

The Carterton Crier

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► **And then the sun
came out!**

- **Yarns in Barns returns**
- **Wairarapa A&P Show**
- **Our orchestra ready to wow**

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Editorial

How hard can it be? You get a top degree in physics and maths, then get a plum job as a meteorologist.

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So why are the forecasts invariably wrong? Just like the horse racing tipsters, do they never have to say sorry?

My phone's weather guru takes a pessimistic view of Carterton's weather, and I am often pleasantly surprised when the sun makes it out after all. But all the sources I checked ahead of the Daffodil Festival were saying the same thing... wet, wet, wet – oh, and windy.

The organisers Heather and Grant Smith, on behalf of the Carterton Lions Club (see page 7), must have thought all their efforts would be in vain as the rain lashed our rooftops through the night and on through breakfast on the day of the festival.

But, lo and behold, by 10am the sun was out and the festival was soon bathed in summer sunshine well into the afternoon.

Apparently, about 25% of stallholders – perhaps those who had some distance to travel – failed to show up. And who can blame them?

But it was a great success nonetheless, and it was heart-warming to see so many people enjoying themselves on our streets.

Paul Dykes, Editor

Disclaimer

Hey, we're all volunteers working to put out a **free** community newspaper for Carterton and district. If we have made a mistake, just let us know at crier.ed@gmail.com and we will endeavour to make amends. Thanks.



Well done to Heather and Grant Smith for bringing us a great Daffodil Day festival (see page 7).

Photo Paul Dykes

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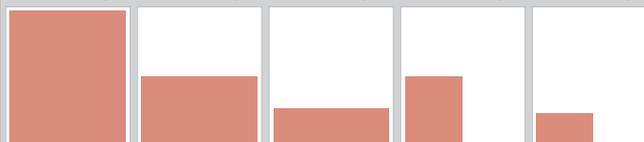


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Yarns in Barns

Getting into books and reading



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Nick Bollinger

The Wairarapa Festival of Reading, the Wairarapa's oldest book festival, brings 21 writers to the region for 19 events over 10 days from 14–23 October.

“Yarns in Barns” – the Wairarapa’s biennial book festival – is being hosted in an eclectic range of venues that shows off our region from Masterton to Martinborough, including libraries, bookstores, heritage sites and, of course, a barn (which is a woolshed) this year.

At its heart, Yarns in Barns is about fostering a love of reading the printed book within our community. It is a cooperative community enterprise initiated by Hedley’s Books, Fraser Books, the Masterton District Library, and the Wairarapa Library Service.

This year will be the 11th festival. The last festival in 2020 featured 22 authors in 18 venues and was attended by record crowds – despite the challenges of those times.

This year a similar number of events are planned and authors attending include comedian Chris Parker, sustainability expert Kate Hall, healthy-eating celebrity chefs Margo and Rosa Flanagan, a powerful duo of fiction authors Michael Bennett and Monty Soutar, with their topical depictions of Māori–Pākeha issues from pre-colonial to modern times.

History will also be featured through Nick Bollinger’s *The Rise and Fall of the Counterculture in New Zealand*, and an entertaining perspective on shipwrecks with Cristina Sanders, and colonial Wellington from Jenny Patrick.

Young people are well catered for with Jason Gunn headlining

a drive to encourage 7 to 12- years-old to embrace books. He will be supported by masterful creative puppet maker and author, Fifi Colston.

Colourful actor, illustrator and prolific author, Donovan Bixley will host a drawing workshop and bring his illustrated biographies of Leonardo, Shakespeare and Mozart to life. Local author Paul Adamson will inspire young people to get outdoors and Emily Writes will educate and entertain young parents with stories of growing up as your children grow up.

There is something for everyone with ticket prices mostly \$10 and, with numerous free events, there are no boundaries to attending. Programme details at www.yarnsinbarns.co.nz/ or on Facebook.

This year’s festival committee includes David Hedley, Steve Trotman, Charlotte Algie, Annette Beattie, Ian and Diane Grant and festival coordinator Anna Hedley.

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Gardening guide

How does your garden grow?



No spring forward this year

In early September I recorded the Carterton soil temperature as 10 degrees max, and expected that temperature to rise significantly over the month.

Unfortunately, nothing has changed. The soil is still at a cold 10 degrees. Not that this is a surprise. Anyone who has poked their nose out the back door will be well aware that spring has not sprung, and staying inside is the best idea.

