

Northland News

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**Celebrating 55 years
1958 - 2013**

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NMCC alive and well!

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Northland Memorial Community Centre is supported by Wellington City Council

Anna Stichbury

You might have seen her popping down to the curry house in Northland wearing (wrongly, according to local dairy owner Jitesh) a brightly coloured sari, or crossing the road to Northland school for drop off and pick up wearing a friendly smile and clothes with pops of colour to match her vivacious personality.

Local artist Anna Stichbury is always creating and experimenting in her little studio off Northland Road. "I'm often there making art, listening to the sound of the Northland school children screaming around the playground at lunch time having a ball", says Anna. Perhaps this serves as some of her inspiration as Anna's works are described as bold with intense hues.

Anna has exhibited throughout New Zealand and overseas for the last 20 years. Her paintings have been published in a range of New Zealand art calendars, diaries and in the book New Zealand's favourite artists. Her paintings adorn walls in many Northland homes.

Anna's mother grew up in Northland on Putnam Street and her grandparents lived in Northland as children too. It's no wonder that after being raised in Eastborne Anna chose to return 'home' to Northland 11 years ago.



"I absolutely love living here in Northland... and I greatly enjoy keeping connected and being active in creating the community I wish to live in and raise my girls in" said Anna.

Anna organises the **Northland Petite Gift Fair** held on the last Friday of November each year at St Anne's church hall. The fair is where some of our creative and clever locals can show and sell their work. She is also organising the first annual **Northland Community Cake Baking Competition and Picnic** at Northland Park at 3pm November 9th. There will be a youth section and an open section with prizes with grand old fashioned family fun. Want to know more? Contact Anna on 027 475 4243.

Anna's studio, at 105 Northland Road, will be open to the public the weekend of November 16/17th.

Follow her on Facebook or check out www.annastichbury.co.nz



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Grants Officer – Howard Markland
NASC Rep – Sarah Epps
HCR'nR Rep– Denis Thisoll
Scouts Rep – John Roberts
Committee Members – Stephen Stewart,
Tina Dome, Shona Brown

Rhonda Richardson

My husband and I have lived in Northland for the past 18 years and we have two children who are currently at Northland School. I have previously been a member of a number of local committees and organisations most recently I have completed a 6 year stint on the school Home and School Committee. For my day job I am a Chartered Accountant and in my spare time, in addition to running around after my kids, I am an avid reader, keen gardener and walker. I am passionate about our community and I am really proud that the we have pulled together to form a new management committee to ensure the our Community Centre remains locally run. I look forward to working with this team of great people, who have a array vast talents, to ensure that the facilities and services offered by the Community Centre continue to meet the local needs.

Howard Markland

I have lived in Northland for over ten years, and enjoy contributing to the local community. I set up the Albemarle Stream Care Group, am a volunteer coach with Karori Pirates swim club, run a volunteer cycle safety project for Wellington CC, and offer DIY and teaching services via 'Timebank'. I currently work with NZ Aid on development projects for Pacific islands. I have an 11-year old boy and we have used the community hall lots (cubs/scouts, youth club, after school care and the school holiday programme). I'm keen to see a more vibrant and joined-up community in Northland. Looking forward to meeting you all, Howard.

Tina Dome

Tina Dome is a 10-year resident of Northland with two sons who attend Northland School. She works as a marketing consultant and group fitness instructor.

"We are lucky to have a community with a great heart and I look forward to helping keep the heart pumping"!

John Greenwood

I lived in Northland for 12 years before moving slightly around the hill to Wilton where I've been for the past 6 1/2 years. My two sons (12 and 10) attend Northland School (it's the only school they've known) and they were regular attendees at Northland After School Care for years. I served on the NASC Committee from shortly after my eldest son started school until earlier this year, spending the last 3 years as Chairperson. My other community activities are linked mainly to my (and my sons') sporting interests: I provide some volunteer coaching for the Karori Pirates Swim Club and I'm currently Grade 12 Convener and Junior Committee member with Waterside Karori AFC. I still try to play a little football myself on wintry Saturday afternoons also with the Waterside Karori club. For my day job, I run a home-based franchise business providing cash flow services to small businesses.

Sophie Low

I'm originally from Marton in the Rangitikei and came to Wellington after university, in 1996. I moved to Northland two years ago with my partner David and love it here. I'm happy to be part of the Northland community and have joined NMCC to give something back and meet lots more neighbours in the process. I work in the city as a business capability consultant and enjoy practicing yoga, playing the piano and playing with my cat Harley in my spare time.

