While Wellington prepares for the Lions to play the All Blacks, the Carterton Rugby Club gets ready for Lions’ fans to play touch rugby with All Blacks’ fans at an extra-ordinary club night at the Carterton Rugby Football Club.

“The 29th of June is the last club night before the 1 July test. We’re inviting everyone to come along. You don’t have to be a member,” said Club President, Steve Hurley.

The bar will be open and there will be plenty of food. There will be quizzes and a national anthem sing-off.

The match between Lions’ fans and ABs’ fans – touch rugby under lights – should kick off at about 5.30 or 6 pm, provided Steve can find enough British and Irish fans for the Lions team. The club will provide red shirts for the Lions team and black for the AB team.

There will also be valuable Lions and AB memorabilia to be auctioned off, much of it coming from Barney Haw’s private collection of rugby memorabilia, including items donated by former All Black half-back, Dave (Trapper) Loveridge. Barney is winding down his New Plymouth museum and divesting himself of the exhibits.

On this evening – Thursday 29 June – Carterton will be the only town with a function for rugby fans and Steve is hoping that it will be a fantastic one.

A similar event was held by the club during the Lions 2005 tour where Carterton played host to a Down Syndrome rugby team from Wales. Those locals involved described it as a life-changing experience. Contact: Steve Hurley 027 493 5577.

Jan Farr

As Rugby fever mounts, Carterton Rugby Club is bringing Lions’ and All Blacks’ fans together for an extra-ordinary club night, and perhaps a game of touch rugby, on 29 June. Photo Peter Bush.
Editorial

Elections, rugby and art

In September the country goes to the polls. The Carterton Crier tries to keep a community focus, so we think the right way for us to view elections is through the activity of local political groups. We’re inviting political parties to showcase their local branches in our new column called Grass roots local politics. This gives the community a chance to see how active and democratic our political parties are.

We will, of course, report on what candidates say at public meetings but we will leave the ‘candidate-only’ focus to the mainstream media.

The Labour Party is the first off the block. We chat to secretary and fundraising group coordinator for the Masterton branch, Wendy Moore of Carterton.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to feature a Wairarapa party branch in our column, before Election Day.

Rugby, rugby

Taking advantage of the passage of rugby fans through the country, the Carterton Rugby Club is to host an extra-ordinary club night at the end of June where Lions fans and locals can meet over a beer and, perhaps, in a game of touch rugby.

As well there are so many rugby-related events coming up that you would have to be locked in a box to miss them. More in this issue.

New columnist

We are fortunate to have a new columnist (new to us).

Kia ora and welcome to Ra Smith of Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae. We’re so pleased you could join us.

Exhibitions

Ngati Kahungunu exhibition at Aratoi: brings history and the present day together, sharply, shockingly and movingly. It needs more than one visit.

THREE: Three significant Wairarapa painters have got together for a joint exhibition at Ventana in Martinborough. See more inside.

Jan Farr

Liz and Justin Lester, Lyn Patterson and Denise MacKenzie joined the Masterton Labour Party branch’s rugby-themed dinner in the Carterton Events Centre in late May. Photo Aaron Packard.
New charitable fund

A new Carterton fund aims to support health and well-being, community development, general charitable purposes and promoting generosity within the Carterton District.

Councillor Greg Lang told a function hosted by Nikau Foundation at the Events Centre in May that the Carterton District and Community Trust Fund had been renamed the Wairarapa District Endowment Fund and its management shifted to the Nikau Foundation.

A number of factors influenced this decision. Mike Palmers, Deputy Chair of the Trust, first raised the idea three years ago and the Nikau Foundation was mentioned as a solution to increase the trust’s capacity.

Recent recipients of the new fund have been the refurbished Carterton Court House ($20,000) and the dementia unit at Carter Court ($60,000).

Nikau Foundation is seeking founder donors to bring the Wairarapa District Endowment fund up to the $75,000 threshold in order to make annual grants to the Wairarapa Community in perpetuity.

What is the Nikau Foundation?

It is an independent community charitable trust that attracts gifts, trusts and legacies and invests them to preserve the capital and generate income. The income from these investments is distributed to charitable organisations in accordance with each donor’s wishes.

The Foundation’s primary aim is to provide a simple, effective and long-lasting way for people in the Greater Wellington region to give to local causes now and in the future.
**Autumn tidy-up**

The committee and volunteers have been busy with the usual Autumn tidy-up around the town. We have painted a fence at the Wyndham Street Park and the low fences at the Railway Station. The cemetery roadside fence and gates look wonderful thanks to the committee and volunteers spending many hours painting the brickwork and the cast iron gates.

We have started the winter tidy up at the cemetery by picking up the acorns and chestnuts and dumping them. There is more work to be done picking up the leaves when more of them fall. The baskets have been planted and will be re-hung along the verandas for us to enjoy in a few weeks’ time.

Our members joined the public for the unveiling of the seats in Holloway Street. We are very proud that the original idea for the seats came in from one of our committee members, Gayle Harland.

**Mabel Smith, Chairperson, KCBG**

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**A Woven Carterton**

I have a new deadline now and it’s for the *Carterton Crier*. I am very fortunate to have been asked to write this column about my experiences in Carterton District.

I am looking forward today to working with the whenua or land at Kourarau. It is one of many hidden treasures we have in our district. A spring-fed dam near the top of a hill is rare because most water flows down hill unless the pressure pushes water up. The fault lines throughout Wairarapa can allow ground water to come up to a puna or spring.

So geologically Kourarau is special. The whenua’s significance comes from other places too like its cultural values with the taniwha stories and historical stories; like its recreational values in fishing or relaxing with a picnic; like its economic values in supporting farms and hydro electrical farms and its social values as a place to unwind and be calm. I’m lucky to be with friends who are adding value through a planting program in the wetland area.

Josie Winter, a staff member from Greater Wellington Regional Council, is bringing students and teachers from Gladstone School, farmers, farm advisors, iwi representatives, more regional council officers and other community people to bring back the bling.

One of Gladstone School’s key features is that it is an Enviro School. The children of this rural school understand and love their environment so it’s a natural fit.

One of Carterton’s key features is being the heart of Wairarapa, because as a rural centre we have worked for many generations together to build a community. The work at Kourarau is weaving our community to be kaitiaki or carers of our place. This working together makes us stronger. This working with our whenua helps us connect to our lands, our heritage.

**Ra Smith**
Fishing fashion at Carterton Kindy

Recently fishing has become a big interest at Carterton Kindergarten. Children have been exploring all things fish through reading magazines, watching video footage, making fishing rods and hooks, engaging in the legend of the fish of Maui and creating magnetic fishing games. To further extend the children’s interest we are in the process of designing our very own waka to have within our outdoor environment. So watch this space.

Renee Hawkins

Muddy puddles and the weta house

The Littlies have been enjoying the lovely autumn weather and showing lots of interest in outdoor exploration. This has included our recent excursion to Fensham Reserve which has become a weekly habit. A small group of children ventured into the reserve and led the way along the track, stopping as they found things along the way. Mossy trees, native birds, muddy puddles and the Weta house were all of interest! The children were able to explore and investigate the natural environment, learning about respect for living things and enjoying being out in nature.

Within another central focus around whanaungatanga, the children have been forming close relationships with each other, learning how to interact socially with others and enjoy friendships. For the under-twowos there has been a lot of fun with music from around the world and exploring different cultures. Teachers are very passionate about the Littlies’ philosophy and they promote a culture of freedom of movement, caregiving and respect in our everyday practice.
Positive Response to Earthquake Survey

There has been a positive response to the Carterton Earthquake Action Group’s survey of Carterton Building Owners, said the group chair, Bruce Robertson.

He was pleased that more than a third of building owners responded and that over half of those had already begun the process of having their buildings assessed and, where necessary, were undertaking remedial work or had completed it.

Most of the others were keen to work together to get assessments done. The group is talking to local firms to see how a cooperative approach might work.