Even preparing soil for planting can be a hopeless task, as you can find yourself making mud pies that later form themselves into primitive bricks. However, all is not lost. This is the perfect time and climate for growing rhubarb. If you already have rhubarb in your garden, this is the time to feed it. A nitrogen fertiliser applied every month during the growing season from spring to autumn should do the trick.

This also applies to newly planted shoots. In winter, loosen the soil around each plant and fork in compost.

There are some tricks for the rhubarb gardener. When picking rhubarb stalks, pull with a downward action so that the stalks pull away cleanly from the crown. Stay away from the youngest stalks in the centre of each plant as these are the plant's future (and next year's breakfast).

Don Farr

Editor's note: Don has decided that this is his final gardening column for the Crier. It marks the end of a long period of service to this publication, for many years as its distribution manager. We wish him well in whatever he chooses next, and really appreciate the hours of investment he has put in for the good of our community.



Lettuce is a wonder weed

Short of green veggies? Miners' lettuce is a wild leaf vegetable and is the common name for Claytonia perfoliata, previously called Montia perfoliata. It is nutrient dense, and its leaves are so loaded with vitamin C they can inhibit scurvy – the Californian Gold Rush miners ate it to successfully stave off the disease.

I enjoy it in winter salads and it can be cooked too – steamed like spinach or in a stir-fry. As one of the first spring greens to emerge, it's a useful salad green just when it's needed most by foragers and thrifty cooks – and it also likes Wairarapa.

It likes cooler temperatures, so will not thrive through a hot summer. It prefers the end of winter, through spring, and early summer. I've foraged for it, grown it from seeds, or bought seedlings to grow in pots at home – now it turns up every winter, uninvited but welcome.

Sadly, some gardeners regard it as invasive so it is not deliberately planted in many home gardens. Also, in the eyes of many, the moniker of "weed" hangs like a burden around its neck.

Take care when cutting the leaves, as the plant is shallow rooted and it's possible to accidentally pull the whole plant out. If you decide to grow it and your miners' lettuce is turning pink, check underneath the leaves – there are bound to be slugs feasting.



Fionna Hill

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What's On in Carterton

Yarns in Barns in various venues across the Wairarapa, 14-23 October to celebrate the joy of reading with our community, www.yarnsinbarns.co.nz/

Two Wheels Day Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka, Sunday 30 October, www.tuihq.co.nz/mangatainoka-motors/

Wairarapa A&P Show Clareville Showgrounds, 28-30 October, www.wairarapashow.co.nz

Pūkaha Wairarapa Garden Tour, 5-6 November, a two-day, self-drive garden tour featuring beautiful and unique gardens around South Wairarapa, www.wairarapagardentour.co.nz/

Test & Tune plus Outlaw 71 Masterton Motorplex, 5-6 November, www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz

Carterton Foodbank annual food drive, on the evening of Wednesday 2 November. This year we need tinned fruit and vegetables and other non-perishable food goods.

Wairarapa Walking Festival celebrating all kinds of walking, 11-20 November: cultural, heritage, with wheels, at the coast, up a hill or around urban environments, www.cartertonec.co.nz/walking/

Heart of Arts "Things That Go Bump" exhibition by Ursula Macfarlane, at Heart of Arts, Carterton High St, from Friday 14 October to 3 November.

Toast Martinborough Best Sunday ever, 20 November, a true celebration for lovers of fine wine, gourmet food and talented

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Sunset Cinema Loro screens on Friday 11 November at the Rangitahi Hub at the back of the Event Centre from 7pm. Get your tickets at www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/tickets

Martinborough Fair One of the largest and most popular craft markets in the southern hemisphere, 26 November, this spring fair is a 2022 bonus, www.martinboroughfair.org.nz

Primary school netball year 1-4 competition starts Tuesday 25 October for 6 weeks. If you would like your son or daughter to play, contact Jodi O'Brien on 027 775 2408 or email jjdl@xtra.co.nz

Hobby Bee Keepers Club meeting is at Julia Musgroves' home at 142 Wariri Rd, Bideford, 13 November. If you would like further information contact Mike Spink 027 496 5502 or Julie Musgrove 027 314 4617. We look forward to you joining us at our next meeting.

