2 USB micro cables, and are available for all your party needs.

Speaking of your party needs – here's a quick joke that exemplifies why librarians don't get invited to more of them: An oxymoron walks into a bar, and the silence was deafening.

I thank you.

## Katie Underwood

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# ST JOHN BROOKLYN

Just a reminder that there were changes to the times that both Penguins and the Cadets meet. This was instigated in January and the results have been very positive.

The Penguins Year 1-6 has had an exciting increase in numbers and the Cadets are assisting them with their progress.

The Penguins put on a play, and this was attended by family and other Leaders in St John who gave a rousing applause at the end. The Penguins wrote the script themselves and the characters performed so well that it deserved a mini-Oscar award.

If you know of anyone who would like to be part of the Penguins that would enjoy the learning, and the experience of working with others and future Cadets please contact

Karen, Assistant Divisional Manager, on 027 404 6343.

Year 1-6 meet at the Brooklyn Community Centre in Harrison Street from 6pm to 7 pm.

Cadets will now start at 7pm again at the Brooklyn Community Centre. Any enquiries to Ross, Division Manager, on 021 264 0440.

St John has always been proud of and truly respected Anzac Day and what is being celebrated on this special day. The Brooklyn leaders and other members proudly dress and appropriately wear St John medals and uniform. Others wear medals along with a poppy in respect of past family members.

Brooklyn is busy with District Competitions this term. These are always well represented, Brooklyn competes and is very successful.

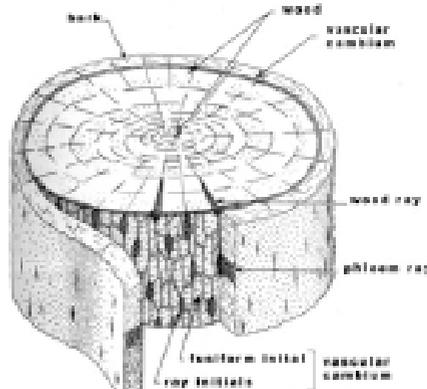


# St John

You are welcome to come along to a meeting night and see what we do.

Ross

Brooklyn Divisional Manager  
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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Monthly update on issues  
and projects involving our  
community

## NEXT MEETING – GBRAI AGM 19 June, 7pm Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street - Come and have your say

<b>AGM and Executive</b>	We would love you to come along to the AGM and to our ongoing meetings. We are seeking new people to join the Executive and GBRAI to look at bringing fresh ideas and energy to the Exec and to look to take on roles and responsibilities.
<b>WCC Draft District Plan</b>	WCC have the Draft District Plan out for consultation. This annual process has been heavily influenced by the state of council finances. We are looking at service cuts and other changes. GBRAI will be making a submission on the document and urge residents to take the time to make a submission of their own. As a citizen if your voice is not heard, you do not have a voice.
<b>Support local. (clubs, organisations, and businesses)</b>	We appreciate times are tough, but we urge you to check out a class at the Community Centre, go to a movie, eat in or eat out at the many wonderful local eateries, or go to the Pub quiz night. This contributes to community unity and vibrancy and supports those who support us.
<b>Brooklyn Connections Project / cycleway.</b>	Cycle lane work and other changes are in the final stages. We will update you as we know more.
<b>Road maintenance around the Brooklyn lights</b>	WCC has undertaken substantial road surface maintenance and improvement work in the last two weeks. While acknowledging it has been noisy and disruptive for the residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity, GBRAI congratulates WCC on the quality of the work done.
<b>General domestic recycling.</b>	WCC are looking at changes to the domestic recycling with consideration of food scrap street side rubbish. There are huge financial considerations and costs to the city to be taken account of here. Check out the District Plan online.
<b>Battery recycling and landfill diversion.</b>	We continue to collect a variety of batteries at our collection point at the BCC. To date, we have collected 195kg of 9 types of batteries. The biggest (by volume) have been 105kg of AA, 30kg of AAA and 12.5kg of D batteries. Please ensure any batteries are not leaking or damaged as these CANNOT be recycled due them being dangerous

