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Editorial

Is that a ray of hope I see on the horizon? Might I allow myself a small burst of enthusiasm?

It's been a long, winding road, but Covid-19's hold on our lives just might be becoming slightly more manageable.

We're reminded daily that it's still a deadly disease, and vaccination is still the best defence, but the powers that be have mapped out a pathway that will allow many of us to return to the activities we enjoyed pre-Covid.

By now, you will probably know someone at work or in your street who has battled Covid. Some people I know took all the precautions, yet Covid found a way in.

The message of hope is particularly apt at this time of year, as Christians mark the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Easter services.

I asked all of those local religious leaders I was able to contact by phone to provide an Easter message for the Crier, and their responses are in this issue.

To quote from one at random, Captain Sarah-Ann Grove, Wairarapa Salvation Army:

"The last two years have been unlike anything we've experienced before as individuals, as a community, a country and globally. It's been a season marked by fear and loss, of uncertainty and difficulty, but in amongst all of that we can find comfort in knowing that God is with us. And the story isn't over."

Paul Dykes, Editor

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Swimming pool slide Molly hits her targets

Contributions from Carterton's community and local organisations have brought a local youngster's dream one step closer to reality.

Ka Pai Carterton, the district's Community-Led Development Programme, has boosted Molly O'Dwyer's campaign to get a new slide for Carterton's outdoor swimming pools with funding from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Molly spoke at last year's 10-Year Plan consultation hearings and urged Council to replace the slide at the town's outdoor pools.

Council made room in its Ten-Year Plan budget for up to \$10,000 towards the project and sought to support Molly with her community fundraising for the rest.

Our community rose to the challenge and secured most of the funds needed within two months. Online donations and sausage sizzles boosted the funds after January's launch.

Ka Pai Carterton's committee has voted to pledge a sizeable amount towards the slide.

Their generous backing also allows for new murals at the pool as part of the funding grant. Youth group Rangatahi to Rangatira Carterton (R2R) will help with the murals project.

Molly thanked the community for their efforts in supporting her.

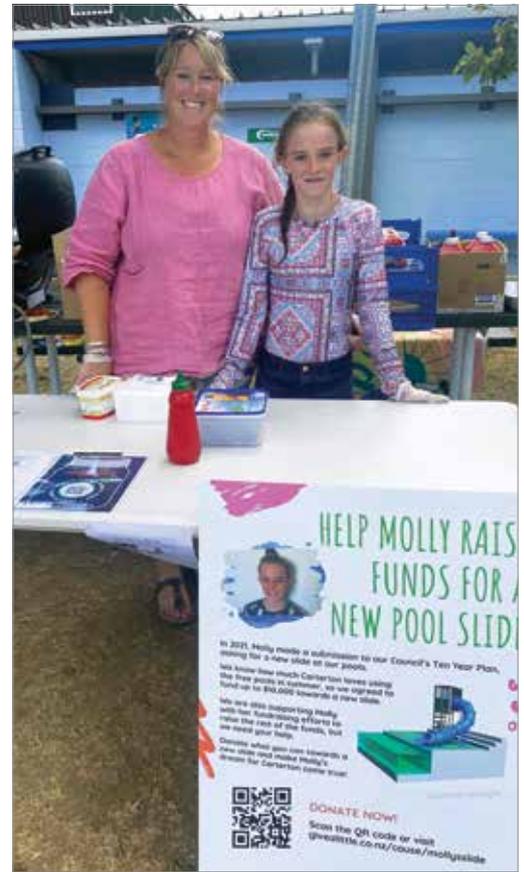
"I'm very happy. It shows that you should not be afraid to speak up if you want to see change. Don't be afraid to step up."

Lucy McKenzie, community facilitator, Ka Pai Carterton, said Molly's voice has been heard and supported.

"The Ka Pai Carterton committee unanimously supported contributory funding of \$42,090 plus GST towards this project, which highlights Carterton's community aspirations of nurturing youth, and having more fun stuff to do."

The campaign received another generous grant from Trust House, and community fundraising so far has totalled more than \$4000. This was on top of welcome support from the Wairarapa business community, who came together to provide some of the sponsorship for the community fundraising.

The combined amount raised is just enough to buy the slide. But a little more should cover installation, and cover any extra costs.



Molly fundraising

Hospice Wairarapa High tea – a perfect Mother's Day gift

What could be a better way to say thank you on Mother's Day than treating her to a high tea?

Hospice Wairarapa and the Holdsworth Lions Club are holding their third annual High Tea fundraiser on Sunday 22 May to raise much-needed funds to support the 21-plus free services Hospice offers.

With lockdown curtailing time spent with friends and family, this is the perfect opportunity for a get-together.

When you arrive at Ranfurly House in Masterton, you can enjoy a complimentary glass of bubbles and settle in for an afternoon of fun and laughter, challenge yourselves with a quiz and even enter the best headwear competition.

There will also be raffles and spot prizes on offer, as well as delicious High Tea treats generously prepared and served by the Lions. Last year, tickets sold out and we had a long wait list, so don't miss out. Tickets went on sale on 4 April and can be reserved at bookings@hospicewairarapa.co.nz or by phoning 06 378 8888.

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A group of dedicated herbalists, laymen and women, meet every month to study and share their knowledge of herbs, both culinary and medical.

They are joined by speakers from a wide field of expertise. Outings are organised to herb farms, specialist nurseries and gardens. Themes such as permaculture, organic, sustainable or companion gardening are widely explored.

A herb garden next to Haumanu house in Carterton is tended by members. Educational panels will soon be established at the garden and these will provide information about the usage and goodness of different herbs and herbal remedies.

The society was established in 1982 and has grown over the years thanks to all the members who contributed by opening their gardens, attending or running meetings, sharing information and, in short, keep the memory of former Herb Society members alive.

Looking through the Herb Society's historical records of 40 years one sentence, made as a



Some of the original members

comment at a workshop, sums up the society's focus: "Herbs – the essence of life".

The picture accompanying this article was taken when the Wairarapa Herb Society established the first public herb garden next to the arts centre on the corner of Bruce and Dixon Sts, Masterton.

If you would like to know more about herbs their uses and benefits, contact the Wairarapa Herb Society waiherbs@gmail.com or call Christine 027 280 6739. The society meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm in the Old Courthouse, next to the Events Centre, Carterton.

Gardening guide

How does your garden grow?

Green peas were made for Carterton gardens. They are a cool climate crop, keeping winter gardeners occupied.

The growing period runs from March to September. The crop needs a supporting grid of some sort or trellis, ideally in a location where you have recently grown tomatoes, and facing the sun.

Before planting, dig in chook manure and a small application of lime. Peas generate their own nitrogen, so go easy there. Seeds need to be planted 10cm apart. As spring approaches, it is wise to cover the soil with pea straw.

The peas, the pods and the tips can be cooked and eaten when they are young.

Herb of the month is basil, also called great basil. It is a culinary

herb of the family Lamiaceae and is used in cuisines worldwide. In Western cuisine the generic term "basil" refers to the variety known as sweet basil or Genovese basil. Basil was originally native to India.

Asia held it to be sacred and to be a noble herb. In fact, the word basil comes from the ancient Greek "basilikhon" which means "royal". Sweet basil has a very strong smell and a recognisable flavour.

Today, *Ocimum Basilicum* (the scientific name for basil) grows in many places around the world and plays a key role in Italian and Thai cuisine. There are more than 60 varieties of basil, with sweet basil being one of the most widely used.

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Balloon Festival Early morning (6.30am), from Thursday 14 to Monday 18 April, balloons will take off from Masterton (14th), Carterton (15th), Greytown (16th), and Martinborough, (17th), with a mystery location on Easter Monday, see nzballoons.co.nz for details, or tune into Wairarapa's More FM 89.5.

Carterton Farmers' Market Sunday 29 May, tree and plant sale. Any wannabe stallholders, please contact info@cartertonmarket.co.nz or 027 663 9011. Google "Carterton Arbor Sale"

Carterton Craft Market Open 7 days from 10am–3pm. Call Desley 027 787 8558

Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival, originally scheduled to be held in May, has moved to 8–12 June. Volunteers are needed, email hannah@booktown.org.nz

Greytown Music Group NZTrio 4pm Sunday 1 May, at 57 Wood St, Greytown. Adults \$30, children \$10. Bookings essential – contact Ed and Juliet Cooke on 06 304 9497 or efjacooke@gmail.com

Heart of Arts Gallery A new exhibition has opened at Heart of Arts on High St, featuring works by Lynne McCartney, running to 27 April 2022. Lynne is a rural Wairarapa painter who works with acrylic on canvas

Parenting Today at the Carterton District Council on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am–11.30am, beginning on Tuesday 3 May. Text Sam Williams on 021 509 626

R18 Ladies Only Quiz Kainga Eatery, Friday 3 June. Doors open from 6pm to mix and mingle, quiz starting about 7pm. Tickets available from Kainga Eatery, \$30pp. Phone Kylie for further information on 027 688 9401

South Wairarapa Bridge Club evening lessons at 7pm on Tuesdays, starting from 26 April 2022, in the Greytown town hall/library building. For more information, please contact Katherine Gough on 027 243 3495, or visit their website southwairarapabridge.org.nz/

Wairarapa Business Summit on Tuesday 10 May, 8.30am–5pm, at the Carterton Events Centre. Zoom options are available. Book at Carterton Events Centre

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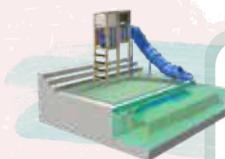
WHAT'S THE COUNCIL'S PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR?



Last year, the Council consulted the community on its Ten-Year Plan for 2021-2031. After receiving public feedback, the plan was finalised last May and outlined the Council's priority projects and works for the next ten years.

We have now put together our Draft Annual Plan for the 2022/23 financial year. It doesn't contain any significant changes from Year 2 of the Ten-Year Plan and we have not added any additional projects. However, we would still like to hear your feedback before the plan is finalised in June.

WHICH PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL PLAN?



- Installation of the new pool slide
- Year 2 of the 3 year roading programme as approved by Waka Kotahi
- Wastewater and water renewals
- Town centre carpark and depot relocation
- Ongoing internal IT projects to streamline some of our internal processes
- Continuing the District Plan Review
- Continuation of the Wastewater Treatment Ponds Upgrade project



WILL THERE BE A RATES INCREASE?



The Ten-Year Plan which was finalised last year outlined that there would be an overall average rates increase of 4.5% in the 2022/23 year.