While the survey results were pleasing, there were still many building owners who have yet to take action. Bruce encourages those owners to arrange for an assessment to be done.

All non-residential building owners are required to have their buildings assessed for earthquake risk. The initial focus is on unreinforced masonry buildings built before 1976.

He advises owners unsure of what is required to contact him or talk to Dave Gittings at the Carterton District Council.
Contact Bruce Robertson, chair, Carterton Earthquake Action Group, 027 498 6405, quakegroup@gocarterton.co.nz

Working smoke alarms save lives

In the last few weeks we have attended several house fires where there was devastating damage. All occupants were lucky to escape as none had working smoke alarms to alert them.

Eighty per cent of the fatal fires attended by the NZFS either have no smoke alarms or alarms that are not working.

The NZFS recommends installing long-life photoelectric-type smoke alarms in every bedroom, living area and hallway, on every level in the house. The benefits are ten years of smoke detection, no ‘flat battery beep’ at three am and no climbing ladders every year to replace costly batteries. Where this is not practical we suggest, at an absolute minimum, that a long-life photoelectric type smoke alarm should be installed in the hallway closest to the bedrooms. There are also smoke alarms available for people with hearing difficulties.

If you are a landlord, it is now law to have a minimum of one working smoke detector in a hallway, or similar area, within three metres of each bedroom door. All new or replacement smoke alarms must either be long-life photoelectric smoke alarms with a battery life of at least eight years that meet the required product standards, or a hard-wired smoke-alarm system.

Both landlords and tenants now have responsibilities to keep smoke alarms working. Never damage, remove or disconnect a smoke alarm – that includes removing the batteries.

A landlord who fails to comply with smoke-alarm obligations is liable for a penalty of up to $4,000 and tenants who fail to comply with their responsibilities may be liable for a penalty of up to $3,000. These regulations apply to any residential rental covered by the Residential Tenancies Act including rental homes, boarding houses, rental caravans, sleep-outs and similar.

www.fire.org.nz/Fire-Safety/Safety-Devices/Pages/Smoke-alarms-installation.html
Gary McMillen

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Rangatahi contribute

At the start of the year Anaru Te Rangi and Rebekah Vergunst – leaders of Carterton youth group, Rangatahi to Rangatira (R2R) – spoke to schools about the group.

“As a result of our visit to schools we have between 25 and 35 new Rangitahi between the ages of ten and 15.

“They’re an inspirational group,” Anaru said. “I know that they are only at this stage of their lives for two or three years so I decided that we would discuss a community contribution at each Wednesday night meeting.”

The group chose to do a rubbish clean up of Carterton. Afterwards they talked about the experience and realised that Carterton could do better. Read what they came up with in the next issue of the Carterton Crier.

“We want people to see these Rangatahi standing up as leaders and pushing for change,” Anaru said.

Jan Farr

R2R: energy and passion for Carterton

Rangatahi to Rangatira has had a sustainability focus for the past term. We have been continuing work in the community garden, and are getting ready for the new planting season. Our tomatoes, silver beet, and carrots were a real highlight, and we have used them in our Wednesday night cooking, as well as donating a box-full of produce to Roseneath Rest Home. We made pasta sauce from scratch, and used the passionfruit from our vine to make a cheesecake. R2R has also led a town rubbish cleanup. (see article this page).

Last school holidays, we had a trip to Masterton where we went bowling, spent time at the park, and visited the Kahungunu exhibition at Aratoi.

R2R also planned a movie night for Youth Week 2017 and even though we had many technical difficulties our young people still had fun. We created our own trailer for this event which showcases some of our young people and the reasons why they participate in R2R. This can be viewed on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/r2rcarterton.

Around 25 young people come along each Wednesday and they are all full of energy and passion for the Carterton community.

Coming up soon: we have a mural planned for the wall besides Ron Mark’s office and an overnight stay planned for the Term 2 school holidays which will also be focused on sustainability. Young people are always welcome. We meet every Wednesday evening at the Youth Centre from 5.30–7.30 pm.

Rebecca Vergunst
Council briefings

Pembroke railway walkway

The walkway connecting Pembroke St with Victoria St, a popular short-cut for people to and from the trains, has had another make-over. Much of the overhead vegetation has been trimmed back and new solar lights installed. During winter, passengers were walking into a dark tunnel, even those from the first of the evening trains.

Dakins Road cliff hanger

The Ruamahanga River when in flood has been cutting away the cliff alongside Dakins Rd. With two river floods in the last two months this is now a critical issue and in several places the cliff is dangerously close to the road. The Council has been working with the Wellington Regional Council on a plan to build a rock groyne, but suitable rocks are hard to come by. The work should be able to be completed later this year. Meantime Council is in discussion over purchase of a strip of land on the other side of the road, to provide scope for a roadway shift further away from the river.

Water supply hit

The Carterton water supply was hit again by the storm in the first week of April. A dam is not a dam when the bed is covered with two metres of gravel. Hundreds of tonnes of shingle have been scooped from the dam and piled (some for future Council use). Water is now running clear, an upgraded chlorinator has been installed and the town has been back on Kaipaitangata water from 8 May.

Don Farr

Council to bring natural burials to Clareville

From 1 July 2017, Clareville Cemetery will offer natural burials.

Carterton District Council made the decision after numerous enquiries and requests for natural burials which maximise the opportunity for natural decomposition processes to work. Shallow burial, untreated coffins and local native trees planted over the plot are all part of the method.

The Council Parks and Reserves team have been preparing the selected site at Clareville Cemetery over the past few years, whilst working closely with Mark Blackham, founder of the not-for-profit Natural Burial Organisation. To encourage discussion about natural burials, the Council has invited him to host an information session on Friday 16 June, 11.15 am at the Events Centre.

Questions from the information session will be used to compile FAQ on the council website. To attend the information session RSVP trisha@cdc.govt.nz or 06 379 4036.

Don Farr

Popular short cut has had a make-over. Picture Don Farr

A dam is not a dam when the bed is covered with two metres of gravel. Picture Don Farr.
Three Wairarapa artists will exhibit work at Martinborough’s Ventana gallery in July and August.

Megan J. Campbell, Janie Nott and Kathy Bartlett will show works created in the last few months.

Megan’s work reflects on domestic life as a way of familiarising herself with a new home. These recent works have a more illustrative feel than that evidenced in the body of her earlier works but at the same time have her signature style – the flattening of perspective. Celebrating the so-called ordinary and the mundane remains a source for her work. She believes that, with the rituals of daily living, the profane can become sacred.

Janie Nott owns the Village Art Shop and works as an art therapist alongside making her own art. Her artwork is influenced by a quirky sense of humour and love of saturated colour. Janie describes her paintings as a way ‘to lose myself, while discovering something else special’. She’s been creating whimsical ceramic sculptures as well as dreamy paintings, inspired by creatures in the animal kingdom.

Carterton artist Kathy Bartlett has been a portrait painter, working largely on commissions in the Wairarapa over the last five years. You may have seen her work on billboards during the last Kokomai festival. For this show she has gone in a new direction and is creating oil paintings inspired by Wairarapa land and cloudscapes. The work is looser and more textured than previously and displays a moody, dark view of the landscape.

The three artists have been scheming to show together for some time and are pleased to have a local gallery to showcase their work. All are invited to attend the opening on 23 June at 7 pm.

**THREE, from 23 June to 20 August 2017, Ventana Creative Collective, 8 Kitchener Street, Martinborough.**
What to do when there’s no rugby

**Hard on the Heels:** Aratoi, Masterton 3 June to 9 July. An exhibition of rugby photos by leading photo-journalist Peter Bush begins in the foyer at Aratoi Museum, corner of Dixon and Bruce Streets, continues in Queen Street shop windows and finishes at Hedley’s bookstore.

**Rugby Yarns:** 28 June. Dinner at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park, Masterton, features guest speakers Sir Brian Lochore, John Jeffrey and Romain Poite. Tickets $100. Charity auction of rare rugby memorabilia and cash bar.