Email us your ideas, queries or concerns, please contact us at:  
brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com  
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# 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 - 11 AM UKULELE CLASS**

Contact Moggie Grayson on 384 8213. Email: moggiegrayson@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

MONDAY

**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

TUESDAY

**10 - 11 AM FELDENKRAIS**

Contact Toni McWhinnie on 021 1782056 or email temcwhinnie@gmail.com

**5:30 - 7:30 PM KARATE**

Grasshopper Karate to Advanced Karate classes. Book your free trial class. Contact Sensei Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

**7:30 - 8 PM  
CARDIO &  
CORE**

A 30-mins strength workout for busy people like you! Contact Patricia at www.familyfitkarate.co.nz/contact or 027 297 6049.

WEDNESDAY

**8 PM  
TABLE  
TENNIS**

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

WEDNESDAY

**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

**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

FRIDAY

**10:30 - 11:30AM YOGA**

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

**12 - 4 PM  
QUARTERLY  
MARKETS**

Next Brooklyn Market on Saturday 15 June from 12pm to 4pm. Email: market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz to book your stall.

SATURDAY

**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**

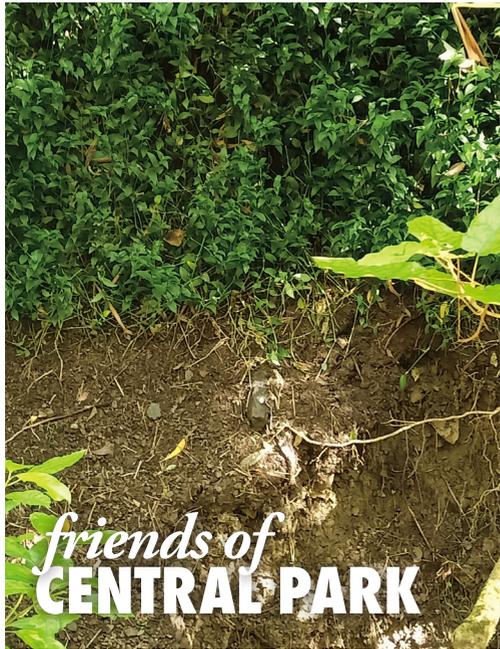
Tamil Christian worship and service. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916

SUNDAY

**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



Did you know that that tradescantia (wandering willie) is bad for dogs and other creatures, causing severe dermatitis? Weeds that we whip out every month, can still surprise us.

What's super-surprising is that you can still buy tradescantia as a pot plant. One New Zealand site even suggests planting it outdoors in sheltered areas! There are myriad sites with instructions about how to carefully water and look after your tradescantia. Again, surprising because it is so resilient. Rather than look after it, the recommended treatment on weedbusters is to take it to a transfer station, burn or bury it. Then follow up with a chemical weed suppressant, several times.

One of the ways tradescantia spreads is via water, which is why we've had a 'tidemark' approach to managing it in Central Park. This means removing the weeds from within two metres of the

streams. Now, we're seeing dividends with much more fern growth along the stream banks than ten years ago.

Context is everything. A pretty pot plant in one setting, an accidental killer in another. (Or in my case, a Christmas present from a colleague who didn't know it's a weed. And yes, I still have it.)

If you're interested in ethical questions about plants and weeds, or just keen to get your gloves dirty, come along to our working bees. Bring your own mug (and gloves if you have them). We provide coffee and baking.

**Next working bee 26 May – 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](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz)  
Everyone welcome!



# BROOKLYN WELLNESS HUB

<https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

**Treat early.** For many winter ills, home remedies and rest are enough. You might even avoid getting sick by treating symptoms as soon as they appear.