Despite no significant changes and no additional projects being added, the overall average rates increase is now indicated to be 6.0%. This is largely due to increased cost of construction materials, a tight labour market and the Consumer Price Inflation increasing by 5.9%. This means we are unfortunately unable to deliver the same projects within the original Ten-Year-Plan budget.

Council officers have worked hard to save costs across the organisation and have cut costs in the following areas:

- Staff training and conferences (more being done online at a reduced cost)
- Building and general maintenance
- Reviewed our fees for regulatory and LGOIMA work.



WHERE CAN I VIEW THE DRAFT PLAN AND HOW CAN I GIVE FEEDBACK?

You can view the draft plan at: www.cdc.govt.nz/annualplan
Pick up a copy at the main council office on 28 Holloway Street.

Our feedback period is between **31 March and 8 May 2022**

Online feedback at: www.surveylegend.com/s/41og

Email: info@cdc.govt.nz

Contact one of your elected members:

www.cdc.govt.nz/your-mayor-and-councillors



Carrington bowls

Juniors break through to finals

Two novice "junior" bowlers have won the Wairarapa senior men's pairs title and will represent the region at the nationals against the "big boys" in Dunedin in July.

Gavin Hamlyn and Roger Smeaton, second- and first-year bowlers respectively, had to win the senior title at Carrington Bowls before they could vie for the Wairarapa "Champion of Champions" title, held this year at Eketahuna.

The winning senior pairs from all the Wairarapa clubs contested this event, and they knew Gavin and Roger were "only" juniors, having played against them at various club tournaments.

The Carrington pair, with Gavin as skip, won all their games, and lifted the prestigious title. While they have no doubt about the step-up required to play against New Zealand's international stars, they also have no fears, relishing in their underdog status.

Roger joined Carrington Bowls about a year ago, and Gavin is in his second year. In bowls, you are ranked as a "junior" for your first five years, regardless of your age.

"I've been living in Carterton for three years, having moved up from Lower Hutt," says Roger. "I was too old to play the sports I had been playing, such as softball and soccer, so I thought I'd try bowls."

Gavin had been a professional golf coach in the UK for 13 years before coming to New Zealand in October 2020.

"Golf was my main sport," says Gavin, "but I was looking for something different. I came to a "roll-up" at Carrington [a casual mid-week session] and everyone was so friendly. I had a coaching lesson with Carol Voller [the only registered bowls coach in the Wairarapa, and fellow Carrington Bowls member].

"I practice a fair bit, and I still play golf. The all-weather Tiger Turf at



Roger Smeaton, left, and Gavin Hamlyn

Carrington Bowls is great, and I get to adapt to other surfaces. I think it's the best for speed and line I've played on."

Roger is also playing a bit of golf, and is really enjoying his bowls. "Gavin broke his glasses at the Eketahuna champ of champs and couldn't count how many fingers I was holding up to show how many shots we were holding."

Stop Press

The successes keep on coming for Carrington Bowls & Croquet Club. Since deadline, its members have won three more Champion of Champions titles.

Gavin Hamlyn won the Men's Junior Singles, Stacey Smythe the Women's Junior Singles title and Stacey Smythe and Tracey Jacobson won the Women's Junior Pairs title.

It's the club's best season since its inception 10 years ago.

Keep your fitness up

Special sessions for seniors

Nuku Ora, Age Concern Wairarapa and the Wairarapa Positive Ageing Co-ordinator for the three Councils are asking our seniors to "keep your fitness up" during the Omicron outbreak.

One person who has been doing this is Wairarapa resident Mary, who keeps her fitness up by regularly attending two weekly strength



Mary recommends the classes

and balance classes – Steady As You Go and Keep Fit – despite being 90 next month.

Steady As You Go is a falls-prevention class run by Age Concern Wairarapa. Mary says she goes along because it helps to prevent falls, and by keeping active she's able to maintain her independence and not call on others for help.

"I don't use a walking stick, despite having to come up three fairly steep steps at home. Going to exercises keep you strong – when we were in lockdown and no classes were running, I noticed my physical ability deteriorated quite quickly. Classes are important as I need the company of others to motivate me."

Keep Fit is run by local instructor Petra Wagner. Mary said that this class "helps from the top of your head to the tip of your toes, and we do a lot of exercises that keep the brain and eyes going, which is very beneficial, especially with driving a car, which I still do".

When Mary was asked why someone should go along to a community strength and balance class, she noted that there is a caring aspect to the groups. "Go along, you will be made to feel very welcome, and everyone is very friendly and helpful.

"The exercises are beneficial and if you can't do them 100% that doesn't matter – do as much as you can, and no one will notice or judge you if you can't do a particular exercise."

There are several other strength and balance classes running in the Wairarapa, including new Steady As You Go classes starting soon in Martinborough, Greytown and Carterton. Contact the office to register your interest 06 377 0066.

To find out more about these classes, or if you want information about exercising at home, please visit www.livestronger.org.nz or call Campbell on 04 380 2070 extn 265.

Andersens Book

Tales of the Andersens of Parkvale

Peder Andersen was a highly respected small farmer in the Parkvale district, east of Carterton, in the early 1900s.

With his large family, he raised prize-winning jersey cows under the name of Raventhorpe, and if you thumb your way down the historic prize lists of the Wairarapa A&P Show, you'll see there were many awards presented to the family. Their cows were known for their rich cream content, highly valued by the Parkvale Dairy Factory, just across the road from the Andersen farm.

But it was not just for their jersey cows that the Andersens were admired. In a small four-roomed cottage (eventually with outbuildings), between 1878 and 1904, Peder and his wife, Johanna (nee Anderson) raised 13 children.

All the eight boys and five girls were born in the cottage, and all grew into adulthood – a major feat in those early days. A large fruit orchard was planted, and many varieties of fruit flourished. Alex (11th child) also had an interest in bees and there were always hives providing a ready supply of honey. There were pigs, chickens, and sheep too.

Essentially, the Andersens were the forerunners to the sustainable living movement of today. All the children trotted along the track to Parkvale School.

There were many weddings at the farm and three of the sons, who did not marry, formed a tight trio well into the 1970s, when they eventually sold the property and moved into Carterton.

Peder and Johanna met in south Wairarapa after sailing separately to New Zealand from Scandinavia looking for new lives. Peder, from Denmark, worked as a sailor before settling in Wairarapa and becoming a farmhand. Johanna had sailed with her parents and four siblings from Sweden. They married 20 December 1877 in Greytown.

These journeys, and much more, are outlined in a book by author, Marlene Ditchfield, whose great grandmother, Matilda, was the third child born in the Parkvale cottage. Copies of this book have now sold out. Contact Marlene 027 427 2235 or email marlened@xtra.co.nz



Johanna and Peder Andersen in 1883. Matilda (aged 1), Ann (3), Antun (5)

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What we all need to understand is the hope that is found in the Easter message of good news. Easter is a celebration of the fact that God in human flesh, Jesus Christ, came and died, was buried and rose again after three days in the tomb.

Jesus Christ came to deal with mankind's problem – the problem we see in Ukraine, Russia, Africa, the Middle East... and even closer to home, in the hearts of people everywhere.

Jesus came to give hope to mankind. Everywhere we turn we see the sinful action of man that kills, destroys, attacks, causes disputes, destroys families – we see this in the hearts and lives of people everywhere, we see it in us.

The hope that Jesus Christ brings is a certain hope – because as He hung on the cross He took upon Himself the sin of all those people who would believe in Him, God in the flesh. He came to die as the perfect sacrifice specifically so that forgiveness from sin can be ours.

He rose victorious from death, to prove the power of God and to affirm the promise of life in eternity with Him in the presence of God being available to all who will believe and call on His name.

Easter Hope is what Ukraine needs, what Russia needs, what you and I need. When people come to faith in Jesus and have the love of God in their hearts they are changed. The love of God in Christ gives us a focus of loving others, helping people, caring, placing others before self, being like Christ.

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the risen Lord Jesus and the certain hope that we have in Him – Life in His presence, perfection, joy... throughout eternity.

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(John 3:16)

On Good Friday we remember Jesus saying "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" before giving up His life on the cross – His divine blood, in payment for our sin – His life in exchange for yours and mine.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

With great joy we celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday – Jesus rose from the dead; he lives – validating His identity and proving there is life after death. Death, and the power of Hell, defeated.

The Resurrection is the day that changed the world.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) so what must we do?

The Apostle Peter replied "Repent and be baptised every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children. (Acts 2:38-39).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". (1 John 1:9).

No one is ever so far gone that they cannot find their way home. In Jesus, there is forgiveness, salvation, healing, peace and abundant life

You may well ask "then why so much evil, pain and suffering in the world?" When we are filthy we must pick up the soap and put it to work – the world needs Jesus – He has made a way, but each one must choose to receive this free gift of life in Him.

He will then empower each one with the same Holy Spirit Power that raised Him from death to life that you too may live a victorious life in Him. Amen. "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved," Romans 10:9.

Rev Lorna Clarke, St David's Presbyterian Church

Easter Prayer

If you'd like to begin a personal relationship with Jesus today, please pray this prayer from the depth of your heart:

"Lord Jesus, I invite you into my life. I believe you died for me and that your blood paid for my sins. I now turn from everything I know is wrong.

Thank you for the gift of eternal life. By faith I receive that gift, and I acknowledge you as my Lord and Saviour. Amen."

It is important now to be baptised so be encouraged to connect with your local Christian church to grow in faith and become all that you were created to be. Hallelujah! Praise God!

Rev Lorna Clarke, St David's Presbyterian Church

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Resurrection from the dead

A hoax or a history

Mankind has conquered many frontiers. Yet one remains elusive. The boundary between life and death.

Once death has swallowed up life, we are defeated. Generation upon generation is leveled. In the face of this reality, the Christian confession sounds incredulous, "I believe in the resurrection of the dead".

This confession would merely be a vain wish if it could not be backed up with evidence. Limiting myself to the New Testament, the Bible records that the frontier of death has been defeated several times. The Lord Jesus commanded death to release its hold in three cases: Luke 7:14; Mark 5:41; John 11:42.

But then came the day the tiding went around, "The Lord is risen indeed". It was incredible even though Jesus did say it would happen. To make such claim to rise from the dead was audacious.

Perhaps your thoughts are, "The whole story is a hoax. It is just the pie-in-the-sky of the Christian faith".

Not according to Lord Darling, the former chief justice of England. He wrote "There exist such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the

world could fail to bring a verdict that the resurrection story of Jesus is true."

Besides him, others came to the same conclusion. General Lew Wallace set out to write a book disproving the resurrection. He ended up writing *Ben Hur*, defending the story of Jesus. So did another lawyer, Dr Frank Morrison. Upon investigation of the evidence, he also changed his conclusion from his earlier conviction.

