

Northland News

Northland Memorial Community Centre
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What's inside

The Western Access Scheme
1920-1940

Christmas is coming!

Community carols
& sausage sizzle

New activities to try

Community bits & pieces

Northland Memorial Community Centre is supported by Wellington City Council

Heading For The Hills

In September the Northland Memorial Community Centre hosted "Heading for the Hills": The Western Access Scheme 1920 -1940 an historical presentation by Gábor Tóth, Local History Specialist, Wellington City Libraries.



Kelburn Viaduct

In 1928 a Commission was established to find the best route for the roads to the Eastern and Western Suburbs. The Western Access Road would prove to be far more complicated and there were seventeen proposed routes. The Council put severe financial pressure on the Government to help fund the roads during the Great Depression.

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ELEMENTS

Elements Gymnastics classes at NMCC.
Beginners classes Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm
& Friday 5 - 6pm.

www.rhythmicgym.nz



Coordinators Corner

Spring is in the air and doesn't it feel good;
its so nice to feel warm again
without hugging the heater!

Be vigilant though - Spring also means delicate new growth and wildlife. A pair of karearea (New Zealand Falcons) are breeding up on Te Ahumairangi Hill and do not take too kindly to people walking near their nests; Wellington City Council have installed signs warning people in the area.

Spring brings new beginnings to NMCC and we welcome two new regular user groups to our community centre - Ni Hao Mandarin Language Lessons for children and Elements Gymnastics. More information can be found under the Community Notices section in this edition of the Northland News.

NMCC is the perfect place for your next event
as it is so close to town
and excellent value for money

We have three spaces available for hire - the Memorial room (from \$11 per hour for a regular booking), The Lower Hall (from \$14 per hour for a regular booking) and the Main Hall (from \$17 per hour for a regular booking). At that price why would you have a child's birthday party at home? Those in the know use NMCC and take the stress out of having a dozen 6 year olds taking over your home.

Perhaps you have an idea for a community event or program but don't know whether locals would be keen or not - no problem just email me at the centre and I can canvass support on our Facebook page prior to you committing.

Take care everyone Meri Kirihimete

Angelina Kirk

NMCC will be closed from December 23rd - January 18th

What's on in the community....

St Anne @ Ward Christmas Programme

Community Carols

Saturday 12th December 5.30pm
Northland Memorial Community Centre.

Sausage sizzle to follow.

Join in singing carols

Meet St Nicholas?

Come dressed as your favourite

Christmas story character:

shepherds, angels, kings/wise men

All welcome!



Crib & Christingle Service

Christmas Eve at 7pm

This short service is directed at children

and the young at heart, to help us all

recapture the special wonder of

Christmas Eve. A popular service with

families; a great opportunity to

celebrate Christmas across the
generations.



Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Eve

Service begins at 11.45pm

Carol singing begins at 11.30pm

The traditional Midnight Service

(by candlelight) as we welcome the birth
of the Christ-child.



Christmas Day Eucharist

8am & 9.30am

A quiet celebration at 8am.

With a family emphasis at the
9.30am service.



at St. Anne's

Creativity, worship
& eating together

3rd Sunday afternoon of the month,
in the hall & the worship space **2-4pm**

Messy Church Christmas
Sunday 20th at 2pm

Children & Families Welcome

Everyone is so welcome!....we look forward to seeing you ★



Tinakori Lions

Our next activity is a cake stall to be held at Countdown, Churchill Drive, in mid October.

The following venture we are involved in will be the Thorndon Fair in December 2015.; we will be selling a great selection of marmalade, jam, chutney and pickles. Tinakori Lions are always looking for new members to join us, raising funds for groups within our community. Our area covers Northland, Wilton, and Wadestown. Some of the groups Tinakori Lions donated funds to during the Lions year July 2014 to June 2015 were: Wellington City Mission, Wellington Free Ambulance, Ronald McDonald House, Northland Kindergarten, Guide Dog puppy appeal.

If you are interested in joining us contact Joanne Innes, President Tinakori Lions on 4766133.