Wings Over Wairarapa 26-28 February, heaps to offer, www.wings.org.nz

Aratoi Museum Lucy Cooper, Children's Photography Walkabout, 15 October at 10.15am, www.aratoi.org.nz

Hammers & Horsehair plus Rowena Simpson, soprano. Homecoming Concert 4pm Sunday 23 October at 27 Wood St, Greytown, Admission \$30, children \$10. Bookings recommended on 06 304 9497 or efjacooke@gmail.com

Carterton Events Centre

Poignant tribute to Foo Fighters

Long before the Foo Fighters started promoting their 2022 tour, and before the tragic loss of band member Taylor Hawkins, local musician Mitch Dean was working on presenting the ultimate Foo Fighters tribute band.

With Mitch front-footing it as lead singer and guitarist, a simple post on a few Facebook musician groups and the band was being formed, including fellow Masterton man and Carterton Events Centres graphic designer and photographer, Reagan Gundersen.

With the rest of the musicians coming together from Kapiti, Wellington and the Hutt Valley, Monkey Wrench was formed.

They were hard at work when news came through of Taylor Hawkins death, and subsequent cancellation of the NZ tour. The decision to continue on, and make Monkey Wrench even more of a tribute to the Foes, was an easy one to make.

"It was a no-brainer to sign Monkey Wrench up to perform at the Carterton Events Centre," says Jenni Hall, its sales and marketing coordinator. "We worked with Mitch in 2019, in the very early days of his other tribute band Gold Dust Woman, and helped set them up to go off on to bigger venues across NZ.

"We know the event he'll provide will be polished and delivered to a high standard. Reagan being a part of the band makes this extra special for us, we can't wait to see him in his happy place; we know we're in for an amazing performance."

Mitch is delighted to be playing at the events centre again. "We've played a few gigs around the Wellington region, but nothing compares to stepping out on stage in Carterton to a full auditorium of local friends and family."

Tickets have gone on sale for this Saturday 10 December event, for



Loosen up with Monkey Wrench, (from left) Mitch Dean, Jenni Hall, Reagan Gundersen

your end-of-year work function, or just a chance to get out with your party crew and rock before Christmas.



cARTerton kids get creative!

Do you remember #KaPaiSoup winners Tess and Graycie who had an awesome idea for #cARTertonKids - a collaborative art space for youth?:

After loads of planning, a few COVID delays, a little bit of guidance and the fantastic support of local photographer Sally Barraud, the duo tested their concept at 3Mile with an audience of excited local youth all at the ready to get creative! Using their prize money from SOUP, the girls organised super fun activities, to sample ideas and see what worked well. And from the faces and feedback of the lucky participants - all worked well!



CARTERTON COMMUNITY ASPIRATION # 7

Youth

A place that nurtures youth

Lots of learning from the night will help the dynamic duo to determine what the next event or session might look like, but their aim is to create a regular monthly event. What we do know is that the support of keen artists worked incredibly well and that this will be key to supporting cARTerton kids ongoing efforts. So, if you are an artist, digital creative, art enthusiast keen to share your time and knowledge with kids on a one off or regular basis, get in touch hello@kapaicarterton.nz



R2R Refreshed Focus

R2R is about to embark on an organisational review as part of their ECCT funding package and things are really humming for our local youth group. With a new facilitation team in place, summer fast approaching and energy feeling high, we anticipate wonderful things for our young people under Joy, Dallas, Hirini and Brodie's guidance. For interest in joining R2R or becoming a whānau volunteer at Wednesday's sessions, please contact r2rcarterton@icloud.com

Can you restart a heart?



A bunch of keen community members now can! Thanks to the awesome teachings of Rachel from Wgtn Free Ambulance, the group learned the new approach to CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). One participant reflected:

"I have so much more confidence and now feel ready to jump in and help - rather than run the other way!"

Did you know there is an App, "AED Locations", that tells you where the nearest AED is? We've been out hunting for those that aren't on this app and encouraging more local AED owners to register theirs so that if anyone in our community suffers a sudden cardiac incident that there is the device and skills needed to save their life. We'd love your help and have \$50 New World Vouchers up for grabs. Simply email us the location of 5 AED in Carterton and 2 suggestions for where an AED would be most useful be in to win. hello@kapaicarterton.nz



UPCOMING EVENTS

- CONNECTIONS SENIORS**
2pm Thurs 27th Oct, Court House
- GOOD LIVES GROUP**
10:30am Monday 14 Nov
Carterton Court House
- KA PAI SOUP**
Thurs 3rd Nov 6-8pm Carterton Events Centre



Youth Connections

Initiated by Kylie Mole, a group of proactive community members are brainstorming ways of alleviating boredom for our young people while out with their friends in Carterton. With a focus on fun, building connections and anti-bullying they aim to create regular whānau summertime activities and further strengthen our vibrant community. Watch this space.