**Community screening of Lions games:** 27 June and 1 July on the big screen in Masterton’s War Memorial Stadium. Alcohol-free event for families and rugby supporters.

**Carterton Rugby Football Club grass roots evening:** 29 June. See article this page.

**Ride of the legends:** 2 and 3 July. A cycle ride featuring former All Blacks and Lions players.

**Wairarapa Bush v Lions, rugby history in pictures:** Collaboration between Aratoi Museum and the Wairarapa Archives of Lions and Wairarapa Bush history. Wairarapa Bush clubrooms, Dixon Street in Masterton.

**Plant a native tree at Mangatainoka:** From Arbour Day, 5 June, The Experience Collective which manages the visitor experience at Tui Brewery will give camper-van visitors staying at the Mangatainoka Reserve a native tree to plant.

Experience Pukaha at night time: 26 June to 6 July. Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre located on SH2, 15 minutes drive north of Masterton, offers an overnight experience for travellers in self-contained camper-vans which includes a guided night walk, evening meal and drinks. To book, email info@pukaha.org.nz.


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**Sir Brian Lochore will be a guest speaker at Rugby Yarns on 28 June. Here he signs one of three photographs taken by Peter Bush during the 1971 Lions vs Wairarapa Bush game to be part of a charity auction on the night. Photo Katie Farman.**

**Carterton Rugby Football Club President Steve Hurley with a rugby ball from the 1983 Lions Tour of New Zealand that is signed by both teams. The ball will be auctioned off at the Rugby Yarns evening. Photo Katie Farman.**

**Nick Rogers and Rosie Broughton will give a free native plant to people choosing to stay at the Mangatainoka Reserve. The initiative is designed to encourage visitors to leave the environment in better shape than they found it. Photo Katie Farman.**

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Carterton Swimming Club

Father and son swimming success

Carterton swimmers were strongly represented at the North Island Secondary School Championships in Palmerston North with some great achievements.

Kobe Edge, in the 14-and-under age bracket, came first in the 50 metres backstroke, second in the 200 metres backstroke and did well in freestyle. Maddex Anderson and Skye Ryan also did well in their races.

Ashley Lowe and Ryan Irving, in the 15-and-under age bracket, swam well with Ryan achieving two personal bests.

Both Maddex and Skye broke Wairarapa school records when qualifying for this meet.

One of the club’s older members, Justin Edge excelled at the World Masters’ swimming held in Auckland in April. Forty-year-old Justin produced some truly outstanding swims. He started swimming at the age of ten, coached by Russell Geange when the Carterton Indoor Pool first opened, and has continued his love of swimming. His son, Kobe, who also started swimming with CSC at the age of ten, is closely following in his father’s footsteps. Both are very competitive and push each other to do better. There is a lot of friendly banter between them as their times are very close. Justin says that he loves the sport and the Carterton Swimming Club and loves the fact that his son does too.

The club’s annual prizegiving will be held on June 18 where we celebrate the successes of all our swimmers.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining our friendly swimming club.

For further information check us out on Facebook or www.sporty.co.nz/cartertonswim

Cowboy action shooting – ‘serious fun’

“Photographers love our Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) event,” said Ben Garrett of the Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Sports Club, organiser of the nineteenth Trails End, held on Anzac weekend. (See more of Jane Fletcher’s photos on the club’s website: wpssc.wildapricot.org.)

“People enjoy dressing up, the good camaraderie and the competition,” said Ben, a.k.a Wild Ben Hickok.

Ben described Trails End as ‘serious fun’. “It operates under the US Single Action Shooting Society (SAS) rules,” he said. Aliases are compulsory as is authentic dress and pre-1900 guns: six shooters, two fist shooters, lever action rifles and double barreled shot guns. “It’s not re-enactment shooting. It stems from the States – it’s a huge sport over there.”

It starts on Friday morning with long-range target shooting with guns used to shoot buffalos, and goes until Sunday afternoon.

There are cowboy movie sets and some dramatic uses of them, one of which involves escaping from handcuffs and target shooting your way into a stage coach. Competitors are rewarded for speed and accuracy and have time penalties for mistakes. “You can be eliminated for wearing a pair of modern boots,” Ben said.

The event attracted about 45 competitors from around the North Island. Participants received a pocket watch engraved with their aliases, Featherston’s country and western singer, Sue Dyson, entertained and it finished with a banquet.

Mayor John Booth set off a cannon to start the event and Ron Mark MP handed out the prizes.

The club has a shooting range at Gladstone where they are involved in every type of shooting – pistol, IPSC, rifle, 3-gun, shotgun, black powder and cowboy action. Corporate shoots have enabled the club to have decent premises on the site.

They are keen to get more public understanding of their sport and welcome new members.

Contact: wpsscssec@gmail.com

Ben Garrett (Wild Ben Hickok) of the Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Sports Club, organiser of the nineteenth Trails End. Photo Jane Fletcher.

Tintype of Chris Hick (Hick) of Taranaki. Photo Jane Fletcher.
Cross over to the winter market

The Carterton Farmers Market team is working hard to make the market a happening place. Sonya Krause, a new resident, has joined the committee, bringing new skills and community contacts to the team.

So what’s new? The market is moving for winter! You will find us across High Street from Memorial Park. The lovely owners of Flair Flooring and Cafe Istanbul have welcomed us to the footpath in front of their shops. This site will provide some winter shelter for our hardy, but sometimes cold, local producers. Check out our Facebook page for a list of regular vendors.

Our sustainable products are growing. We hope to work with another community organisation to have a permanent stall of green goodies. Watch our FB page for the announcement.

New vendors have enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of our market. Libby Gold will be returning with her beautifully packaged soy candles and pre-loved clothes. Me’N’Kate were a hit with homemade nut butters and delicious caramel corn. (I ate a whole bag!)

Tell all your friends, a stall at the market is only $10. Of course, there is no charge for fundraisers, schools and the enterprising young men who have been selling pine cones.

Our community keeps growing – come join us for a cuppa and a bacon sandwich every Sunday.

Iris Christopher

Safe passage

Readers will be glad to know that by the end of June there will be a raised pedestrian crossing outside the Carterton Medical Centre and surrounding facilities.

Two years ago my late mother, Janet Selley, started a petition. She placed these around Carterton while trundling around town on her scooter collecting signatures. The petition was sent to NZTA with hundreds of signatures. Then all fell quiet. Sometime later I scanned and emailed the petition and covering letter back to the Manager at NZTA reminding them that people in Carterton still wanted a feasibility study done on the crossing.

In August last year my dear Mum passed away suddenly. Not long after her funeral I decided I should pick up the baton. I rattled some cages, studies were done, meetings were held and now, at last, a pedestrian crossing will go in.

I am sorry that Mum passed away before she could see her ‘project’ come to fruition. I know she would be delighted to know that the crossing will allow people of all ages and levels of mobility a far safer passage across SH2.

I would like to thank Mark Owen and Steve James of the New Zealand Transport Agency, our Mayor, John Booth, and the hard working staff at Carterton District Council for getting on board and becoming involved with this project.

As a Yorkshire woman, mum would sometimes say, “If tha’ wants owt doin’ tha does tha sel” (If you want anything doing you have to do it yourself). I am very proud of all that Mum achieved and close by saying Watch this space!

Kate Nolan

The crossing. Photo Jan Farr.
Labour – making connections

Carterton-based Wendy Moore, Masterton branch secretary of the Labour Party, and campaign fundraising group coordinator, worked with members and supporters on the organisation and execution of a rugby-themed dinner that drew 120 people.

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Jan Farr

The Crier’s view of politics

We’re a community magazine and this is Election Year. As our focus is on groups rather than individuals, we want to look at parties from the perspective of their members’ activities.

We invite political parties to send in stories of their party’s local community-based activities.

We will, of course, cover local, community meetings involving candidates.

We are also happy to interview local party members and can, if necessary, take photos of activities.