A more recent effort was made by Lee Stroble, an investigative journalist in Chicago. His wife became a believer. He quit his job and set out to disprove the story of Jesus. As he pursued his case, his detective research changed him, and he wrote *The Case for Christ*.

"The Lord is risen indeed!" There is so much more in these few words than a historical fact. It is the message of hope of life in face of the despair of death; of victory in face of defeat; of forgiveness in face of guilt.

Let God be praised that He came in His Son to bring salvation from sin and death.

Pastor Arnoud Vergunst, Reformed Church

Easter is not a fluffy bunny story

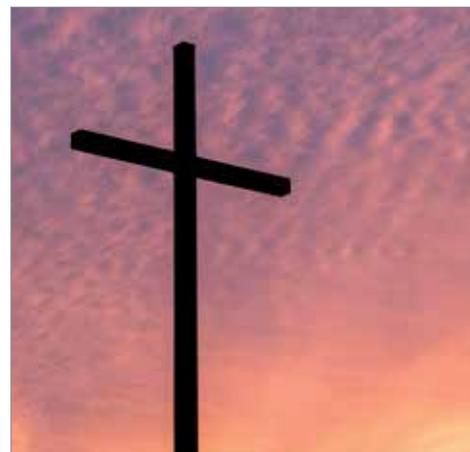
It's a story of state sanctioned torture and murder. A man was betrayed to the Roman authorities who were the overlords of Palestine 2000 years ago. He had a false trial. He was stripped and whipped. He was then crucified: nailed through his hands and feet to a tall wooden cross and left to die by a combination of suffocation, loss of body fluids and multiple organ failure. Finally, he was stabbed in his stomach to ensure he was dead.

It's the story of the death of a remarkable Jewish rabbi, called Jesus, who came from a small town called Nazareth. He was only 33 years old and had been teaching full-time for only three years. He was a noted scholar of the Hebrew Bible. His message was love. He healed the sick. He taught people to treat others as they would like to be treated. Jesus' life, teachings and works provided the inspiration for much western art, music

and literature. He is acknowledged as a holy man and teacher by followers of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

It's the story of the beginning of a world-wide movement – a movement that seeks to bring Jesus' teachings and way of life to every corner of our globe. The ideas and principles of that movement, called Christianity, are the basis for many of New Zealand's laws and many of the moral principles by which we live. Great leaders of social and political reform, such as William Wilberforce who fought to abolish slavery, Dr Martin Luther King Jr who fought for civil rights in the United States, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu who fought against apartheid in South Africa, were inspired to act because of Jesus' teaching and example.

It's a story of overwhelming joy and hope. Joy because Jesus rose from death and reappeared to his disciples. Joy because



Jesus taught his followers that God would always be present to them through all life's ups and downs, good times and bad, opportunities and losses, beginnings and endings. Hope because Jesus was living proof that death is not the end. And God knows our world needs hope right now.

Roger and Judith Wigglesworth, Co-Leaders, St Mark's Anglican Church

Easter story full of hope

For Christians Easter is a time when we are reminded that death is conquered, sin is defeated, and Jesus reigns! We look to the Easter story and we find hope!

Hope because God is with us. And the story isn't over.

Hope in knowing that love wins. That good wins.

That even though life is full of hurt, hard times, loss and uncertainty, there is hope.

Easter offers hope. A message of life, newness, faithfulness, love, sacrifice and hope.

The last two years have been unlike anything we've experienced before as individuals, as a community, a country and globally. It's been a season marked by fear and loss, of uncertainty and difficulty, but in amongst all of that we can find comfort in knowing that God is with us. And the story isn't over.

Easter reminds us that Jesus died on the cross.

Easter reminds us that on the cross Jesus was victorious, declaring "tetelestai" – it is finished.

Easter reminds us that after victory on the cross, Jesus rose again and ascended to heaven where he sits with his Father.

Easter reminds us that through it all God is here, that he created us, loves us and will always offer hope.

Easter is a reminder that if you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Roman's 10:9).

This Easter it is my prayer that in amongst everything we will all know that there is hope, that God is with us and the story isn't over.

Bless you Carterton

Sarah-Ann Grove (Captain), Wairarapa Salvation Army

Ka Pai Carterton

Full bloom ahead

“Ngahere o te Ora Haumanu” may seem like quite a mouthful, but really all it says is community garden and ours is right here for the Carterton community to nurture and enjoy.

It was established in 2018 with primary stakeholder input from Wai Art, Carterton District Council and local youth-led organisation, Rangatahi tū Rangatira (R2R).

The community gardens were created in part to allow the young people a connection to Papatuanuku and for them to contribute to our environment.

“It’s all about creating a space for our young people to express who they are and (to show) what they are capable of,” said R2R facilitator, Anaru te Rangiwhakaewa, in April 2018.

Almost four years on, the youth organisation is again leading the charge in maintaining and reinvigorating the garden space as volunteering numbers have dwindled as lives are busy with other commitments and perhaps Covid has pulled focus.

As part of their weekly youth group, R2R will be back in the garden on Wednesday nights to pull weeds, spruce up

garden beds and generally show some love to an overgrown community garden.

Although there is work to be done, there’s always plenty to enjoy at our community garden. Wairarapa Herb Society tend the plentiful herb garden, the Rongoa garden provides medicinal plants, supported by Hauora Runanga o Wairarapa.

There’s seed swap workshops by Helen and often school holiday programme activities from Audrey and Marty and you couldn’t miss the stunning murals, led by Anna Kingsley.

The covered/outdoor table is a wonderful

place to enjoy an al fresco lunch or host a community gathering. Plus, you can sharpen your gardening knowledge by reading any of the gardening books from the teeny shared library.

If you would like to help bring Ngahere o te Ora Haumanu back to life, join the regular gardening bees on Fridays, 9am–11am. Gardening equipment is supplied, just bring your gloves, a water bottle and a happy attitude.

To register with the volunteering team, or to take on an active leadership role, jump on the Ngahere o te Ora Haumanu Facebook page and get gardening.



What a difference four years, and Rangatahi tū Rangatira, have made in the community garden

Parenting today

A positive programme for parents in Carterton

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Sam Williams, parent education and support coordinator of Proactive Parenting Services, is bringing a parenting programme to families in the Carterton District.

It is a joint initiative between Wairarapa Safer Community Trust and Carterton District Council.

The programme is for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years old and is a positive and warm-hearted approach to parenting. It focuses on relationship building and providing practical tips and strategies that are effective and manageable.

Participants will have a chance to discuss whanau issues, share and support each other, and take home resources to support their learning.

“It is very timely to run this programme now as many families have been feeling stressed, anxious and even overwhelmed during these unique and difficult times,” says Sam.



Sam has written and developed a wide range of different parenting programmes over the last 30 years and is experienced at delivering well-known programmes such as The Incredible Years and The Triple P programme. “What makes Parenting Today different is it focuses on local needs and issues in our own community.”

The programme covers the following topics over 8 weeks:

- Talking about feelings
- Raising cooperative children
- Coping with challenging behaviours
- Building high self-esteem for children and parents
- Exploring rewards, consequences and boundaries
- Managing honesty issues
- Having fun and building relationships.

Parenting Today will be delivered at the Carterton District Council on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am–11.30am beginning on Tuesday 3 May.

Numbers will be strictly limited due to Covid restrictions, and to provide a positive space for parents to talk and be heard. If the interest exceeds the numbers, we will keep a waiting list for another programme.

To secure a place, please text Sam Williams on 021 509 626.



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Volunteers shine Community work halts weeds

When Helen Dew noticed two large patches of noxious weeds on private property between High St and William Wong Place she asked for help and the community responded.

"That empty section was just full of a weed that was going to disperse all over town," she said. "So I contacted Greg (the Mayor) and he got in touch with the owner who gave permission for me to take a group of volunteers onto the property to take the weeds out."

Then Helen phoned her friend Bruce Caddy to ask if he could help and bring a couple of fages (wool sacks).

"The day before we were to meet," Helen said, "I was walking by Balter Bar & Kitchen and one of the owners, Tript Dhillon, was sitting out the front. I was pushing a walker and he asked me how I was doing. I said 'Oh I could be better,' and I told him what I was doing the next day and said I think I'll be able to manage it OK. I've got a good helper. He said I'll come and help you. And he turned up with three of his staff!"

"I did it to help Helen, to be honest," Tript said, "because she is a lovely human being. She was having a back ache. If she wants that kind of help it is not a problem at all. All of us who work here, we are all kind of mates and we were doing nothing for the morning so we all set to and got the job done."

Helen also phoned Dallas Te Rangi from Youth Group R2R. The following day he brought along Alex Hallam, Savana Larsen-Kawana, Marley-Ray Te Rangiwhakaewa, Juliana Larsen, Anaru Te Rangi and Te Ariki Te Rangi, who cleared the weeds growing in the area where the vet clinic was.

"We spent an afternoon there clearing weeds. it's just what we do. We're a community-based youth group. It's no biggy for us," Dallas said.

Bruce photographed the weeds and Clinton Thompson, manager of the Council's Parks and Reserves, identified it as Canadian fleabane (*Conyza canadensis*) – which he described as "a pesky summer annual".

"Helen is an eco warrior about weeds," Bruce said. "She challenges us all."

Jan Farr



Helen Dew, Prabh Sandhu and Tript Dhillon from Balter. Photo Bruce Caddy



Canadian fleabane. Photo Bruce Caddy

Pūkaha garden tour New event manager takes over

Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre has appointed a new Wairarapa Garden Tour event manager, Jen Butler. She takes over from Rachael Dell, who managed the tour for the past four years.

The Wairarapa Garden Tour is two-day, self-drive garden tour featuring beautiful and unique gardens in the Wairarapa. It is an annual event and is a major fundraiser for Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre. The tour alternates each year between showcasing properties in the northern Wairarapa/southern Tararua; and southern Wairarapa regions.

The 2022 tour will be held on 5 and 6 November and will feature gardens in southern Wairarapa.

Rachael Dell increased the popularity and success of the tour to culminate in a sold-out tour in 2021, raising a record \$72,000 for conservation projects at Pūkaha.

Jen Butler comes to the helm with a wealth of event management, executive and governance experience. She founded Absolute Gems in 2019, specialising in governance, planning and strategy.

Jen is a keen gardener with a particular passion for sustainable food production, preserving and self-sufficiency. Watch this space for some interesting and informative additions to the 2022 tour.

"I'm honoured to be able to contribute to the local conservation work Pūkaha does and am already really enjoying meeting gardeners and volunteers," Jen Butler says.