Kate Barnes

I first moved to Northland in 2006 as a university student, and today I'm still here but work fulltime for the Office of the Clerk. I came forward to join the committee because I feel the centre is an important asset for the community, and I wanted to help ensure it would continue to be so in future.

Call out in Huntingdon Street

As gales battered Northland in the recent storm, some residents needed assistance. Firemen were spotted in Huntingdon Street securing flapping roof iron.



at St. Anne's

St Anne's has its own Messy Church service. This meets once a month—on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month, in the hall & the worship space between 2-4pm.

What is Messy Church?

Being church for families who might want to meet Jesus, belong to their local church & bring up their children as Christians but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. A once-a-month time of creativity, worship & eating together. It explores the Bible through:

- creativity
- eating together
- all in an all-age context
- celebration

REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTHLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

BADMINTON	Dagmar Hempel	475 7284	Thursday 7.30-9.30pm & Sunday 3-5.30pm
COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every second Wed of the month except school holidays. 11am
CUBS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 5.30-7pm
DROP IN CENTRE (Aged 10-14)	Coordinator NMCC	475 8511	Friday 6 - 8pm during school term
EZEE MEALS DELIVERY	Coordinator NMCC	475 8511	Thursday 9-11am
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monday 7.30-9.30pm, Wed 7.30-9pm
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL HOP	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monthly 6.30pm-12 midnight
KEAS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Monday 5.30-6.30pm
KEMPO MARTIAL ARTS (Aged 6-16)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Kath Kerr	475 8064	Thursday 1.30-4pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Julie Foley	478 5261	Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm
NORTHLAND AFTER SCHOOL CARE	John Greenwood	934 3931	Monday-Friday 3-5.30pm
NMCC MEETINGS	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every 4th Thursday at 7.30pm
RHEE TAEKWONDO	James Dempsey	027 229 1973	Tues & Thurs 6.15-7.15pm
SCOUTS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 7-9pm
SHAOIN-RYUKU (Aged 5-7)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm
TINAKORI LIONS	Joanne Innes	476 6133	Thursday 5.30-9pm (1st & 3rd Thurs of month)
BDS BOOK DISCUSSION	Don Thomson	475 7933	Thursday 8-9.30pm (2nd Thurs of each month)
YOGA/PILATES/CHI KUNG EXERCISES	Jen Brennan	027 954 4044	Thursday 9.15-10.30am
YOKUSAI KARATE	Colin Berry	475 9985	Sunday 8.30-10am
ZUMBA	Lorna Borrett	021 177 0685	Tuesday 9.15am



John W. M. Haywood
Physiotherapist (ACC referrals)

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Timebanking a hit in Wellington

Timebanks provide a way for people to get their needs met and have their skills valued. In a timebank, people share their skills, knowledge and resources in exchange for time credits instead of money. A timebank also provides an easy way for people to meet over a common interest. Irrespective of what you offer, everybody's time has equal value (so for example, an hour of legal help is equivalent to an hour of trouser shortening or baking).

The Wellington Timebank was launched a couple of years ago and already has 320 members who have been involved in over 700 trades equivalent to more than 1,000 hours of support in the Wellington community. These have included trades as diverse as language exchanges, music lessons, sewing and tailoring, IT support, DIY, sport coaching, catering help, companionship and driving lessons.

This kind of community support can be particularly valuable for those who are ill, elderly, new to Wellington or are otherwise isolated in our community. One member who requested companionship now has a couple of people visiting her once a fortnight for cups of tea and chats. In return, she offers proof-reading to other timebank members.



Timebankers take time out to enjoy a pot luck lunch in the sun

The Wellington Timebank has also proved a highly useful resource in emergency situations. Michelle was left without power after the mid-winter storm and had to move house immediately. "Nothing had been packed, and because I don't have a car, I wasn't even able to get boxes!"



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everybody's time has equal value "*

An urgent request went out through the Timebank network and within 24 hours, six Timebankers had helped Michelle get packed up and moved into her new home. The Timebank has now set up an emergency response database to use in future crisis situations.

Sonya's favourite trade has been learning how to brew her own beer under the guidance of old hand Ryan. After tasting her first brew, Sonya remarked, "it's an amazing beer – it tasted like pears and passion fruit and I think it is just as good as anything you could buy."