A relaxed approach, 10-week **Te Āo Māori** group has begun on Sunday afternoons under the tutelage of Hera Taylor and guest educators onboard, lesson space kindly provided by Carterton School. Covering a range of topics to allow participants a greater understanding and confidence of te Āo Māori, the group enjoys a whānau friendly environment and a cuppa during each session. For interest in attending contact Cimone@kapaicarterton.nz



Ka Pai Facilitators were recently invited to a Department of Internal Affairs hui in Wellington to **share learnings**, experiences and work achieved under Ka Pai Carterton with five new groups embarking on their **CLDP adventure**. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the progress our community has made towards our community vision.



ROUND 7 Thurs NOV 3rd Carterton Events Centre: Got a **great idea** for a **community initiative, project or small business** that will benefit those who work, live, play or gather in Carterton? Ka Pai SOUP provides a whole load of **community awareness**, support and a bit of **funding** to get you going! Visit kapaicarterton.nz/events to find out more or email hello@kapaicarterton.nz to sign up

Daffodil festival

Sunshine saved the day

The organisers of our annual Daffodil Festival were put through the wringer by the weather gods in the days leading up to the event, with constant rainfall threatening a washout.

Heather and Grant Smith stepped up for the eighth year in a row to arrange the sites and stallholders on behalf of the Lions Club.

And Grant stepped up again, and again, in the final 24 hours as the rain washed out his markings that showed who was to go where. Grant's fourth attempt was made in the rain on the morning of the festival.

"It looked like a dead loss," says Grant, "until the rain finally stopped. But it never entered my head that it should be canned."

Heather says she handled all the computer work involved with site allocations and incoming revenue, and tried her best to give all the stallholders what they wanted it. Her work done by midweek, she took off to spend the weekend in Nelson Lakes.

Much more rain here, and it could have been Carterton Lakes. Grant dutifully marked out the sites using sheep raddle on the Friday night, having to wait until the main road was closed officially.

He returned from two rounds of golf on the Saturday to see that the rain had washed away most of the markings, and tried again using a special chalk provided by the bowling club, and spray paint cans supplied after-hours by Massons.

But there was so much overnight rain, he had to do it all again on the Sunday morning – as rain fell. "Nothing had worked at all in Holloway St, but you could sort of make out some of the markings in Memorial Square.

"One lady had stayed at her stall site overnight in her van, but went home in the morning before the rain cleared," says Grant.



Dark clouds don't faze Grant and Heather Smith

Those who did attend spread out a wee bit if they saw a gap, he says, and there were no big spaces left unutilised.

Despite the drama, Heather and Grant say they will do it all again next year, and for that they deserve our thanks.

Paul Dykes



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Local legend

Kim Hill interviews Helen Dew

Twenty-four friends recently gathered with me to listen over a cuppa to the real-time broadcast of my interview with Kim Hill. Many thanks to Des at Heart of Arts for making us so welcome.

If you're not familiar with Kim Hill, she hosts a programme on Saturday mornings on National Radio where she interviews people of interest, on a wide variety to topics.

She's a very nice person, and very professional. What she didn't know about me wasn't worth knowing. I had no trouble responding to her questions for about half an hour.

I regard the interview as an important stepping-stone toward the bigger task: getting a group around me to promote food growing, and local currency. Perhaps there's a connection between these two topics?

Here's the link if you missed the broadcast: www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday



Going national on the air waves, Helen Dew (wearing red scarf on couch) with friends

Feel free to phone me on 027 900 9742 if you'd like to further explore any of the ideas I speak of in the interview.

Helen Dew

Carterton Foodbank

Annual Rotary food drive soon

The Carterton Foodbank is again participating in the Wairarapa-wide annual food drive.

It is to be held on the evening of Wednesday 2 November. Listen for the siren in your street.

This year we are needing tinned fruit and vegetables and other non-perishable food goods. This event has in recent years been an essential part of the foodbank's programme, enabling it to support the needy in our community.

Thank you for the ongoing support we get from our community.
John Vallely, Carterton Foodbank Co-ordinator

Farmers' Market

Annual plant sale coming

Spring is here the grass is riz, I wonder where dem plants is?

They're at Carterton's annual plant sale – a great range of veggie plants, tomatoes, seeds, as well as perennials, native trees for shelter and gardens, roses and more.