Jen Butler

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Wairarapa festival

Balloons ready for lift-off

Covid-19 restrictions won't be keeping the Wairarapa Balloon Festival grounded, with five days of aerial colour planned for the Easter weekend.

The popular event is making a return to the Wairarapa skies after a two-year hiatus and will include 20 hot air balloons with balloonist competitions, sky high displays, and joyful and vibrant entertainment.

As one of the region's flagship events, the festival will kick-start the school holidays, running for five days from 14-18 April, delighting residents across the whole region, and best of all, it will be completely free.

The ascensions will be over Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, and Martinborough, wrapping up with a mystery location on Easter Monday. People from all over Wairarapa and neighbouring regions can enjoy the spectacular display of balloons in the wide open skies.

Event director Peter Amyes says it's exciting to be able to provide an event that everyone can look forward to, no matter what Covid brings us.

"While it is disappointing to cancel the Night Glow, we see the ascensions as an opportunity to deliver a little bit of magic and beauty to everyone, at a time when there is little to no certainty with events. This is something that people can look forward to, and we're pretty excited about that.

"We encourage families to make the most of it, and have a picnic in their garden, in a nearby park, or meet with a small group of friends, and create some great memories with the glorious balloons that will fill our skies."

Another exciting element to the festival will be the launch of inaugural Sport Ballooning Competition, the first of its kind in New Zealand. Balloonists will complete a series of challenges, and the competition will be built on in subsequent years.

The Wairarapa's big, wide-open spaces, relatively settled weather and minimal controlled air-space make it one of the best-suited and most popular regions in the country for balloonists, and organisers believe the new competition will help cement that.

The extended Balloons Festival programme, including the Night Glow will return in 2023. Individuals who have already purchased tickets to the 2022 Night Glow have the option to transfer their ticket to 2023, obtain a refund, or donate the ticket.

More information at www.nzballoons.co.nz or tune into Wairarapa's More FM 89.5.



Farmers' market

Monster tree and plant sale

On Sunday, 29 May, the Carterton Farmers' Market is organising a tree and plant sale for all you green-fingered types.

This is the time to be thinking about planting out any winter crops in the garden, but more importantly with Arbor Day the following Sunday, it's also traditionally a time when people plant trees across the country.

New Zealand first celebrated Arbor Day in 1890 (in neighbouring Greytown) and that tradition was formalised into an annual event each 5 June from 1977 to date. We hope to encourage and continue that practice in our region.

This is a call to all our local growers to get their plants and trees ready for sale. And, of course, your excess harvest produce items would be welcome too.

Any wannabe stallholders, please contact us on info@cartertonmarket.co.nz or 027 663 9011. Google "Carterton Arbor Sale" or check our event on Facebook for more information.

Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival moves to June

The popular Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival, originally scheduled to be held in May, has moved to 8–12 June.

While it's a little disappointing that we can't go ahead in May, postponing the event is the right call, given the uncertainty of the Omicron environment and the need to put first the health and safety of our entire festival whanau.

I must say it's a huge relief to have certainty around dates going forward and we'll now focus on making a stunning Featherston Booktown Festival happen in June.

This year's programme is amazing, building on the hugely successful Festival last year – which was our biggest yet.

We want as many people as possible to experience this year's festival and we want them to be feel as comfortable and as excited as possible, enjoying all



One of our wonderful Booktown volunteers in action

that makes the Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival distinctive – drawcard events, Aotearoa New Zealand's stellar writers and presenters, innovative experiences focused on the artefact of the book, multiple booksellers and a welcoming and generous community.

We eagerly look forward to revealing our stunning 2022 Programme on Thursday 28 April at the Featherston Sports Hub.

Now that we've fixed on the dates for our June Festival, we would love to know if you can generously donate your time to us as a volunteer for running the events. Even if you only have a couple of hours, we would be just delighted to hear from you and to work with you.

Please contact Hannah, our Volunteer Captain via email at hannah@booktown.org.nz

You can keep up to date with what's happening via our social media channels Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Mary Biggs, Operations Manager, Featherston Booktown

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CARRINGTON PARK PROJECT - ONE STEP CLOSER

Thanks to the fantastic support from our elected members of Council, we are one step closer to realising this exciting project co-designed by our champion community! Last year Ka Pai Carterton facilitated the community co-design process that saw contributions from across our massive community networks, connecting and collaborating to reimagine Carrington Park as the shining jewel in our awesome Wairarapa crown. The resulting plans, ([visit www.kapaicarterton.nz/carrington-park](http://www.kapaicarterton.nz/carrington-park)) having been thoroughly worked through by Council, key stakeholders and WSP, gained Council support, subject to securing external funding, at an ordinary meeting held on March 30th.

So what now? Over the next 6 - 9 months the plans will be developed, site surveyed, including geotechnical and arboriculture assessments and the design will be detailed. **Keen to be involved?** We need community to wrap in around this project and continue to support it forward. This includes finalising the design, supporting the funding applications and keeping community up to date with the progress. To find out more email hello@kapaicarterton.nz or visit



Wairarapa Kōrero Captured

Thank you to **Ra Smith** and **Gareth Winter** for delivering a 'command performance' of their hugely popular Wairarapa Kōrero session, originally held last December. Community had expressed a desire to hear from the two storytellers again and Ka Pai Carterton was delighted to make it happen. This time, we enlisted Sean Woollgar (SWV Productions) to film the event and it will be shared with all community at a coming date. Attendees generously offered a koha and the proceeds were donated to Wai Word to say thanks for all the fantastic work that they do in our community.

CARTERTON COMMUNITY ASPIRATION # 2



Building a vibrant CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT that supports innovation and 'shop local'

The Wild Oats Bakery rooftop got a water blast spruce-up in preparation for the **Wild Mural** being designed and delivered by our own artist extraordinaire, **Martin Doyle**. Watch over the coming weeks as the side of the Wild Oat's building is transformed, supporting our community's aspiration of building a vibrant CBD



Keen to see a potential revamp of the Carrington Park Skatebowl, ramps and rails? (we're learning the lingo!).

Ka Pai are getting alongside a great group of Carterton skatepark users who are currently researching ways to bring life back to the skate area to make it enjoyable and accessible to a wider community.

They're keen for ideas and community support so get in touch to join the conversation; hello@kapaicarterton.nz or watch this space to see how it all unfolds.



Te Peka o Wairarapa branch of the Maori Women's Welfare League, is hosting a month-long exhibition to **celebrate their 70th anniversary** alongside all Ikaroa branches. Kicking off on April 6th, the event will see a different theme each week to commemorate the work seen from this organisation since 1951.



Pop along to Hau Kāinga, 15 Queen Street, Masterton (10am - 4pm) to view the exhibition or participate in workshops.

Carterton Community Directory

Education, youth, children

Carterton Community Playgroup Contact Renee 022 315 3374
Carterton Community Toy Library Facebook:@cartertontoylibrary
Carterton Kindergarten Phone 379 8102 or call in to enrol. Website wmkindergartens.org.nz Email: carterton@wmkindergartens.org.nz/
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Carterton Scout Group Keas, Cubs and Scouts. Contact Sylvia Morgan 06 379 7153 or 027 249 3395
Girl Guide Groups Guides and Brownies, Sharon Aston 021 033 0550. Pippins, Debbie Fryer 06 379 6588
He Pounamu Early Nurture See Facebook, or email admin@hepounamu.co.nz
Kiddie Gym Lorna or Joan 06 379 8325
Longbush Playgroup Ginny 06 372 7003
Masterton Toy Library 365 Queens St Masterton. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays 10am–12 noon. New members welcome.
Montessori Playgroup 9.30–11.30am, Plunket Rooms, 50 Holloway St, Carterton, phone Emilie 021 963 929

Proactive Parenting Services at Wairarapa Safer Community Services Trust, 185 High St South, Monday–Thursday 8am–4pm. Enquiries to Sam Williams 021 509 626 or 06 379 5404
Rangatahi to Rangatira youth group, a free Carterton youth group getting young people involved in their community. Facebook: facebook.com/r2rcarterton
South End Kindergarten Phone 06 379 7723, southend@wmkindergartens.org.nz
St John Maria Tankersley 06 379 6479
Wairarapa Kids Choir Wednesdays from 3.50–4.50pm term time at the Courthouse, Carterton Events Centre, ages 7–13. New recruits welcome. Contact jillbebbington@wise.net.nz
Wairarapa Youth Services at Wairarapa Safer Community Services Trust, 185 High St South, Monday–Friday 8am–5pm. Enquiries to Loraine Mitchell 021 509 446 or 06 379 5407

Arts

Book Club Carterton District Library, library@cdc.govt.nz. 06 379 4080
Book Group U3A Sue Burns 06 379 6506
Carterton Craft Market Open 7 days from 10am–3pm. Call Desley 027 787 8558
Greytown Music Group Ed and Juliet Cooke, phone 06 304 9497, email efjacooke@gmail.com.
Heart of Arts Wairarapa 47 High St North Carterton. Open Wednesday–Sunday 10am–4pm
Jonáš Koukl's music classes and drumming group. Contact Jonáš at jonas@connecting-arts.com 021 0842 1552

NZ Pacific Studio Residency Programme visit www.artistresidency.org.nz
South End Strummers Contact Carole 06 379 7292
Wai Art Group For information phone Anthea Crozier 06 377 1261
Wairarapa Music Co-Creation Meetups www.connecting-music.nz, 021 0842 1552
Wairarapa Word A free and friendly way to meet writers. 1st Sundays, 3pm. Contact events.waiword@gmail.com or Steve Laurence at Almo's Books: 06 379 7103