Mandarin Classes for Children

After school Mandarin language class run by Ni Hao at NMCC on Tuesday 3.45pm for ages 6-12 years.

Please contact Li Ling on 022 306 0365
www.nihaocc.org.nz



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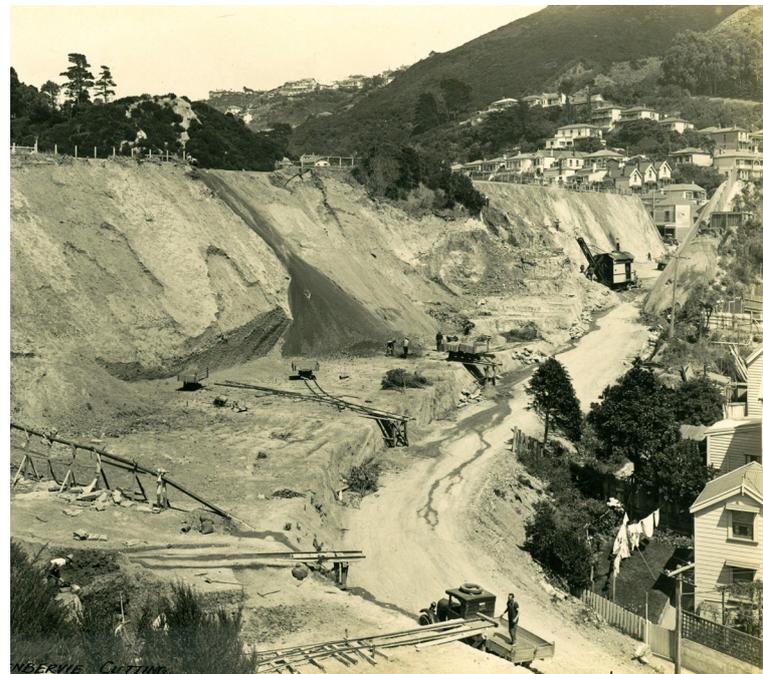
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The initial plan for Bowen Street was to cut straight up the hill, meaning seven hundred graves and many grand houses would need to be demolished. The Council had underestimated the huge opposition from families who did not want to rebury their relatives in a mass grave with a memorial. The route was opposed and hence today Bowen Street has a bend in it. The Rose Garden and Anderson Park were created with the infill from the Bowen Street construction.

Bowen Street



Today the many walls, tunnels and roads slicing through the hillsides still retain their original construction. The huge retaining wall past the Karori Tunnel next to Appleton Park doesn't show the size of the project as most of the land had to be terraced. Appleton Park was created from the landfill from these huge excavations.

Gábor Tóth collated archived information from pamphlets and correspondence between engineers, politicians and town clerks, including around one hundred photos which were commissioned at the time by the council to document the construction. The Wellington City Archives now house these rare books and records which show the progress of the scheme and the obstacles faced.

By Karen Ramsbottom

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www.sportsground.co.nz/capitalbmx for more information.



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BADMINTON	Wally Potts	475 9359	Thursday 7.30-9.30pm & Sunday 3-5.30pm
BDS BOOK DISCUSSION	Don Thomson	475 7933	Thursday 8-9.30pm (2nd Thurs of each month)
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
ELEMENTS GYMNASTICS	www.rhythmicgym.nz		Beginners Monday 4.30-5.30pm; Friday 5-6pm.
KELLY CLUB AFTER SCHOOL CARE	Charli	022 010 9973	Everyday 3-6pm
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
HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY DANCE GROUP	Klara	021 907 487	Tuesday 7.30pm -9pm
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)	Rosemary Tomlinson	475 8765	Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm
NI HAO MANDARIN for Children	Li Ling	022 306 0365	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45pm
NMCC MEETINGS	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every 4th Thursday at 7.30pm
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)
YOGA/PILATES/CHI KUNG EXERCISES	Jen Brennan	027 954 4044	Wednesday 9.15-10.30am
YOKUSAI KARATE	Colin Berry	475 9985	Sunday 8.30-10am
ZUMBA	Lorna Borrett	021 177 0685	Tuesday 9.15am

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