The Wellington Timebank is based at the Newtown Community Centre, but has members all over the city. The Coordinator works part time Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Want to know more?

Check out the website at <http://wellingtonsouth.timebanks.org/>, and if you are keen to join, contact via email wgtn.timebank@gmail.com or phone (04) 920 6708.

www.wellingtonsouth.timebanks.org ● wgtn.timebank@gmail.com



Spring at Northland Kindergarten

The kindergarten community is humming along and investigating is the name of the game!

Our programme continues to be planned around developing children’s skills and positive learning approaches using their interests as a way to engage . Over the last term both of our groups of learners have been keen musicians and dancers which has been a lot of fun for us all! We’ve looked at dance genre, collaborative musical games, elements of playing, singing and moving..... And how various instruments work so far. The momentum grows and we are very excited about where this project will lead us!

The Kindergarten is under the auspices of the Wellington Region Free Kindergarten Association, and therefore part of an organisation committed to maintaining our proud history of having 100% trained and registered teachers working with our children.... even with the funding cuts of recent years! We find this so important when what we want for children is, quality learning outcomes and an effective start in their journey through education settings and life! The Kindergarten teaching team as we head into term 4 of the year is Ann, Anne, Rachel, Doug and Tracey.and our Kindergarten tamariki are aged between 2 and 5 years.

Teams of professionals are committed to continually review the environs and programme with a view to improving what we do. At present we are looking closely at developing our environment so we can weave digital tools more effectively into our children’s many styles of research methods. At present this means researching what fits with our curriculum aspirations around children’s play based learning, and constructing just the right space for it! So far so good!

We’re all looking forward to a great term four!

Welcome Sam the New Northland Kindy Teacher



Community Notices

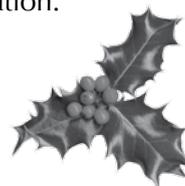
Tinakori Lions

Tinakori Lions had a very successful garage sale in September selling second hand books to raise money for the Wellington Free Ambulance. Our next big project is the Thorndon Fair in December. We sell marmalade, jams & pickles. We always need clean jam jars with lids if any one has any to spare. If you are interested in helping in your local community we are always on the look out for new members. We are a small friendly group & we meet twice a month on the first & third Thursday in the Northland Community Centre at 6pm. Jean Marsden (Tinakori Lions Publicity Officer) President Lion Joanne Innes 476 6133 Secretary Elspeth Sanson 970 1905

Creswick Park

The CVRA are organising a beautifying project for Creswick Park and would love locals to get involved. The dates are yet to be confirmed but keep an eye out on their Facebook page and at the shop noticeboard for further information.

St Anne @Ward Xmas dates:



5.30pm Saturday 14 December: Community Carols at the Northland Memorial Community Centre.

9.30am Sunday 15 December: Christmas Pageant A St Anne’s tradition – the pageant prepared by our children & young people forms a major part of the service

7pm Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve Crib & Christingle service A short service directed at children and the young at heart, to help us all recapture the special wonder of Christmas Eve. A popular service with families as we celebrate Christmas across the generations.

11.45pm Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist The traditional Midnight Service as we welcome the birth of the Christ-child.

8am Christmas Day Eucharist A quiet & joyful celebration of Christ's birth.

9.30am Christmas Day Family Eucharist A family celebration of Christmas, as we welcome Christ amongst us.

For more details, contact Canon Deborah Broome, Vicar, 475-9085

www.st-anne-wellington.org.nz



Pictures of Andrew and Grant are published here courtesy of the Dominion Post and the Wellingtonian.



Fondly remembered

We were sorry to hear of the recent deaths of two people who have touched many lives in Northland and the wider community _ Andrew Walklin and Grant Preston-Thomas.

Andrew was a cheerful real Kiwi Battler who fought cystic fibrosis all his life, the same illness also claiming his brother Paul. Both had strong links with our community centre and Tinakori Lions, as did their parents Doug and Margaret.

Grant Preston-Thomas was mainly known for his 20 years of hacking out walking and mountain bike tracks on the hills around Wellington, which he continued _ despite cancer _ until he died aged 81.

Their obituaries featured in the Dominion Post on September 14 and September 21 respectively, and copies are now displayed at the community centre's front door. Andrew's story may also be published in the obituary section of the newspaper's website shortly.