Our deadlines are always the 25th of the month and our word limit is strictly 300. We will accept appropriate stories and high resolution photos for our new column – Grass Roots local politics – in the July and August editions of The Carterton Crier. Our first column appears on this page.

Contact: Jan, crier.ed@gmail.com, 027 406 1562, 379 8810

Grass Roots

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Grant Nisbett and Keith Quinn, speakers at the local Labour Party branch’s rugby-themed dinner. Photo: Aaron Packard.
What's on June and July

Events
Wairarapa Heritage Group. Public meeting, St Andrews Union Church, Main Street, Greytown, 7 pm, Wednesday 28 June, seeking support for a Wairarapa group to advocate for the conservation and promotion of heritage places in the Wairarapa. All welcome.

Education, youth, children
Carterton Community Toy Library. Events Centre Holloway Street. Open library hours. Toy Hire for 0 to 8 years. Facebook: @carterton toy library.


Kindergarten. Every Friday, 8.30–2.30 pm. Vacancies 2017 for over twos. 379 7723, South End Kindergarten next to South End School.


Playcentre. Mondays, Wednesdays (new) and Thursdays 9–12 noon at Howard Booth Park, Belvedere Road and Tuesday Bush sessions. Find us on Facebook for more details or contact Liz Crow 022 312 0677

Rangatahi to Rangatira Youth Group. Rangatahi to Rangatira, a free Carterton youth group gathering young people involved in their community. Every Wednesday evening, Carterton Youth Centre, 5.30–7.30 pm. Facebook: www.facebook.com/r2rcarterton.


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St John. Penguins (6–9 year olds) Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm. Youth (8–18 year olds) Tuesdays 7–8:30 pm. Youth room, Events Centre. Maria Tankersley 379 6479.

Wairarapa Montessori Playgroup. All Welcome. Tuesdays in term time 9.30–11.30 am, Carterton Plunket rooms. Bring a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

Whanau Aroha Playgroup. Alison Dye's music and play for pre-schoolers, Thursdays, 9.30–11 am, term time, Salvation Army Hall, 210 High Street South.

Arts

Book Club. Carterton District Council Library. Events Centre, last Monday of month. 10.30–11.30 am. Anne Hughes anne@cdc.govt.nz

Book Group. University of Third Age. Fourth Friday of month, 1.30 pm, The Village Hall, Rosevilla Drive. Sue Burns 379 6506.

Ceroc dance classes. Tuesdays 8 pm, Carterton School hall. Contact Mandy, 021 238 4230 or see Facebook group Ceroc Wairarapa for more.

Community Choir. Thursdays, 7.15–9 pm during school term, Carterton School Hall, $4 unwaged, $6 waged. cartertonsinging@gmail.com.

New Zealand Pacific Studio, Mt Bruce. A non-profit arts centre available for residencies. One week minimum, three months maximum. Fellowships available. www.artistresidency.org.nz/

Sunset Cinema. Sunset movies are now monthly on a Friday. www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/

Toi Wairarapa – Heart of Arts. 47 High Street North. Ken Stokes paintings from 9 June. Closed for maintenance in July. Brian Scadden's exhibition early August. Open through winter, 10 am–5 pm weekdays, 10 am–2 pm weekends. See our lovely, new art work. corrine@toiwairarapa.co.nz, 021 121 0980.


Wai Art Scape. For $20 a month Jane Giles places artists’ work in publicly accessible spaces. jcgiles@slingshot.co.nz, 379 6559.

Wairarapa Word. 2 July, David Coventry, author; 6 August, James Brown, poet; 3 September, Shirley Corlett, children’s writer; 1 October Damien Wilkins, author, Director of IIML. 3 pm first Sunday, locations vary. Almo’s Books, 47 High Street, 379 7103.

Services
Adele Pentony-Graham wants information about Carterton ancestors buried at Featherston Military Cemetery or trained at Featherton for W11. pentonygraham@xtra.co.nz


Alcoholics Anonymous. 8 pm Mondays. Salvation Army community rooms, 210 High Street South. Dennis 377 5355, Martin 372 7764.

Carterton Baptist Church. Service 10 am, Sunday morning. Come and find a friendly home and meet our new minister, Wayne Poutoa. All welcome.

Carterton Community dinner. Reformed Congregation Church Hall, 6 Howard Street, 24 November, 6 pm. All welcome. RSVP 379 7937.

Carterton Free Soup night. Reformed Congregation Church Hall, 17 December, 5 pm. All welcome. 379 7937.

Carterton Foodbank. Answerphone: 379 4092

Central Lions. First and third Wednesdays, Club Carterton, 35 Broadway. First Wednesday, dinner meeting, 6 pm. Third Wednesday, supper meeting, 6.45 pm. Nita Edwards 027 247 8441.


Epilepsy Support Group. Mondays 11 am, Salvation Army office, 210 High Street South. 0800 20 21 22.

Justices of the Peace. Every Friday, 12 noon–2 pm, Carterton Library.

Lions Club: Second and fourth Wednesdays, Club Carterton, 35 Broadway. 5.45 pm, socialising, 6.30 pm meeting, followed by dinner. Contact: Des Heath 379 6483, 021 0237 5286.


Silver Club. (Formerly Probus) Last Tuesday of month, 10 am, Events Centre. Jeanne 379 5444.

South Wairarapa Working Men’s Club. 304 9449, www.swwmc.org.nz; swwmc@wise.net.nz

Toastmasters. Heart of Arts, 47 High Street. Second Tuesdays 7.30 pm. Develop your speaking and social skills in a supportive environment. Opportunities to speak at club, district, area, national and overseas competitions. Pam Paterson, 027 669 9666, pam@solarton.school.nz

Fairs, markets
Farmers’ Market. Sundays, 9–12.30 pm, Memorial Square. info@cartertonmarket.co.nz

Sport, fitness, movement
Basketball. Mondays 7 pm, Kuranui College gym. $2 koha. Facebook: Wairarapa Basketball Society.

Carterton Bowling & Croquet Club. Bowls. Club days: Tuesdays and Saturdays 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm start. Association Croquet. Thursdays and Sundays 9.15 am for 9.30 am start. Golf Croquet. Wednesdays and Saturdays 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm start.

Clareville Badminton Club. Clareville Stadium. Racquets available. $5 casual. $100 for season. Steve Ruscoe 027 333 3975.

Dalefield Hockey Club. Premier teams, men’s and women’s teams, school children’s teams, Clareville. Leanne Percy 379 9096, Gail Miller, 8341.

Free Fit Club. Carrington Park. 6 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. 11 am Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, All welcome. Di Bailey 027 498 7261.

Carterton Golf Club Inc. Veterans Men and Women. Tuesdays 9.30 am tee-off, Nine holes men and women Tuesday 11.30 am. Women 18 holes Wednesdays 10.00 am tee-off, 9 holes 11.00 am tee-off.


HIIT classes. High Intensity Interval Training with Anaru and Dallas Te Rangi. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 am. Most Wednesdays 4.30 pm. Gain Momentum, Holloway Street. Facebook: HIIT FIIT, strength, cardio, circuit.


Karate. South End School Hall, Thursdays 6 pm. Thomas Duncan 027 302 8923, 06 308 8844.

Ruamahanga Ramblers. Social running and walking group. All welcome, no costs. 6.15pm Tuesdays (summer months) and 2pm Saturdays (winter months). Full program and event locations on www.sporty.co.nz/ruamahangaramblers. Paul Furkert 379 5355.

Squash Club. Wednesday and Friday evenings. howardboothsquash@gmail.com

Swimming Club. Russell Geange 379 7750, Rick Anderson 021 943 410. Water aerobics Monday to Thursday 10 am. Indoor pool and key hire, Grant Crawford 379 6431.

Tai Chi. Wednesday 9.30–10.30 am. St Mark’s Hall, Richmond Rd. $6 per session.