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Carterton Friendship Club Jeanne 06 379 5444
Carterton District Historical Society 150 High St North. Maureen 06 379 9021 and Vivienne 06 379 5564 carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com
Carterton Justice of the Peace service Every Friday noon–2pm Carterton Library
Central Lions Nita Edwards 027 247 8441
Clareville Cemetery tour organiser taphophile and researcher. Contact: 06 379 6402, pentonygraham@xtra.co.nz
Club Carterton Club Carterton on Facebook. 35–77 Broadway, Carterton
Community Connector Services Supporting people who have been affected by Covid-19. Enquiries to Maria Hull 021 783 938 or 06 379 5407 extn 709. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8am–5pm
Diabetes contact Simon on simonnpeterk@xtra.co.nz or Annette on dnapeters@xtra.co.nz
Digital Seniors free technology coaching sessions for over 65s. sarah.wright@digitalseniors.co.nz
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New Zealand Red Cross Masterton Migration Programmes Hanschen.Venter@redcross.org.nz 027 261 5731, 0800 REDCROSS (733 276), www.redcross.org.nz
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Senior Citizens Yvonne Brown 022 140 6671
South Wairarapa Rebus Club Contact Ken Hyde 06 379 6566 Email kandnhyde@xtra.co.nz
South Wairarapa Working Men's Club 06 304 9449, swwmc.org.nz, swwmc@wise.net.nz
St David's Presbyterian Church 164 High St South, Carterton. Sunday services 10am. Phone 06 379 8325 or 021 215 9386. Email st.david@xtra.co.nz
St Mark's Anglican Church 185 High St South, Carterton. Sunday Service 8am and 10am plus 10am Thursdays. Email office@stmarkscarterton.co.nz or phone 06 379 8371 or 021 541 618
Toastmasters Wairarapa meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, 210 High St South, Carterton. Contact Jill on 027 488 4376
Tranzit coach tours for active seniors. www.tranzittours.co.nz or 0800 471 227 9.30am–4pm
Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) 43 Perry St, Masterton. Monday–Friday 9am–4pm, phone 06 377 0078 or 0800 367 222. Email wairarapa@cab.org.nz, website www.cab.org.nz
Wairarapa Safer Community Services Trust 185 High St South, Monday–Friday, 8am–4pm. Enquiries to 021 509 493 or 06 379 5407
Wairarapa Bible Church 265 High St South, Carterton. Sunday morning Worship 10am (includes Sunday School). Email wairarapabilechurch@gmail.com
Wairarapa Salvation Army Carterton Centre, 210 High St Sth. Church service at 10:30am Sundays. Phone 06 378 7316 or email sarah-ann.grove@salvationarmy.org.nz

Sport, fitness, movement

Basketball Facebook: Wairarapa Basketball Society
Carrington Bowling & Croquet Club Association Croquet Robin Brasell 06 222 4000, Golf Croquet Helen Waldron 379 5671, Bowls Pauline Hodgson 021 406 6728
Carterton Golf Club Foot golf, \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, office hours Friday-Tuesday 8:30am-1:30pm, phone 06 379 8457. Email admin@cartertongolf.co.nz, website www.cartertongolfclub.co.nz
Carterton Scottish Country Dance Club Contact Michael 06 377 0322, 021 535 897, website: dancescottish.org.nz
Carterton Swimming Club Cynthia Lowe: cartertonswimracesecretary@gmail.com. Water aerobics, indoor pool, key hire, Russell Geange 06 379 7750
Carterton Tennis Club new members welcome, free public session 5.30pm every Thursday, cartertontennis@gmail.com
Clareville Badminton Club Steve Ruscoe, 027 333 3975
Cycling Irene Price 027 634 9167 or Lesley 021 299 6389
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Dimensional Fitness classes Fitness training with Anaru and Dallas Te Rangī. Facebook
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Free Fit Club Di Bailey 027 498 7261
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Indoor Bowls 1.30pm Mondays, Club Carterton, Broadway, Carterton. All players welcome for a social afternoon of bowls. Phone 027 645 0905

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Greytown Rail Trail Parkrun 8am each Saturday, register first, website www.parkrun.co.nz/greytownwoodsidedetail
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Modern Jive dance classes Contact Lance 021 134 5661 or Facebook group, Wairarapa Modern Jive
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Carterton Community Choir Contact Elaine Pacey 027 820 5801
Carterton Farmers Market Memorial Square, every Sunday from 9am-12.30pm (when at Covid Level 2 or under.) Check Facebook @CartertonMarket for wet weather venue. Enquiries info@cartertonmarket.co.nz or 027 663 9011
Carterton Menzshed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-1pm, at A&P showgrounds, Clareville. New members welcome, contact Stephen Timperley at stephen@timperley.co.nz or 027 488 7155
Carterton Rose Society Graeme Renall, president, 06 379 7065, Vivienne Hawken, secretary, 06 379 5564
ExplorationNZ is a progressive Christian group. We meet Sunday afternoons 4pm in the Lansdowne Crossway Church, 1 Totara St, Masterton, contact Pauline Coy paulinebc@gmail.com
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Workies whispers

Club getting back into gear

With the recent changes in the Covid restrictions, the use of your QR code, manual signing in and vaccine passports is now not necessary at South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club, and our Weekly Draws have recommenced on a temporarily amended format.

However, whilst still under the Red Light restrictions, the wearing of masks, except whilst eating and drinking when seated within the club. Activities such as pool, darts and Friday night entertainment are still suspended.

Our caterers Jaynes Kitchen are still open, with bar meals Wednesday and Friday evenings and a full menu Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5.30pm.

As our normal Club 60 meeting this month fell on Anzac Day,

it was moved to the following Monday 2 May to accommodate a visit from members of the Petone Workingmen's Club. However, due to the club's Russell Lounge being booked by another organisation, we have had to cancel this visit.

Also, with the curtailment of Anzac services, our meeting is now reverted to our normal day of the 25th of this month at 1.30pm.

Our Tuesday Club afternoons have been continuing with reasonable attendances. We play every Tuesday at 1.30pm.

The Indoor Bowls is separated from the member bar area in the Russell Lounge, recommencing on Thursday evenings from 7pm.

Likewise, with the snooker tables being in the separate area, play can now recommence.

South End School



Rimu are proud to show off their new covered deck



Celebration Triathlon to mark the closing of the school pool – a great fun afternoon. The best part was getting hosed at the finale water slide

VACCINE PASSES NO LONGER REQUIRED

Following the Government's announcement about changes to the Covid Protection Framework, we no longer require Vaccine Passes at any of our Council facilities

This means you do not need a Vaccine Pass to enter the Carterton Events Centre and Library.

MASKS WILL STILL NEED TO BE WORN

Scanning into Carterton District Council facilities is no longer be mandatory but COVID-19 tracking codes will remain in place for people who would like to use them

Carterton District Council offices are now back to normal opening times:

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Heart of Arts Gallery New exhibition features acrylic on canvas

A new exhibition has opened at Heart of Arts on High St, featuring works by Lynne McCartney, running to 27 April 2022.

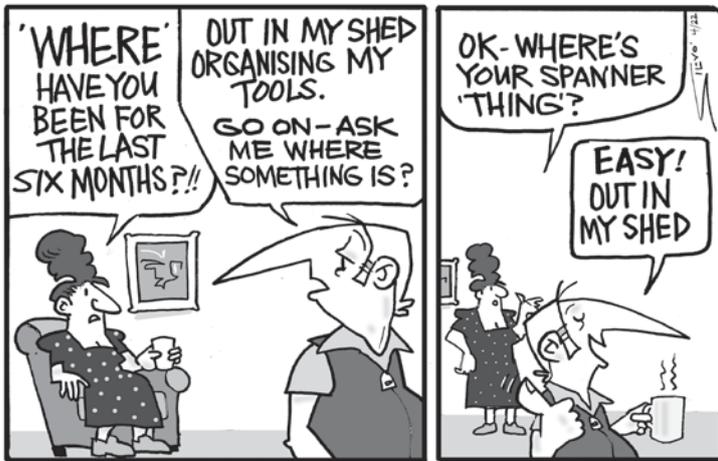
Lynne is a rural Wairarapa painter living on a lifestyle block north of Carterton. She works with acrylic on canvas. She's been a Heart of Arts member since 2018.

"I can immerse myself in painting and I love to do this in my spare time. I like bright colours and I often paint animals and birds – in particular, native birds," says Lynne.

"I love exploring the natural world and often find inspiration from this."



One of the works on display




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Railway museum

Mainline rail turnout removed

Toward the end of last year, the turnout from the Carterton Railyard to the main Wairarapa line at Pembroke St was removed, permanently.

This was not completely unexpected as we had been consulted on the proposal to remove it by KiwiRail a while back and we politely pointed out we would rather the connection remained as it could have played a part in boosting tourism in our region by having the ability to stable a rail excursion overnight in the Carterton precinct allowing passengers to go off on organised tours and be wined and dined at some of our top-class establishments.

We were offered the chance to retain the rail connection at an estimated cost of \$400,000, hardly the type of sum a small volunteer community group is likely to have in their back pocket.

Knowing in advance that at some point the connection would be removed is one thing, being confronted by the reality of witnessing the final stages of its removal one Sunday is, however, quite challenging for those in the preservation movement.

The underlying reasoning behind its removal was that the age and general condition of the turnout dictated it was on the suspect list for an in-service failure, which could pose a health and safety risk to commuters in the event of a derailment.

A rail turnout has moving parts that wear and become fatigued with age. In the case of a railyard turnout that exits onto the mainline, every passing train runs through the components and this ultimately leads to a replacement-or-removal scenario.

The outcome depends on the commercial relevance of the installation – sadly, our case to retain was insufficient. New rail has by-passed the old turnout.



Out with the old, but not in with the new

Carterton Menzshed

Putting Covid behind them

Like most organisations, the Menzshed has suffered with the uncertainty of lockdowns, then reopening with restrictions.

Now that Omicron is firmly entrenched a light at the end of the tunnel appears, allowing some certainty – hopefully lockdowns will be a thing of the past.

It is business as usual with even more and better equipment for those keen fine wood craftsmen and metal workers. So bring in your broken treasures or the plans of something you need created. There is always some willing member looking for a small job.

New members are welcome so if you're interested in being a part of our friendly and knowledgeable group then come down Tuesday and Thursday morning, check us out and have a cup at morning smoko 10am.

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Mark and Caddy using the metal lathe

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A screen shot from the Go Carterton website

Go Carterton Website shines a light

Go Carterton, our local Business Association, runs the Carterton NZ website, which offers benefits to both business owners and the town as a whole.

Visitors to the site can find local resources, activities and town information – even the *Carterton Crier* magazine. But most look for local services, retail businesses, eateries and

community groups.

With between 1300-2000 visitors per month, the site has strong Google visibility and offers a great showcase for your products and services.

It also provides a much-strengthened presence alongside a business' own online Facebook or website. So make sure your

business or organisation is listed today.

The Go Carterton website will be redesigned later this year to maximise this service Go Carterton offers. Feel free to get in touch with any questions or suggestions you might have regarding the website. Email info@gocarterton.co.nz

Toastmasters Wairarapa Special event in May

Toastmasters Wairarapa is an awesome club to practice communicating with skill and increased confidence.

If you are considering joining, we encourage you to come to a few meetings before you make a commitment to become a member.

Meetings are held every second week from 7.30–9.30pm at the Salvation Army at 210 High St, Carterton.

The club is run by a committee, but there is a six-monthly subscription of \$100 that pays for venue hire and Toastmasters International fees.