- Cancel appointments, and rest
- Avoid exercise (when feeling better, gentle walks in the sun)
- Hydrate with water with a pinch of sea salt, electrolyte drinks, chicken or vegetable broth
- Foods that are light, warming and easily digested. Eg. Blend up soups made with chicken broth, root vegetables or pumpkin, onion, garlic, ginger. Lightly cook eggs, or blend up with chicken stock.

**Fever** is your body's way of combating illness. But to get more comfortable:

- Layered bed covers - use more or less to manage temperature
- Cold, damp cloth on forehead as needed
- Avoid food, just drink to keep hydrated
- Elderflower or yarrow tea / tincture

**Head cold:**

- Lemon, honey, and ginger drinks (could add one drop oil of oregano)
- Vitamins A, C, and D, echinacea, quercetin, zinc, N-Acetyl Cysteine (NAC)
- Essential oils in a diffuser or oil burner eg. eucalyptus, tea tree, Thieves blend. Can be applied topically (roll on blends for sale in our BCC clinic).
- Steam inhalation using basin and towel, or a steam inhaler. See under Winter Tips on our website blog for instructions and precautions.

**Sore throat:**

- Swish around your mouth, then gargle: Salt water (strong as you can handle) / Colloidal silver / or Diluted Betadine
- Lemon, honey, and ginger drink
- Lozenges: Propolis and honey, blackcurrant, or zinc

**Chest congestion or infection / Wet Cough:**

- Sleep or rest propped up
- Natural chest relief products by Harker Herbals or Artemis
- Chest massage, front and back. Gently rub in a clockwise direction, going right down to the bottom of the rib cage.
- See our website article on lung strengthening for a breathing technique that clears the lungs.

For a dry **cough** any time, or to calm any cough at night for sleep: Harkers Night Chest Relief

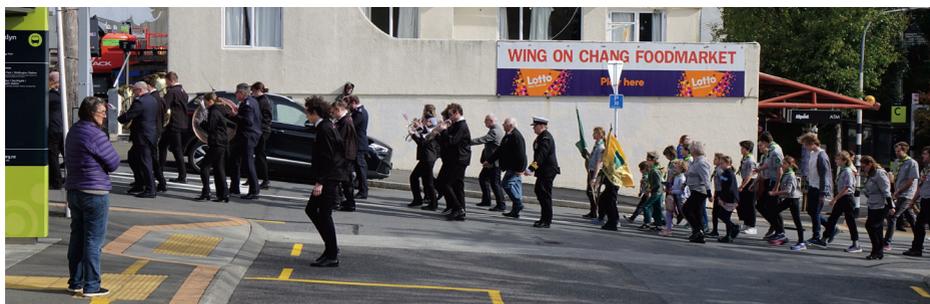
**Professional help:** Above self-help ideas don't replace medical advice. Ask for help if you're worried about your babies or kids (trust yourself, you know them best), or anyone else in the household. Eg. if they have prolonged or high fever, severe headache, trouble breathing.

**See detailed article** (and others) on our website blog @ <https://brooklynwellness.nz/>

**Clinic hours at Brooklyn Community Centre:**

Tuesdays 7, 14, 28 May: 10.30am to 12.30pm,  
Wednesday 22 May 6pm to 8pm





# FIRST BUS AND MILK SERVICES IN BROOKLYN

In early 1926 a bus service was inaugurated providing transport for residents of Vogeltown and Mornington. It was a circular route commencing at the terminus in Cleveland Street, going up Washington Avenue and Mills Road until Mornington Road was reached, returning via Mornington Road, Adams and Hayes Streets (both now McKinley Crescent) to Happy Valley Road, then back to Cleveland Street, a distance of one-and three-quarter miles. A cash fare of two-pence with overlapping sections was recommended. A request by the Berhampore Progressive Association for a bus service between Berhampore and Brooklyn via Britomart and Farnham Streets was refused.