The Dance Shed. 450 Belvedere Road, rock’n’roll and line dancing. Wendy Walker 027 319 9814.


Yoga with Odette. Beginners, Wednesday 9 am. All levels. Monday 7 pm. 75 Brooklyn Road, Carterton. 021 180 9452. Classes $10.

Special Interests
Fluoride Free NZ. Free water fluoridation seminar. Events Centre, Saturday, June 17, 2pm. 027 361 5951, fluoridefree.org.nz.

Garden Group. Every second Tuesday, 1.30 pm. Vicki Waller 379 9080, rvwaller@xtra.co.nz

Carterton District Historical Society Inc. 44 Broadway. Local history archive and resource room open Tuesdays 2–4 pm. Also open by appointment: Diane 379 7150, Chris 027 271 6280, carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com.

Holdsworth Women’s Institute have changed their venue to the Tom Bubb Lounge, Clareville Showgrounds, meeting first Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm. Maureen Daysh, 379 5975.

Mangatarare Society. Help breathe life into our river: Jill Greathead, 0274 884 376 mangatarare.restoration@gmail.com.

Menzshed. Tuesdays 9 am–1 pm, Saturdays 9 am–1 pm, Clareville complex, A&P Showgrounds. Follow the signs.

Railway Museum. Station. Sundays 11 am–4 pm. www.cartertonrailwaymuseum.org.nz


Stonehenge Aotearoa. Open weekends and holidays from 10 am–4 pm. Guided tours 11 am.

Astronomy Evening (Phoenix Astronomical Society) every fourth Friday, 7:30 pm at Stonehenge Aotearoa. Matariki and the Winter Solstice, 4:30 pm Saturday, June 24, bookings essential, 06 377 1600.

The Wairarapa Woodworkers Guild meets 7 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at Carterton Menz Shed, Clareville Complex. All welcome. Secretary 379 9198 or email se_edwards@xtra.co.nz

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club. Every first Monday 7.30 pm, except statutory holidays, Clareville Showgrounds, Chester Road. Gary or Barbara Lang 372 7593.

Let us know what’s on: crier.ed@gmail.com

Disclaimer; This is a free community column - we don't necessarily have a view on events advertised here.
Boomerang bags Carterton is a community initiative to try and reduce the use of plastic bags by making bags that people can borrow in the shops and bring back in their own time.

We’ve made 300 boomerang bags!

Our amazing group of Boomerang friends has been meeting again for our third working-bee. The weather was terrible, with hail hitting hard, but this didn’t discourage anyone! A beautiful group of people came along including two young girls from intermediate and college. Thank you Emma and Jessica for getting involved in this project!

Our next workshop will be on Saturday 17 June at South End School from 1 pm to 4 pm. You are welcome to come along even for a short time or even just to pick up some bag kits or to drop off some donated fabric or thread. We will make kits and bags as usual. Please bring sewing scissors and your sewing machine if you wish to sew.

We still need donations of strong fabric that is around a metre in length and thread. We also have lots of kits ready to be sewn. So if you are keen to make a few bags don’t be shy. Get in touch and some kits will magically appear on your door step.

To keep up to date with what we are doing, join our FaceBook page (Boomerang Bags Carterton) and share it with your friends!

A huge thank you to all the lovely people who are putting their energy, in any form, into this project. We’ve made over 300 bags so far, let’s keep the momentum going!

Contact: lucia.zanmonti@gmail.com, 0210 241 0165. Donations to: Boomerang bags Ctown 38-9004-0854970 05.

Lucia Zanmonti

Stonehenge Aotearoa becomes a Peace-Blossom

On 10 May, young people joined together to run around the world for peace.

Since 2008 Stonehenge Aotearoa has been a destination for this run. As you can see below, as a venue we are in great company. This year Stonehenge Aotearoa was dedicated as a Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom. The plaque presented reads as follows:

Stonehenge Aotearoa. A Dedication to World Peace May, 2017

Mankind has always gazed upwards at the heavens and wondered, and gazed back in wonderment at the many mysteries of our time on this beautiful planet and the knowledge of our ancestors.

Stonehenge Aotearoa encourages our wonderment and offers a sacred space to share, to explain and to learn. Today we join a global family of more than 800 inspirational locations dedicated to peace – the Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossoms program – which includes the highest mountains in nine countries; the grandeur of Niagara Falls; Vietnam’s Mekong Delta; many national capitals; and the entire 200km border between Russia and Norway.

The Peace-Blossoms family is inspired by the late Sri Chinmoy, a global ambassador of peace whose life was dedicated tirelessly to the goal of world harmony and the limitless potential of the human spirit. Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossoms, as lasting monuments to peace, serve as focal points and daily reminders of an emerging new world where peace, love and oneness will prevail and one day shine in our hearts like the beauty of the night skies.

‘Good it is, to receive peace from the world. Better it is, to give peace to the world. Best, by far the best, it is to become the peace of the world.’ Sri Chinmoy

Since 2008 Stonehenge Aotearoa has been a destination for a peace run.

Matariki and the Winter Solstice

at Stonehenge Aotearoa
4:30pm Saturday June 24th
To book phone 06 377 1600
Carterton District Historical Society

From long-serving president to patron

The Carterton District Historical Society (CDHS) held its Annual General Meeting on 17 May. Members marked the passing of patron, Peg Boden, and foundation life member, Lottie Warrington, with a minute’s silence.

Alison Underhill stood down after serving twelve years as president. In her report she paid tribute to the Rotary Club of Carterton for their assistance in getting the Historical Society up and running and in particular to Rotarians Gordon Stubbs and the late Jim McKenzie. Highlights in the twelve years of her term as president included the publication of The Look of Carterton in association with Wairarapa Archive and the celebrations involved with the 150th Jubilee in 2007. Alison remembers the parade. Others remember the pioneer dinner put on by the CDHS.

During the past year the Historical Society completed the first stage of re-organising the CDHS Rooms. A reference library was established and better facilities were made for the use of researchers before the rooms re-opened on Daffodil Day.

An Archives’ sub-committee of Ewan Hyde, Christine Pinfold and Diane Edwards was formed and preliminary work is underway to catalogue the archives.

Alison was elected patron of CDHS and presented with flowers from the members of the Society. Peter Totman is the incoming president, Diane Edwards secretary and Robyn MacGregor treasurer. Alison Sullivan joins Christine Pinfold, Ann Nielsen, and Ewan Hyde on the committee.

The CDHS will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a luncheon at Club Carterton at 12 noon on 24 June. All past and present members welcome. Enquiries to Alison, 379 7827.

The CDHS Rooms will reduce their opening hours while the bulk of the cataloguing work is completed. From June we will be open from 2 pm to 4 pm on Tuesday or by appointment.

Contacts 379 7150, 027 271 6280, carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com

Diane Edwards

The Historical Society’s outgoing president and new patron, Alison Underhill.
Surplus fruit, jams, preserves?

I have recently expanded into community fruit harvesting. I take surplus fruit in the community from people’s trees and gardens and re-distribute these to local food banks, schools and groups.

I’ve had a great first season collecting lemons, apples, passionfruit and feijoas from around the Wairarapa. I am keen to expand and I’m open to accepting regular deliveries of fruit to support the project.

The fruit is a great supplement to school lunches and provides a healthy option.

I am seeking regular supporters who can provide fruit from their home gardens, as well as people to help make produce like jams and preserves.

Hayden Mischefski, glowbugscharity@gmail.com, 379 6606, 027 315 3615

Sensitive coastal dunes and estuaries were subject to clearing and became adversely affected by stock trampling and grazing. Quarrying for roads and farm development encroached on wāhi tapu sites. In general no regard was given to the ecological richness of dunes and estuaries until very recent times.

Emulation of English country gentry resulted in burning of native forests, release of game animals and establishment of race tracks and organised hunts.
New residents join Rotary

At their meeting on 8 May, President John Skene and members of the Rotary Club of Carterton welcomed and inducted three members.