We chartered in 1971 as Masterton Toastmasters, so our club is celebrating its 50th birthday on Thursday 16 May at the Wairarapa Community Centre, 41 Perry St, Masterton, making it one of the oldest in New Zealand.

We are keen to invite former members along to this momentous occasion, so if you were a member, please get in touch with us.

"This will be a fantastic opportunity to catch up with past and present members and chat about the fun and comradeship we have had on the way," says Carol Wald, Toastmasters Wairarapa vice-president education.

For more information, contact Jill Greathead on 027 488 4376 or jillgreathead@gmail.com or check out our Toastmasters Wairarapa Facebook page.

Business Wairarapa Learning to meet the new challenges

Hosted by Business Wairarapa, this year's Wairarapa Business Summit responds to the challenges businesses have faced over the past two years, with experts in their field delivering presentations and workshops that address topics of employment and wellbeing in a challenging world.

Expert presenters include Kirk Hope, CEO of BusinessNZ, Dr Georgi Toma of The Wellbeing Protocol, and Paul MacKay, employment relations policy specialist at BusinessNZ.

It is on Tuesday 10 May, 8.30am–5pm, at the Carterton Events Centre. Zoom options are available.

Tickets are limited to 100, so be sure to book yours at Carterton Events Centre. Go Carterton offers. Feel free to get in touch with any questions or suggestions you might have regarding the website. Email info@gocarterton.co.nz

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Carterton District Council

Council seeks public feedback

Carterton District Council is seeking feedback from Carterton residents on its Draft Annual Plan for the 2022/23 financial year.

Last year, the Council consulted the community on its Ten-Year Plan (TYP) for 2021-2031. After receiving public feedback, the plan was finalised last May and outlined the Council's priority projects and works for the next 10 years.

Some of the projects included in the TYP for the 2022/23 included installation of the new pool slide, year 2 of the 3-year roading programme as approved by Waka Kotahi, wastewater and water renewals, town centre carpark and depot relocation, and the continuation of the Wastewater Treatment Ponds Upgrade project.

Although the draft plan doesn't contain any additional projects or significant changes from Year 2 of the TYP, the Council is still open to receiving public feedback for consideration before finalising the plan in June.

Chief executive Geoff Hamilton said Council officers have worked hard to deliver the plan as outlined in the TYP, however, increases across New Zealand due to inflation has made it harder to deliver the outcomes of the plan within the same budget. This means the average rating increase when the draft plan is finalised is indicated to be 6%, as opposed to the 4.5% increase previously outlined in the TYP.

"Consumer Price Inflation in New Zealand increased by 5.9% in the year to December, and we see businesses and organisations right across the country affected by this," Geoff said.

"Pair this with the increased costs of construction and a very tight labour market means we are unfortunately not able to deliver the same projects within the original TYP budget."

"We recognise that this is going to affect many of our residents, which is why our Council officers have worked very hard to save costs across the organisation."

Cost cutting areas include staff training and conferences (more being done online at a reduced cost), building and general maintenance, and reviewing Council fees.

The draft plan was to be adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 March at 4pm. The draft plan can be viewed online now at www.cdc.govt.nz/annualplan, with feedback being open until 7 May 2022.

Online feedback is available at www.surveylegend.com/s/41og or by emailing info@cdc.govt.nz. You can also discuss the plan with one of your elected members. Their contact details can be found at www.cdc.govt.nz/your-mayor-and-councillors/

Five towns trail network

New trust formed to promote access

The Carterton District Trails Trust is now registered as a charitable trust.

With the support of the three Councils of the Wairarapa valley, the Wairarapa Trails Action Group has developed a plan, the Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Network, to promote the development of a coherent network of cycle/walking trails in the greater Wairarapa.

The trustees are Lesley MacGibbon, Chris Leather, Gary Dye, Irene Price, Colin Chang, John Bushnell, Ian Macdonald, and Stuart Edwards.

Being geographically central, the Carterton District has a key role in developing trails within the area that link with, and complement signature trails in the South Wairarapa and Masterton

districts, and make optimal use of the cycling/walking highlights of the Carterton District.

Two key projects, essential to keeping cyclists/walkers off the busy State Highway 2, will be the development of cycle/walking bridges over the Waiohine and Waingawa rivers.

The purposes of the trust are to benefit the community by contributing to the development and maintenance of a safe network of cycling and walking trails in the Carterton District for use by the public; by contributing to the development and maintenance of infrastructure for use by the public that safely connects cycling and walking trails; to promote and encourage healthy, safe cycling and walking and to collaborate with others sharing similar aims.

Carterton District Council

Ground broken on new animal facility

Carterton District Council has made a significant step forward towards the construction of its new animal facility at the Dalefield Rd site by beginning work last month.

The existing animal facility is no longer fit for purpose and does not meet the current legislative requirements. In 2018, the Council undertook an animal facility location study to establish the optimal location for an upgraded animal facility in Carterton. The budget for the new facility is \$350k and was approved during the 2019/20 Annual Plan process. This has since been increased to \$370k to accommodate for increasing construction costs.

There is an extensive history of attempting to provide a shared Wairarapa service, however, a consensus has not been reached due differing operational requirements and budgetary expectations.

Council officers have now progressed a potential design and specification for its site at Dalefield Rd. Work has begun onsite, with the topsoil being stripped and a hard-standing laid down to allow a suitable working space during the winter months.

Services have already been installed, such as water, sewerage, electricity, and security. This means these services are ready to be hooked up once the building has been constructed.

Mayor Greg Lang said he was pleased this long-awaited project was now moving forward.

"Council staff have worked hard for many years to get to this stage, and this is a positive step forward towards completing this project."

The council is now awaiting sign off from a structural engineer on the final design before applying for the appropriate consents.



Work has started at the Dalefield site



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Cycling group A bridge not far

Not long now and the trail between Greytown land Featherston will be complete, so saying we set off to explore the trail between Greytown and Woodside last Wednesday.

Then we cycled towards Featherston, picking up the new trail to the river that separates the two towns. The bridge that will connect the two towns is coming along nicely. We won't have to cycle on water much longer.



Ready for the new cycling route

South Wairarapa Rebus Club New officers elected

Members met online for the 2021/22 Annual General Meeting on 22 February. A healthy quorum received and approved the annual reports and elected a new committee and officers.

The new president is Kay Paget (Greytown), the secretary and vice-president is John Reeve (Carterton) and the treasurer is Jo Laing (Martinborough). The committee includes the immediate past president, Perry Cameron (Featherston), Linda Gibbs (Greytown), Tricia Robertson (Carterton), Mike Laing and David Woodhams (Martinborough).

Plans are already taking shape for the year ahead. Our 22 April meeting will hear from Joy Cooper, chair of the Wharekaka Trust, on the history and future of residential and hospital care for the elderly in the Wairarapa. A "Fifth Friday" visit to Lake Ferry and Cape Palliser is planned for Friday 29 April.

The South Wairarapa Rebus Club meets in the South Wairarapa Working Men's Club on the fourth Friday morning of each month and organises an outing in those months with a fifth Friday. Anyone in the retired age group who may be interested in SW Rebus Club is welcome to come along to a meeting as a visitor. The Club's website is southwairaraparebus.com. Contact Tricia Robertson 379 5950.



The Carterton District Historical Society Inc.

The Annual General Meeting is being held on
24 April 2022 at the Masonic Lodge
61 Holloway Street, Carterton at 2pm

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Keep Carterton Beautiful Group Plenty of work still to do

Over recent weeks volunteers have weeded the Wyndham St Reserve and the Wyndham St entrance to Howard Booth Park.

Also, the two white bridges at Sparks Park (donated by KCBG some years ago) have been scraped down, awaiting repairs and when weather permits will be painted.

But in the meantime, there is still more weeding to be done around town.

KCBG has also donated \$500 towards Molly O'Dwyer's fund to upgrade the outdoor pool slide at the Carterton Swimming Pool as it felt this project benefits Carterton.

Like our Facebook page for photos of what we have been up to. Cath Rolls, KCBG (027 303 1838)



Work on one of the bridges in Sparks Park

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Wastewater Treatment Ponds Phase 2 complete next month

Progress through Phase 2 of the Daleton Wastewater Treatment Ponds Project continues, with completion set for June 2022, including filling the ponds.

In December 2021, Council approved unbudgeted expenditure up to \$1.944m to complete and remediate the new wastewater reservoirs.

This came after CDC removed the main contractor employed for the reservoir construction (Stage 2 of 3), citing repeated delays and extensive damage to the lining of its three new ponds.

Council is assessing the damage and making repairs as soon as possible and is progressing well to ensure this happens and stays within consent requirements.

As part of the assessment, an independent engineer is preparing a report to Council, analysing the damage, mitigations, and possible repairs.

Council was due to discuss the latest project update at its meeting on 30 March. Geoff Hamilton, chief executive, Carterton District Council, reported to Council that remediation work on the worst geomembrane liner damage and excess anchor trench soil had been underway since December.

"During this time, a more detailed mapping of damage has been underway, while we continue with Stage 3 works – being pipes, pumps and connections.

"Due to the excess of wastewater being received at our existing plant, officers have been considering how, and when, the new storage ponds can be brought into service. Clearly, the reservoirs need to be structurally sound, waterproof, and available for use. From a practical

perspective we are planning to have Pond 1 available to bring into service during April."

He said the use of one or more of the ponds must not undermine any claim Council may have for damage and defects relating to its dismissed contractor. Council has sought legal advice on this matter and will not bring the ponds into service if it limits its potential claim.

"Practical completion of Stage 2 works is targeted for June or July 2022, depending on weather. Practical completion of the overall Wastewater Treatment Pond Project is currently targeted for June 2023."

The Council meeting of 30 March is available to view on YouTube.

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Kindergarten

Martin the magical toymaker

We have been very fortunate to have Martin back this term toymaking with us again. Thanks to Trillian Trust for their grant that has allowed tamariki to revisit and hone their woodworking skills.

We have been making various items such as dinosaurs, horses, tractors and outdoor and indoor games such as cornhole boards, stomp catapult, quoits and pegboards.

Thanks again Martin for your wonderful skills that you share with our tamariki.

Nelly Kendall-Carpenter, Teacher.



Displaying the magic of Martin

Learning disabilities

Creating a support resource

Children with specific learning difficulties (including dyslexia) often thrive when they receive good support, particularly when this is well-coordinated across everyone involved in their care and education, and when everyone has the best information available about who to talk to and how to help.

As a teacher registered with the national organisation, Learning Disabilities Association New Zealand, I am aware that creating a focal point in our area for providing free, accurate information to parents about specific learning difficulties, and explaining how to help, would be highly appreciated by families.