That website also features an obituary for Rosemary Barrington, a recent member of our community centre council. A former senior public servant and women's rights advocate, who also held top positions on Wellington and Horowhenua city councils and had strong links with Victoria University. She died in June.



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Coordinators Corner



In the last edition of the Northland News there were concerns NMCC may have to go under WCC management following the resignation of our long time President and Treasurer.

Since the call for help in the last newsletter we have had a fantastic group of community minded people put their hands up to manage our centre locally (check out their introductions in this edition). They bring a wide range of skills and fresh ideas with them.

It's going to be an exciting time for NMCC and the wider community. All Northlander's will benefit from the new energy and plans for the centre. For me, as the NMCC coordinator, it is heart warming and inspiring to see the community take ownership of the centre, and give up their precious time to be involved in ensuring it remains an important community driven asset.

If you have ideas for the community centre, or skills that you would like to volunteer, now is a good time to get in touch with me at the centre and let us know

The Northland/Wilton/Wadestown community resilience plan is now underway. Representatives of local businesses, schools and groups, Capacity, Police and WREMO are meeting for five months every fourth Wednesday to formulate a plan to help us get through the first 72 hours of a major disaster. If you have something to offer towards the plan (generator, stockpiles of food, medical experience, marketing experience etc) then please get in touch with me at the community centre. As part of this planning process we will be signing MOU agreements with WCC so any food or resources given to the community in an emergency will be reimbursed. NMCC will be closed from Wednesday 25th December until Monday 27th January 2014. Merry Christmas everyone. Stay safe and enjoy your summer break.

Angelina Kirk

Coming soon... new Facebook page & website



The Robin Hyde Story

Did you know that Northland was the home to one of New Zealand's most well-known writers and poets?

Iris Wilkinson, better known as Robin Hyde, was born in Capetown in 1906. Robin was 13 when she moved with her family to Northland in 1919. Her parents George and Nelly (Adelaide) purchased 'Laloma' at 92 Northland Road.



Iris Wilkinson (Robyn Hyde) with her mother and sisters on the verandah of Laloma 1919. Iris/Robyn is second from the right.
Photo source <http://www.nzepc.auckland.ac.nz/authors/hyde/gallery3.asp>

From Northland Robin attended Wellington Girls' College and began her literary career writing for the school magazine. After leaving Wellington Girls' she briefly attended Victoria University. In 1925 she became a journalist for the Dominion newspaper, mostly writing for the women's pages. It was also around this time she became increasingly disabled and worried by a knee injury. The death of her lover, a pregnancy, and the death of her unborn son in 1926 also took its toll on her mental health. (She named this son Christopher Robin Hyde – from whose name she took her pseudonym). She was hospitalised in Queen Mary Hospital, Hanmer Springs to recover. When Robin began writing again she worked for several newspapers around New Zealand publishing poetry, writing columns and some editing. She found working as a woman in journalism limiting and frustrating being largely confined to the social columns or women's pages.

During her lifetime Robin was well-known as an outspoken journalist and literary commentator. Her experiences led her to write a treatise on journalism entitled *Journalese*, published in 1934. Her novels include *Passport to Hell* (1936), *Wednesday's Child* (1937) and, *The Godwits Fly* (1938).

Northland in the early 20th century
At the time Robin lived in Northland the suburb was basically still just one big farm. The first houses had been built at the beginning of the 20th century as part of the rapid suburban growth of Wellington city. Northland was really an isolated country area, with many houses sitting in open fields. Access was poor - suburb was characterised by steep tracks and wind-hardened clay and unsealed roads. (Trams didn't arrive until 1929.) An advertisement for a new subdivision in 1925 listed the attractions of the new suburb:

'The climate of Northland is renowned for Health, Sunshine and its clear air.'

Robin Hyde took her own life in 1939 aged 33 while living in London.



'Robin Hyde' house
92 Northland Road
Built in 1905
Also known as 'Laloma'
New Zealand Historic Places Trust Listed Category 2
Also included on Wellington City Council's heritage list

Erica Hodgkinson September 2013

Erica is compiling information for a Northland Heritage Walk. A big thank you to all those who have already contributed. If you have any information about the history of our suburb and/or want to get involved in developing the heritage walk please contact NMCC coordinator Angelina at northlandmemorialcc@paradise.net.nz.