“It is heartening to see such a grand calibre of people wanting to give back to their community. It is a club full of people who share the same view of caring about where they live and the needs of others. And we have fun doing it,” John said.

New members:

Laurie Earl works with Civil Aviation. She started in nursing and has used her skills in a variety of ways and places. She has enjoyed seeing the world but is happy to be home.

Paul Shears is an international chef who has cooked for royalty rockstars and Rotarians. He plans to run local cooking workshops and his new Wairarapa business – Dial a chef for special occasions in your home.

Mike Johns has returned home from the south. He was Deputy Principal of Chanel College and a long term rugby referee with an interest in helping children with learning difficulties. He volunteers in a number of places.

Recent speakers: Yvonne O’Dowd and Kevin Conroy – Carterton Food Bank; John Stevenson – former police identity kit artist; Louise Park – Nikau Foundation; Helen and Hilary – Fair Trade; Audrey and Marty Sebire – Resilient Carterton.

Presidential changeover: Our annual changeover of president will be on 3 July – this year Vaughan Paul takes over from John Skene.

Annual book fair: Saturday 29 July, 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday, 30 July, 10 am – 3 pm. To donate books please call Deirdre, 379 5530 or 027 686 9953.

Our meetings are Monday nights, 6 pm, Carterton Club, Broadway. All welcome.

Contact: John Stevenson, 027 213 3548

Lions Club donates to community

Lions Club of Carterton have recently made the following significant donations in support of our local and wider community: $1,000 to Wairarapa United Football Club towards assisting their junior players; $1,560 to Club Carterton for new curtains to hide their storage area and a new vacuum cleaner; $1,015 towards five new recliner chairs for Wairarapa Mental Health’s Health Unit. We will give Camp Quality Wellington/Central Districts $1,200 to purchase three new storage bags for their obstacle course.

We thank our local community and people from the wider Wairarapa for your support of our food caravan as it enables us to continue making significant donations back into our community.

Wave seats

Club members have also been busy installing the new Wave Seats in Holloway St, Carterton. The late Ian Renall QSM, a valued member of the Lions Club of Carterton and the Carterton Community, donated $2,000 towards their commission and it is great to see them finally come to fruition. Our president, John McNamara, and Lion Mabel Smith joined Mayor John Booth in officially unveiling the wave seats for the community to use. Photo Don Farr.

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Steve Cretney, Lions Club of Carterton – We Serve
Off grid in Hinau Gully

Anna and Malcolm’s 300m² house in rural Hinau Gully is off the grid with solar photovoltaic panels, solar hot water and a 3.5 kilowatt wind turbine, all attached to a big battery system and a diesel generator backup. “It was going to cost about $45,000 to hook into the nearest power pole one kilometre away in either direction,” said Anna. “So we felt we had no option but to go alternative instead.”

The house was built eleven years ago with large, north-facing, double-glazed windows and doors to maximise the sun and a concrete floor for thermal mass. The floor is insulated below and has plastic pipes on the steel-mesh reinforcing for underfloor heating. These pipes are connected to an eleven-kilowatt wetback fire. The system only operates when the fire is going which is normally April to October. This is the only heating they use. They also went up a grade on the standard insulation of the day, now the current standard, giving them an even internal temperature, year-round, of about nineteen degrees.

Being off the grid, Malcolm and Anna have had to be mindful of their energy use. They have solar tubes to light their dining room. They do washing after morning showers so they have all day to recharge the batteries. The wind turbine, installed a year ago, has helped with this, filling the gaps on cloudy days when solar is not so effective. “We use the generator very rarely now we have the turbine,” Anna said.

A lot of the furniture, doors, cupboards and bench tops are recycled. Having recently extended their large food gardens and continued their native plantings, Anna and Malcolm are well on their way to achieving their sustainability dream.

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Aroha Ensemble – masterworks for string trio

The Aroha Ensemble will perform rarely heard masterpieces for string trio by Beethoven, Mozart and Sibelius at 57 Wood Street, Greytown on Sunday 25 June at 4 pm.

The three members of the Aroha Ensemble are part of the Wellington-based Aroha String Quartet, one of New Zealand’s finest chamber music ensembles, known for its passionate musicality, impressive technique and multicultural innovation.

Mozart’s Divertimento for String Trio, written in the same year as his last three symphonies, has been described as one of his noblest works. Beethoven’s Opus 9 string trios were a significant milestone in his development as a composer. His G major trio is rich, energetic and almost symphonic. The fascinating third work in the programme is a movement from an unfinished trio from Sibelius’s early chamber music period.

The concert in Greytown is part of a 12-centre New Zealand tour, taking the Aroha Ensemble from Invercargill to Kerikeri.

The Aroha String Quartet has made regular appearances for the Greytown Music Group. Aroha Ensemble violinist Haihong Liu said, ‘We’re relishing the special challenges and delights of playing as a trio and are really excited to be performing these amazing pieces around the country.’

Admission is $25 for adults, and $10 for students.

To book, ring Ed and Juliet Cooke on 06 304 9497.
Make stuff, hear stories – learn about Kahungunu!

Aratoi kicks off the ambitious Te Marae o Rongotaketake Education Programme. The goal is for every student from early childhood to tertiary level in the Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu region to visit the exhibition at least once. It’s a great chance to learn more about Ngāti Kahungunu, the country’s third largest iwi by population and the second largest geographically.

The education programme is participatory. Students can make poi, design masks, weave with harakeke, paint oars, listen to Kahungunu stories and more. They also walk through the historic exhibition, Te Marae o Rongotaketake: Redressing our Kahungunu History, which features 200 taonga. The programme runs until 1 September. Allow about one-and-a-half hours.

The facilitator is Museum Educator, Diana (Dee) Cruse, the Early Childhood Advisor with Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.

It is free to students (koha welcome). Bus transport costs $2 per student anywhere in the Kahungunu region. Group bookings are essential: email anthea@aratoi.co.nz.

The programme is supported by Masterton Trust Lands Trust.

Keeping active at Carterton School

As the colder weather arrives we are feeling the benefit of our heat pumps. Our classroom spaces are lovely and cozy. We try to get our children out to play in the fresh air as often as possible, even on colder, wetter days. We are fortunate to have space and green areas for our children to let off steam and have fun. Three days a week we have ‘wheels days’ when children can bring their scooters, skateboards or rip sticks to school. Our PE Shed is open each day. It is managed by two students who record which equipment has been borrowed – balls, bats, stilts and ropes. At playtimes we have several adults on duty to give support and make playtime happy. Our junior students are also supported by senior fuss busters – older students who join in games and help solve minor issues.

At school we have a Health Promoting team planning activities and initiatives to help keep our children healthy. We also have a dance group and sports group entirely run by students for students.

From time to time our competitive teams prepare for South Wairarapa school sports days. We would really welcome some support for their training sessions from members of our community. If you might be able to help with this please let us know!

The South Wairarapa Community of Learning is taking off. Most of the primary schools in the area will be looking at what we can do collectively, alongside our college, early childhood and iwi, to improve educational outcomes for our students. In the next few months short seminars will be held around the South Wairarapa to get your input and share ideas. Everyone is welcome. Ask your local principal for more information.

Alison Woollard, Principal
**Rose Notes**

**Planting time**

This is a good time to begin planting new roses as they become available as bare-root bushes but many nurseries do not lift their plants until late June or into July.

Make sure that all plants to be discarded have been removed and that you have burned any that were badly affected by disease. Good plants that are not to your liking can be swapped with friends in the same predicament. Most people want to try a new cultivar from time to time and consigning a perfectly good plant to the incinerator seems a waste when you could find it a good home.

Plants that you want to move can be shifted this month but be sure to plant them in new soil. Cut back plants that you are shifting in order to facilitate handling but leave ‘proper’ pruning until July.

Spray to kill any aphids or mites that are still lurking about. This spray should also cause plants to drop their remaining leaves and go into a dormant state.

Lime, sulphur or copper and oil spray should be used at this time of the year.