Our local schools are hugely supportive of students experiencing difficulties with learning, but with no centralised point for information for families currently available, there is a big opportunity to think about what would really help, and to put it in place.

There are so many questions at every stage, including how to support the student to become an effective advocate for their own learning, or what the arrangements are when a child moves from school to college and beyond, and it would be good to connect families with clear signposts and guidance along the way.

If you are working with local students who have specific learning difficulties, or have experience in supporting a student, and you would like to share ideas and thoughts about what is needed from an information and support resource, and what a sustainable model would look like, please email me at mrsSheilabutler@gmail.com and I will make sure that they are included.

Sheila Butler



Sheila helping in the children's corner at the Carterton Rotary Annual Book Fair in August 2021

Divine River

Sustainable personal care choices

Local charity Divine River is starting community SEWstainable workshops in Carterton from Saturday 7 May at South End School and 14 May at Carterton School.

Divine River's aim is to nurture sustainable personal care choices through delivery of a range of workshops and the development of an online portal.

The objective is to provide a way for whole communities to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the environmental and wellbeing impacts of their personal care choices and enable them to provide solutions for themselves.

The charity says sustainability and climate change is a critical issue for our society and a key concern for all. Developing korero around this topic via our workshops and website helps enable individuals to make a difference for themselves, their whanau and their community.



SEWstainable workshops in Carterton

It provides a region-wide programme of community and in-school workshops that nurture sustainable personal care choices and enable communities to find practical solutions to make a difference individually and collectively.

Divine River will be holding "How to Make Eco Period Pads" from 9:30am-12:30pm at South End School every other Saturday starting 7 May and at Carterton School every other Saturday starting 14 May. Please email divinerivernz@gmail.com for enquiries.

Aratoi Museum

Shaping our environment

Our major autumn exhibition, *Toitū Te Whenua, The Land Will Always Remain*, (to 26 June) takes up the main gallery, with large installations and thought-provoking images to encourage the viewer to think about the forces that shape our environment.

A pulsing heartbeat of light contrasts to the exhibition's underlying narrative of deep time and eons of the Earth.

Understanding the role of immigrants in the Wairarapa, and how the land came to be changed with families arriving, the portrait exhibition; *William's Legacy: The Beetham*

Portraits (to 26 June) is a rare look at one of the oldest immigrant families in the region and their family story.

Our two new exhibitions focus on human perseverance and determination. Hamish Kummer's *The way I see it!* (to 15 May) shows us joyful, colourful paintings that are a warm antidote in the current climate, showing us the best of human spirit through living with cerebral palsy.

Ngā Haerenga/ Journeys – Celebrating Matariki

(16 April–21 August) brings us the story of navigation, through observing the natural world, star compasses and nautical instruments. A waka fragment from the Wairarapa coast reminds us of the enormous task of voyaging across the oceans.



From *Toitū Te Whenua, The Land Will Always Remain: Jenna Packer, The House that Jack Built, 2021, acrylic on canvas*



Hamish Kummer, The boat at Giverny (after Claude Monet), 2014, acrylic on canvas

Under the stars

In the sky with diamonds

Whenever I hear the child's song *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*, I often think of Sirius, the brightest and twinkliest star in the sky.

It is easily the brightest star in the sky over summer and autumn. It is a particularly beautiful white and diamond-esque star and well-known throughout the world, named colloquially as the Dog Star.

Sirius is also called Alpha Canis Majoris, or the Dog Star. It is the brightest star in the night sky – in autumn you can find it heading towards the northwest.

Stars are named using the Greek alphabet, Alpha for your brightest star in the constellation – here being Canis Major – followed by Beta, Gamma, Delta etc.

Here in New Zealand, it is often known as Takurua, the Winter

Maiden, as it rises in the morning sky to the right of the star cluster Matariki in June and is thought of as an important navigational star.

So over the next few weeks, when Orion is still in the sky, trace through the three belt stars of the constellation up and right and you will land straight on Sirius. Using constellations to find other stars is called star hopping – give it a go next time you are out. Can you make out the shape of the dog?

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Preschool Littlies

Moving to the beat

Over the past few weeks, the children off all ages have been really enjoying the rakau sticks.

These are used for many different action songs, some of which are not so traditional such as drumming to the beat of "We will rock you" (at the children's request) on our drumming log.

We think we have some musicians in the making, with several of the children not only showing great enthusiasm but great rhythm, and the ability to keep to the beat of the music too.

These music sessions are certainly our favourite group time, and it is great to see everyone come together and even the younger children getting involved too.



Moving to the beat

Sunset Cinema

A classic for comfort and joy

We figured that everybody might need a little bit of Robert Altman joy and fun as we head towards winter.

Nashville has everything in bucket loads – gospel and country music, hilarious comedy, 70s outfits and 24 characters to keep you occupied.

The storyline interweaves this vast cast over a 5-day period, leading up to a gala concert for an outsider running for President. The most surprising aspect of this film is that it was based on co-screenwriter Joan Tewkesbury's real life experience of visiting the city

made world famous for its music industry. Altman just added in a few embellishments.

It has been voted one of America's best-ever films and still holds the record of being nominated for 11 Golden Globes. So come along and see what all the hoopla is about with this newly restored edition. Has it stood the test of time, nearly 50 years on? Brace yourself for a bit of dancing in your seat.

You can find more information about our film society and purchase tickets at www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com

Our next screening is on Friday 13 May, with doors opening for tickets and refreshments at 7pm and the movie starting at 7.30pm. No vaccine pass is required, but please wear your mask. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this screening.

South Wairarapa Bridge Club Bridging the knowledge gap

Bridge players, and those who would like to learn how to play bridge, will be interested to know that the South Wairarapa Bridge Club will be running evening lessons at 7pm on Tuesdays, starting from 26 April 2022, in the Greytown town hall/library building.

For more information, please contact Katherine Gough on 027 243 3495, or visit their website southwairarapabridge.org.nz/



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Carterton School Well-being learning shared

Team Kahikatea students (Year 6 to 8) excitedly shared their learning about Taha Tinana (the body) with the rest of the school through organising and running a Hauora Day (Wellness Day).

In the weeks leading up to this event, students investigated and developed their knowledge about Te Whare Tapa Wha (Te Whare Tapa Wha is one model for understanding Māori health, developed by Mason Durie).

Prior learning allowed students to explore and learn about things like positive behaviours, the Carterton School 3Rs, the brain, nutrition, the importance of exercise and the digestive system.

At the end of the several weeks of learning, the students were asked to create a Hauora Project with a small group. The brief was for the group to come up with an interesting way to share practical things students can do to look after their Taha Tinana, with the purpose of educating other Carterton School students about this one element of Hauora.

On Hauora Day, students proudly shared their projects and the importance of many elements of Taha Tinana such as sleep, healthy balanced diets, hygiene, washing your hands, brushing your teeth, positive self talk, how nutrition affects your brain, and many more valuable knowledge was shared with students across the school.

The day ended with whānau groups (mixed year levels across the school) participating in games and sports organised and run by Team Kahikatea students. It was fabulous to see all students being physically active and to see leadership from the Team Kahikatea students.

The Hauora Day was a success and the Team Kahikatea students



Bella passes on the knowledge she has learned on Hauora Day

felt proud of their learning, projects and their organised games and sports. The students believed that the projects helped to share learning and the importance of well-being to others.

Ladies Only Quiz night in aid of Ukraine

What do you get when you combine an open-minded café owner and an enthusiastic local with big ideas?

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Shelley Rutene, owner of Kainga Eatery in Carterton, was approached by local lady Kylie Mole to open her doors for a fun, ladies only, quiz night to raise money for the Ukrainian refugees. Of course, Shelley, always up for an adventure, agreed to the fabulous event.

This will be no ordinary quiz. You may arrive with friends, but the quiz teams will be put together on the night. It's an opportunity to get out of your comfort zone, to make new connections and to include those either new to town or ladies who are yet to find their tribe.

The quiz will be held on Friday 3 June at Kainga Eatery. Doors will be open from 6pm to mix and mingle, enjoy the beautiful platters put on by Shelley and her team, and of course to enjoy a wine or two, with the quiz starting about 7pm.

Kylie's quiz team extraordinaire from her time at Balter Bar and Kitchen – Hayden Ruscoe and Sam Leavy – will be donating their time to help Kylie run the quiz.

Tickets are available to purchase from Kainga Eatery, \$30pp. Bring along your sense of fun and leave your dignity at the door for this tongue-in-cheek, toe-curling night of laughter, fun and friendship. Who knows – you might make a new friend or two and learn something new. Phone Kylie for further information on 027 688 9401.



Shelley, left, and Kylie

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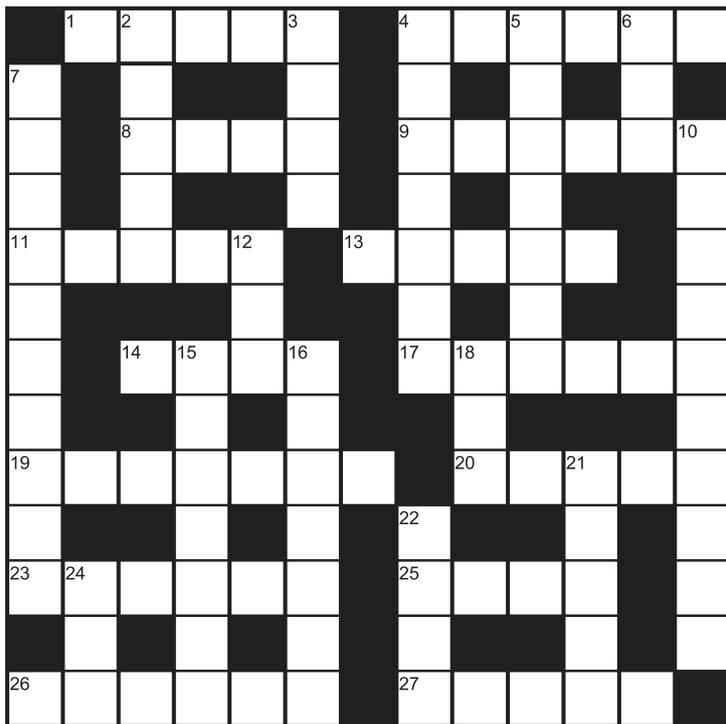
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Crossword



ACROSS

1. Walked through water (5)
4. Woman (Te Reo) (6)
8. Double reed orchestral instrument (4)
9. Subordinate officer (abbrev) (3-3)
11. Heather or ling (5)
13. Question closely (5)
14. Secure with rope (4)
17. Eat at home with non-U visitor (Cryptic) (6)
19. Loving a call after a party! (Cryptic) (7)
20. Thin candle (5)
23. Show clearly (6)
25. Turns per minute (abbrev) (4)
26. For a short time (6)
27. Cereal grain used for flour (5)

DOWN

2. Garlic mayonnaise (5)
3. God (Fr) (4)
4. Wednesday (Te Reo) (7)
5. Useful fashion accessory (7)
6. New (Prefix) (3)
7. Wairarapa beach has flowers near the valley (Cryptic) (10)
10. Wairarapa nature reserve (5,5)
12. Public sales notices (abbrev) (3)
15. South-east Wairarapa Forest Park (7)
16. January (Te Reo) (7)
18. Dry, single-seeded fruit (3)
21. Popular Italian dish (5)
22. Fensham track is a muddy colour but doesn't go north (Cryptic) (4)
24. Promise (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy

Historical Society

Reach for the sky

There was considerable interest in the early 20th Century in achieving flight in an aeroplane and this was to have special significance for the Wairarapa.