Tests were carried out on this route, with a smaller Daimler bus. This had a chassis and body smaller than those used in the city. They were built by Crowley, Bidley, and Co. at a cost of 875 pounds each, and it was intended to commence operations on this service in June 1926.

Once underway, it proved to be very popular with residents in the area.

At the same time, a municipal milk delivery service was started in the Brooklyn district on the proviso sufficient customers were obtained when it commenced. This carried on uninterrupted for more than 50 years and the service was so reliable that

every Christmas time the milkman would be greeted by bottles of beer and gifts for all the hard work delivering the milk. The same applied to the rubbish men, the butcher, and the postie.

As most of the milk deliveries were in darkness, homeowners were encouraged to paint their milk delivery requirements on the street kerb and that is what you got each day. If your parent was an invalid, you were able to order cream which was rationed. This gave mum a bargaining tool. Our greengrocer got rice which was very scarce then. He liked cream, so families had rice puddings! Strange how rice was always a dessert, whereas today it's a staple main course.

Chris Rabey

THE  
**VOGELMORN**  
FOUNDATION

Visit us at  
[www.tvf.org.nz](http://www.tvf.org.nz)

The Vogelmorn Foundation has commenced distributing funds to local organisations and individuals.



For more information or to apply for funding please visit our website. Applications MUST be made online.

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Wellington, 6022  
[admin@tvf.org.nz](mailto:admin@tvf.org.nz)

How to prepare your Used Beverage Cartons for recycling at 

- 1 Cut along the top and sides of the carton  
\*Note: leave the Cap attached
- 2 Completely open up the carton
- 3 Rinse clean. Job done!

Recycling of paks only available at Brooklyn Community Centre.

18 Harrison Street  
Brooklyn, Wellington 6021  
[www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

 PROTECTS WHAT'S GOOD

# 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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W. [brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz](http://brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz)

## Recycling at the Community Centre

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

 Brooklyn Community Centre

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**BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS**

Pippins (5-7 years)  
brooklynpippins@outlook.com  
Brownies (7-9.5 years) brooklyn.brownies@gmail.com  
Guides (9-12.5 years) brooklynguides@gmail.com or visit  
<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

**BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP**

Local food and community. Working bees held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:30am at the Brooklyn Orchard on Harrison Street. [thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ](http://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: [skudder@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:aavia123@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook.

**BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Next meeting on Saturday 25 May 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](mailto: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 for girls and boys aged 5 and 6 open throughout the season. Email enquiries to [info@bnujfc.co.nz](mailto:info@bnujfc.co.nz) or register online at [www.bnujfc.co.nz/registration](http://www.bnujfc.co.nz/registration)

**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](http://www.brooklynscouts.org.nz) or contact John Morrison on [membership@brooklynscouts.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:d.grain@xtra.co.nz) [www.bsrc.org.nz](http://www.bsrc.org.nz)

**BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS**

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

**BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY**

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

**BROOKLYN WALKERS**

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

6 May – Brooklyn

Walkways. Meet outside Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

13 May – Karori to Kelburn. Catch 9:40am No 2 bus from Lambton Quay north stop A.

20 May – Karori Cemetery to Otari Wilton. Catch 9:40am No 2 bus from Lambton Quay.

27 May – Brooklyn to Zoo walk. Start from Brooklyn Library at 9:30am.

3 June – King's Birthday Holiday.

**BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. More details online at [www.bjcc.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://montessori.school.nz/playgroup) or email [rata@montessori.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:wellington@shaolinkungfu.co.nz) [www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:all.whites@xtra.co.nz) Come along for

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

**SCRABBLE WELLINGTON**

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

**VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB**

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

[vogelmorntennisclub.com](http://vogelmorntennisclub.com) call in, or email [secretary1vtc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com)

**BROOKLYN PLAYCENTRE**

22 Harrison Street Ages 0 - 6 years Mon to Thurs 9am - 12:30pm. Contact [brooklynplaycentrenz@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.twotodman.org.nz)