You can delay this application if roses are still blooming.

Graham Renall, Rose Society President, 379 7065

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**Wairarapa Community Kitties**

**Wisty, the Supermum**

Wisty, a heavily pregnant cat, lived under a house in Carterton and was lucky enough to be on a property of someone who cared enough to help get her into foster care with Wairarapa Community Kitties. When her kittens were old enough to be weaned and put out for adoption, Wisty, still with lots of milk and love to give, adopted five orphan kittens.

All 11 kittens have found homes and now it is Wisty’s turn. She gets on well with other cats, is not used to dogs and is OK with children but can be a little reserved with new people. She loves pats and hanging out with a known human; isn’t much of a lap cat but this may change. Would suit a quiet home and a patient carer. She is approximately two years old and is microchipped, spayed and vaccinated. Adoption cost $80. If you are interested in Wisty please visit www.facebook.com/wairarapacommunitykitties or email wairarapakitties@gmail.com

**Adoption event**

Wairarapa Community Kitties held an adoption event at the Carterton Events Centre last month and were overwhelmed by the support – 13 cats and kittens found homes. We would like to thank everyone who came along to meet us and the cats and kittens in our care. The large number of adoptions allowed our fosterers to take in some of the backlog of cats and kittens needing our help. If you would like to foster, email wairarapakitties@gmail.com to request a form and keep an eye on the Facebook page for our next adoption event coming up soon.

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**Scoop that poop!**

We have received a complaint regarding dog owners allowing their dogs to urinate on shop windows and poo on footpaths in the shopping area.

If your dog fouls in a public place please clean it up.

If you fail to remove your dog’s poo you could be fined $300 under the Carterton District Council dog control bylaw.

Dog numbers are on the increase which means doggie doos are too.

Besides having an offensive odour and being a breeding ground for flies, dogs may transmit diseases to humans.

You may not know that your dog can get these diseases from other dogs’ faeces: parvo-virus, distemper, roundworm, hookworm, tapeworm and whipworm.

Enjoy the pleasures of dog ownership and being permitted to walk your leashed dog in the Central Business Area of Carterton, but please don’t spoil it for the rest.

Don’t forget to ‘scoop that poop’.

Karen Schischka, Animal Management Officer, Carterton District Council

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Anyone for Petanque?

Newcomers to Carterton may not realise that there is an active Petanque club based at Queen Elizabeth Park in Masterton (next to the Lake House café). Petanque is a game which appeals to all ages; the rules are simple and a novice can enjoy the game without being taught to play.

It provides both friendly fun and intense competition depending on the level you play at. It may be the only sport that can be played competitively at any age group from five to 95 and with a range of abilities and disabilities; you don’t have to be fast, fit or strong.

If you are interested in learning more about Petanque, you would be very welcome to visit the Club on social play days Thursday and Sundays at 1.30 pm.

Contact: David 379 7766.

Dangerous seduction of Bridge

There is a scurrilous rumour that Bridge is a game for the oldies. Something to fill in those long nights when the eyesight is too feeble to focus on Netflix. A place where the zimmer frame has a designated parking space.

What is the reality?

For a start, this is a game requiring an agile brain than can engage with a partner and be in tune with them; that can learn systems to use in intense battle. This is a game that is dangerously seductive – creeping up, until a week or even a night without play can seriously upset inner peace.

Forget comfortable images of oldies filling in time in God’s waiting room. Update to the notion that the sooner one comes to grips with all that Bridge offers, the more rewarding the experience. Yes, those of us who play do know that parenting families and career-building is time-consuming. But the message is: Don’t see this activity as something to put off until you are old – see it as laying down the foundations for superior play, post-pension. See it as a family activity because we do have teenage age players and this is a great opportunity for family pairings.

Founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates, says: ‘Bridge is a game you can play at any age. If you take it up you will have the fun of playing it for the rest of your life. A lot of games don’t have that depth. This one does.’

SWBC lessons are planned to start in July. Get details on the club website www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/ or email the club at swbridge@xtra.co.nz

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Wairarapa Montessori Playgroup

Emily Neubauer, Jules Austin and Beatriz Trotamundos run a Montessori Play Group in Carterton on Tuesday mornings. “It’s a parent and toddler group – children up to six years old welcome – a time to meet other parents and hang out.” The value of this was clear to Emily when one of the mums said, ‘I really needed to talk to an adult.’

The group meets in the Plunket Rooms. “It’s central and we’re close to the library, but it’s owned by the Council and it’s really expensive,” Emily said. “We’re trying to give people a taste of Montessori. We’re open to everyone. At the moment we have a lot of babies and a four year old. We’re looking to fill in the age gaps. It’s not easy because there are a lot of preschools and we’re trying not to clash with them. We ask for a $2 donation each time or $20 a term per family and we’re struggling.”

“The children prepare the morning tea – they’re allowed to use knives to cut the fruit and spread butter on the bread. We guide but we don’t micro-manage.”

“We have outdoor play when we can – climbing and tumbling on our Montessori equipment. Inside we sing songs and make finger rhymes – tell a story or two or three. Last term our whole focus was on seeds and growing plants. We took seeds from plants. People brought the summer plants they had grown in the garden – cucumbers and tomatoes – and we ate them and extracted their seeds. We’ll dry them and plant them next year.”

The playgroup has been going for 24 years and has recently shifted from Masterton to Carterton.

South Wairarapa Workingmen’s Club

Workies Whispers

Club News: The Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Band played at the club recently and made the foundations shake. We all had a great time and spent most of it on the dance-floor strutting our stuff until midnight. Jayne’s buffet was well patronised with a good variety of food. Keep your eyes open for the next great band to entertain at the club. The duo Just Us plays on 14 July and Mark Southon returns on 18 August.

Club 60: Our next meeting is Monday 26 June at 1.30 pm. We have pool, cards, housie (not for money). We end the afternoon with a chat over a cuppa and biscuits. The Upper Hutt Cossie Club visited us last month.

Darts: The winners of the Dart Mixed Pairs Champs were Brian Bright and Odette Doherty. Runners-up were Puki and Moko Namana.

Pool: Our year has opened with a friendly match at the Services Club, Masterton. We had an enjoyable evening ending with a favourable draw.

Golf: The Golf adjunct played the Johnsonville Club for our annual fixture on 7 May at the Carterton Golf Club for the Braiden Enterprises trophy. Our team won the trophy with a combined total of 357 points compared with Johnsonville’s 324. Our next round will be against the Palmerston Club on 18 June at Palmerston North.

Snooker: is on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. New players most welcome.

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South End – a sustainable farm-school?

With government money from the Unlocking Curious Minds fund, Emilie Neubauer and Sarah Wright are working with students from Kuranui and Makoura Colleges and South End School to plan the use of an empty paddock behind South End school, involving them in child-led learning. The challenge: to turn an empty field into a space where science and technology can be investigated.

The project addresses the design and budget for a working farm and sustainable learning space that produces its own energy with minimal environmental impact.

Students were asked to dream. Their first thoughts were extra classrooms, a kitchen, laboratories, a craft space, robotics lab, a unicorn farm, football fields, a chocolate fountain, a chocolate factory and a place to grow berries, plums and feijoas to make smoothies from and a bug laboratory from where you release worms and beneficial bugs into the environment.

The idea of a ‘farm school’ allows students to learn across the curriculum (science, ecology, geography, maths, etc) with hands-on experiential learning where they learn about climate, soil, budgeting, planting, planning and preparing food.

Emilie would like a farm to supply food for healthy school lunches and is excited by the potential for learning in this process. “Imagine if they are actually harvesting beans – saving the seeds, learning how much it costs, how much to save, how much space they need and how many children they could feed.” Real life challenges and transferable life skills.