The first two flights were made by aircraft imported from overseas, but the third was the work of Percy Fisher, who based his design on the Bleriot type, a proven performer, but which incorporated a number of his own design features aimed at reducing drag.

Construction began in June 1911 and took 18 months to complete. The basic frame was inch-square timber, cross wire bracing ensured the frame did not rack or distort under pressure and the wings, rudder and elevators were covered with Japanese silk sewn on and varnished to stiffen and seal them.

Wings were braced with wires attached to a central tripod and a similar system was used for the landing gear. Fisher also made the laminated wooden propeller. The only component not made by him was the engine's aluminium crankcase, which came from a JAP engine imported by a Mr Schaefer.

Initial trials were held at Pigeon Bush in late 1912 and one trial on 25 December got off the ground, the plane was damaged and Fisher injured. This resulted in Reginald Harry White taking over the pilot's duties, albeit he was like others, on a trial-and-error learning curve. The date is unknown, but on a calm day, Reg White got airborne to 300 feet and landed safely.

Trials now moved to a Carterton paddock behind W Howard Booth's sawmill. Unfavourable weather conditions resulted in relocation to Hurunui-o-rangi Flat, on farmland owned by Leonard Pike.

Success followed on 21 June 1913, the plane climbing to 300 feet on one occasion. Proof of the event was filmed by Charlie Barton and shown at the People's Picture Palace in Wellington.

On 21 June 2003, a half-scale metal model of the Monoplane, mounted on a 4-metre pole, was erected on Gladstone Rd, to commemorate Percy Fisher's achievements.

Acknowledgements: Gladstone by Kevin J Fearon, *Taking Flight* by Paul Maxim.

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THE FISHER MONOPLANE - Carterton Showgrounds 1913
From Left Mrs Amy Fisher, Percy Fisher, sons Ben and Douglas Fisher [on the plane], Walter Cederholm, Unknown, Miss Winnie Moore
The photograph presented to the Carterton District Historical Society by Paul Maxim and the Fisher Monoplane Society

The Fisher Monoplane



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Wrestling club

A new season for wrestling

Classes are now underway on a Wednesday night at the club in Featherston from 5.30pm.

With a challenging year behind them, New Zealand Wrestling is looking for a "new normal" with the national calendar looking full of new and old tournaments.

Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club is proud to announce its hosting of the 2022 New Zealand Secondary School Championships in the long weekend of 25 June. This will be the first time in many years the club has hosted a national tournament. Keep an eye out for more information.

Last year Wairarapa had representation from Rathkeale College, with medals won by all competitors. This year we are hoping to have representation from more colleges to really put Wairarapa and wrestling on the map!

Featherston Amateur Wrestling was proud to have finalists, Wairangi Sargent, for Tai Tamariki Tane, Spencer Telford for Tai Ohi Tane and Jenna Telford for Tino Tautoko categories in the Wairarapa Maori Sports Awards for 2021.

We are looking for registrations of interest for a girls' only class open to all ages. If you are interested in wrestling for fun, a girls' only class, competition or New Zealand Secondary School Championships, please check out our Facebook page and message Dannii on 027 920 6751.

Dannii Sargent

Carterton Preschool

Down on the farm

Carterton Preschool's visit to Angus's farm was amazing and we all learned a lot about life on the farm. Brothers, Jack, Harry, Angus, and George were proud to show us around the sheep yards and shearing shed, the resident eels, their home and finally the stream.

What a perfect way to welcome us onto the farm with two enormous John Deere tractors to explore. The tamariki enjoyed clambering in and out of the tractors and the side-by-side.

Angus shared the joy of swinging from the framework above the wool fages while Jack helped us to feed sheep nuts to the sheep before we watched the sheepdogs in action.

It was interesting to watch one dog bark the sheep in the right directions before the heading dog silently and swiftly navigated

them between enclosures.

Now it was time to watch the pet hipi getting their first haircuts, which fascinated the tamariki and the sheep felt much cooler too. Johnnie then threw the fleece out to the tamariki, which set off a huge wool throwing game.

The large eels were very hungry and enjoyed being fed leftovers by the tamariki, the eels must have smelt the food coming as they zoomed up to the "bridge" to be fed.

After lunch we headed to the Mangatarere Stream the perfect place to cool down. It was awesome to see Angus and his family share their special part of the stream with us. As we arrived it began to pour with rain so it didn't matter if you were in the stream or on the side you got very wet. It was a balmy day of around 30 degrees so finishing with a swim was appreciated.

Thank you to the McFadzean family for an experience to remember.

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Your letters

Dear Editor,

A small group gathered together in the Chapel at the Clareville Cemetery to remember our founder, Charles Rooking Carter, born 10 March, 1822, in Kendal, Westmorland – two hundred years ago.

We couldn't have many folk due to Covid, but we had to remember our founder, Charles. Reading the book John Martin wrote will help folk understand what Charles did for us in New Zealand in the early days.

Adele Pentony-Graham, Clareville.

Dear editor,

Re Covid: Yes, we don't know what we don't know – we never did – but at this stage we do know one thing. The virus can kill. I read this morning that it has even killed someone who didn't believe in it.

Jan Farr, Carterton

Dear Editor

It was with relief that I read the letters of well-established Carterton residents blowing the whistle over your December editorial.

Whilst this was an effective way of fuelling reactions and opening the dialogue between the "two sides" that the Covid-19 response has created, surely this could have been done in a more balanced way?

Publishing the letters of concerned citizens has offered a balanced perspective. However, I can't help to notice another one-sided response in this month's "Agony Aunt" – the light-hearted, humorous section of the Carterton Crier, which mocks the protest.

Being immersed daily in the Wairarapa community, I have noticed in the last six months, an exponential number of people suffering from isolation, scrutiny and in constant fear due to the messages in our mainstream media.

The messaging in your December editorial and now the Dear AA section exacerbate the increasing social divide.

The government has responsibility over our nation, but as a country we will have to rely on communities to bridge the gaps.

As a community magazine, is it not your purpose to build a strong, close-knit community and demonstrate integrity, compassion, and togetherness towards your local people?

G Durrant, Gladstone

Dear Editor

The letter to your Agony Aunt from Agitated regarding a potential protest in Carterton was concerning.

As a Voices for Freedom Hub Coordinator, I can assure your readers that no one will need to take precautions to remain safe from protesters in Carterton.

We represent the 22% of New Zealanders who have not been double-jabbed and thus are not able to get a vaccine pass. See www.ourworldindata.org for these statistics – not the statistics that come out of the Ministry of Health based on eligible population calculations.

We are the group who holds up placards and we will continue until the vaccine mandates have been removed.

Voices for Freedom has 450 members in the Wairarapa. Many of us attended the Parliament protest. Many of us prepared and donated food. Others worked for days providing the voluntary help that was needed to ensure the people who attended were fed, clothed, healed, protected and loved.

These were the people that came to escape the discrimination they were facing in their communities and to find like-minded people who are concerned about the loss of freedom.

The Parliament protest was a life-changing experience for the thousands who attended.

Juliet Johnston, Carterton

Dear Editor

I wonder if you'd be interested in asking readers for information about ways of local recycling that may not be common knowledge.

For example, the Carterton Library collects the tear tabs from aluminium cans and wine bottle caps, which are passed on to the Kidney Foundation for fundraising for dialysis treatment.

In the past they have also collected other types of caps for other projects. Not sure if they still do but I will check next time I'm there.

Ground coffee bags, bread bags, soft plastics and used batteries are recycled at the People's Resource Centre in Masterton. They also take in toothbrushes past their best-before date and used-up toothpaste tubes.

Also, while in Christchurch recently, Wild Bean coffee bars at service stations offer left-over coffee grounds to anyone who wants them, free of charge. Anyone up for talking to our local service stations or anyone else who'd like to initiate the service?

Just a thought, so I hope you think it worth considering. Keep up the good work.

Christine Conroy, Carterton

PS: On our way home from Ch-Ch, we stopped at Kaikoura where among other public facilities is an outsized wooden Connect 4 game, and a large wooden draughts/chess board both with brightly coloured wooden discs for children and adults alike.

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Dear Agony Aunty... 

Dear AA,

Due to the protest outside parliament, the Great Wellington Regional Council, of which we are part, will be forced to put up our taxes to pay for the police and repair the damage caused.

Could you please help me find some of the protesters, so I can send them my next inflated and increased tax bill?

Seriously Annoyed

Dear SA,

That's the price of freedom in a democracy, I'm told. Anyone can do and say whatever they like without having to prove competence either in knowledge or faculty.

We have people here who can see things in the vaccine science that the world's top virologists have missed. Thank goodness!

We have people here who can see parallels in our vaccine mandate and the horrors of the holocaust in WW2. Well done!

We have people here who have uncovered a conspiracy by the global elites and big Tech, big Pharma, and Communist China. And our government is totally complicit in this aim. That's good work!

We need to be reminded that these perils are out there, and I'm afraid you'll have to suck up any tax increase that results from such balanced and credible actions.

AA

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

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Waded, 4. Wahine, 8. Oboe, 9. Non-com, 11. Erica, 13. Probe, 14. Lash, 17. Ingest, 19. Adoring, 20. Taper, 23. Evince, 25. Revs, 26. Awhile, 27. Wheat.
Down: 2. Aioli, 3. Dieu, 4. Wenerel, 5. Handbag, 6. Neo, 7. Riversdale, 10. Mount Bruce, 12. Ads, 15. Aorangī, 16. Hanuere, 18. Nut, 21. Pasta, 22. Brow, 24. Vow.

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