The Resilient Household

The May Council meeting received a presentation from Deb Hume of the Wellington Region Resilience Group, on How we can make households more resilient. The presentation focused on earthquake as the most likely risk for Carterton. There is the potential for liquefaction in the Wairarapa plains. She dealt with the following potential hazards:

Structure: Are foundations braced and firmly connected to piles? Are bookcases and large cupboards firmly fixed to the wall? Do you have a heavy painting hanging over your bed? Attach it firmly.

Food: Do you have a store of food that will get the family through the first seven days. Do you have a supply of drinking water?

Sanitation: Are you able to quickly construct a toilet?

Heating: In mid-winter and with no power is there an alternative source of heating? A good, dry stock of fire lighters?

Household plan: Most importantly, do you have a plan that covers school children; safe and agreed go-to or gathering places? Power lines could be down and texting, phone and email may be out.

Power and gas: Do you know where to turn off the power and gas in the house?

Water: For $105 you can purchase a 200 litre emergency water tank from Carterton Council offices. With it is the gear to deflect water from a roof downpipe to fill the tank. When the tank is full, overflow water will drain back to the downpipe. The tank is narrow enough to fit into the back seat of most cars.

Don Farr

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Wairarapa heritage group proposed

A public meeting will be held at St Andrews Union Church Main Street Greytown at 7 pm on Wednesday 28 June to seek support for a Wairarapa-wide group, formed to advocate for the conservation of heritage places in the Wairarapa and to promote heritage places in the Wairarapa.

The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 replaced the Historic Places Act 1993 on 20 May 2014 leaving no body or organisation to advocate for or educate about heritage conservation in the Wairarapa as a whole.

In 2016 Heritage NZ held a meeting in Featherston to discuss this situation. The proposed 28 June public meeting is the outcome of those discussions.

For discussion on 28 June 2017: The need to promote the conservation of heritage places in the Wairarapa for the benefit of present and future communities and generations. The need to promote the education of the public in the awareness and appreciation of heritage places and heritage values. The need to monitor and respond to legislation, policies, rules, regulations and plans (regional, district and other) relevant to good heritage conservation practice. Any other business.

The meeting has been organised on behalf of the steering group by Professor David Kernohan, architect, former professor and author and Frank Minehan a lawyer and long-time active member of the Greytown Community Heritage Trust.

All welcome, nau mai haere mai

Whoops!

Margaret Jamieson has pointed out that in our interview with her about Carterton in the 1930s and 40s we mistakenly put the clothing factory in Belvedere Road – in fact it was on Broadway.

Two benches

Two new benches at the entrance to Holloway are resting places for weary shoppers, places to sit with a takeaway coffee or just to sit and enjoy the sun.

The idea has been around for a while and put forward first by the Keep Carterton Beautiful group. It was then picked up by Carterton Lions and the benches, jarra planks on S-shaped metal supports, were formally unveiled in May. Each has a commemorative plaque, one in memory of the late Ian Renall who was Chair of Keep Carterton Beautiful when the idea was born and who nurtured the project in its early days. The other was placed by the Council in recognition of the many volunteers in Carterton.

Don Farr

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Dakin Cottage in Carterton – a heritage building. Photo Don Farr.

One wave seat is in memory of the late Ian Renall; the other is to recognise the many volunteers in Carterton.
Dear Agony Aunty...

Bullying in Schools

Dear AA

How do I parent less? I have a late teen daughter at home and I think I might still be doing too much and maybe she would benefit from more independence? I mean to change by doing less for her but it’s actually quite hard to stop myself and then I feel a bit mean.

We are all busy people and I don’t think I should still be doing the bulk of the domestic chores. Any tips?

Slightly Over Mothering

Dear SOM

You are on the right track, even just having a think about how roles should change as our teens get older. I’d simply have a chat with her about how she could take on some responsibilities around the house so she is more like a flat mate and less like a dependent lovely parasite you are related to. This is good useful life-training that will equip her to care for herself and others when she actually does live in her own space.

There will be blow-back when you don’t do something she has used to, like laundry or cooking, but that is inevitable. Everyone should shrink a favourite jersey to Barbie-size just once so they never do again.

Realistically our kids stay home longer because rents are high and study is not cheap. While they still live with us we need to find ways to grow them into reasonable adults who can remove a stain, heat some food and use a washing machine.

Oh and please include some budgeting skills because that is an area I am constantly seeing young people come undone in. Understanding the abundant risks of credit cards and small loans companies would be taught in all secondary schools, if I had my way.

Agony Aunty

Please send your questions for Agony Aunty to: crier.ed@gmail.com.

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The power of the media!

After my Trade Me postcard to the Rev Robert Young was published in the May Carterton Crier, someone gave me the name of a relative of Rev Young’s who lives down south. This enabled me to ask a friend living near him to talk to him on my behalf.

I have also read what is written in the 1897 Encyclopedia about Robert. His adopted son fought in the Boer War and died there. His son Colonel Brigadier General Robert Young. CMG, DSO, received the French Legion of Honour, one of fourteen to have received this honour. I shall be writing up his history for anyone interested in reading it. Surprising what comes out of buying an old postcard!

An interesting letter arrived the other week, from a descendant of the family of Sir William and Lady Marion Stuart-Forbes family. I phoned him and we are going to share our findings on the family.

Then came an email from someone interested in the Daniel and Sarah Dougherty family, whose daughter Ellen Dougherty talked about in the April issue of the Crier. She is the first Registered Nurse in the World. The power of the media!

Adele Pentony Graham

Empowering philosophy

What a wonderful message in the May Crier from Andre Rudolph, describing his family’s experience as a Playcentre family while they lived in Carterton.

Twenty years ago our family joined Playcentre which became a nine-year experience that changed our lives. Reading Andre’s article reminded of me of that.

Through Playcentre training we learnt about ‘authoritative’ parenting where parents empower their children and set fewer rules but are more consistent at enforcing them.

This is opposed to ‘authoritarian’ parenting which my generation grew up with where parents exert control and coercion over their children.

That experience has been so useful in my community role as a district councillor. As our communities understand and use the positive behaviour of empowerment they will become stronger, more trusting and more resilient.

Thank you to all the Playcentre parents over the years who have kept this wonderful, voluntary organisation alive for our children to be nurtured with the Playcentre philosophy of empowerment, self-direction in play and positive guidance.

Jill Greathead
When Leanne and Clayton Brown bought their life-style block in Somerset Road, Carterton, Leanne wanted to raise pedigree pigs while Clayton wanted to make model helicopters. What happened after that persuaded them to take another path.

In 2012 a hot air balloon crashed close to the house, killing eleven people. Two of the victims, Chrisjan and Alexis, died on the property. “The place felt haunted and sad,” Leanne said, “So many sad relatives coming here. We decided we would change that.”

People were already leaning over the fence to look at the pigs, so Clayton suggested bringing in more animals and opening the place to the public. The mother of one balloon victim suggested a petting zoo. “Now we have hundreds of animals,” Leanne said. “We spend a lot of time bonding with them so they are safe with children.”

They had to build shelters for the animals and facilities for the public. In this they were helped by Bruce from East Taratahi Building Supplies who worked from Leanne’s drawings and pictures.

Looking after the animals is a full-time occupation, but Leanne also has two other jobs to help with the mortgage. As well the couple help to care for Cassius, their dearly-loved, disabled grandson, who has a disease called lissencephaly which means ‘smooth brain’. The family’s care and patience has enabled Cassius to do things not expected of children with his condition. He has his own Facebook page: Master Cassius – the battle of lissencephaly and his own Give a little fund to help with his care.

Wallowing Heights is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 am till 4 pm and extra days in the holidays: Adults, $8, children, $5. They do birthdays parties. Like them on Facebook. Phone 3795667.

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club.

One of our two major motorcycle events – the Motorcycle Reliability Trial – was held in May. This was a two day event and featured an overnight stop at Akitio beach.

At our May club night we featured a screening of the motoring comedy The Great Race.

The club’s Annual General Meeting takes place on Monday 12 June at 7.30 pm at our Clareville club rooms. Anyone with an interest in older vehicles is welcome to attend.

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