As always at Carterton Farmers' Market, you'll find fresh fruit and veggies, Helen's popular honey, plus eggs, seeds and individually potted seedlings from Elwin Farm.

Additionally, on the day there will be a wide selection of craft stalls, offering handmade soaps, soy candles, knitted hats and felt items, car boot space for recycled treasures and more.

As with our previous plant days, Carterton School will supply delicious food snacks to tempt your taste buds.

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Carterton netball

Rounding up the 2022 season

The Jo-Kelly & Co Carterton Netball Club has celebrated its 2022 netball season with another outstanding display of comradery.



Nelda Day

This season's prizegiving took place on Saturday 3 September with a Halloween theme. The teams as usual put some real effort into their outfits to enjoy another successful year of netball.

At the prizegiving, we celebrated a specific member in giving a life membership to Nelda Day. Nelda has given many years of service to the club as president, treasurer, committee member, player and organiser of what is now the Carterton Primary Netball.

We are very fortunate to have people like Nelda within our club, along with our many other life members, committee members and players who all make our club so successful.

Our teams all had a great season and many played in semis and finals. In the seniors, Jo-Kelly & Co Maroon came third in Premier 1, Rebels were 1st in P2, Legends 3rd, and Panthers 5th in P2. Gold won the SNR 1 division.

In the primary school section, Whio came third in Grade 2 (7/8) and Kiwi were second in Grade 2 (5/6).

Senior player of the year is Leana Malcolm-Rzoska, and team of the year is Gold. Primary player of the year is Summer Jephson and team of the year is Kiwi.



Rebels winners

At the 2022 Netball Wairarapa Awards, two club members were nominated and took out their categories – Individual Contribution to Netball Deb Julian, Senior Coach of the Year Keely Riwai-Couch.

Our Primary netball will have the year 1-4 comp starting Tuesday 25 October

for 6 weeks. If you would like your son or daughter to play please get in touch with Jodi O'Brien on 027 775 2408 or email jjdl@xtra.co.nz.

We wish all our players a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing many of you back at our twilight competition next year.



The Kiwi girls



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Wairarapa walking festival

Ten days of outdoor action

Registrations are open for the Wairarapa Walking Festival, which runs from 11–20 November this year, with more than 40 walks across the Wairarapa.

“There are a variety of walks planned for the festival, from the mountains to the coast, celebrating our culture, scenery and community,” says Celia Wade-Brown, Convenor of the Festival.

“There are great options – short walks, family and buggy or wheel-friendly options, bush walks, cultural and history, early morning or star-gazing.

“Most of the walks are free-of-charge – although some will have numbers restrictions so that everyone in the group can hear the walk guide.”

We are grateful for our sponsorship and grants from the Wairarapa Councils, Trust House, Metlink, Transit, Property Brokers, Living Streets Aotearoa, Volunteering Wairarapa and the Wairarapa Times Age – all contributed to getting this festival underway.

First Aid volunteers and Tail-end Charlie volunteers are needed on each walk. If you are keen to get involved, contact

Volunteering Wairarapa at admin@volwairarapa.org.nz

The festival website is www.cartertonec.co.nz/walking/ and registrations are now open.

Check out our Facebook page [Wairapawalkingfestival](#)



A group being guided around Millennium Reserve in May

Greytown music

Hammers & Horsehair with Rowena Simpson

This concert was originally scheduled for July, but Covid interfered with everyone’s plans, and it will now take place on 23 October.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the triumphant return to New Zealand of Blenheim-born soprano Rosina Buckman, with her entourage of pianist and cellist.

The 1922 concert tour will be re-imagined by the Hammers & Horsehair Duo, pianist Douglas Mews and cellist Robert Ibell, together with soprano Rowena Simpson.

The programme will include period classics from the 1922 tour, such as Waiata Poi by Alfred Hill, Arne’s charming *The Lass with the Delicate Air*, and Londonderry Air, plus some of the group’s own favourites: Brahms, Schubert, Offenbach and Dvorak.

Hammers & Horsehair + Rowena Simpson, soprano - Homecoming Concert: 4pm Sunday 23 October at 27 Wood St, Greytown

Admission \$30, children \$10.

Bookings recommended on 06 304 9497 or email efjacooke@gmail.com



From left, Robert Ibell, Rowena Simpson and Douglas Mews



Hearts of Arts

Out of your comfort zone

Ursula Macfarlane has an exhibition at Heart of Arts in October, and as usual there is a collection of the weird and wonderful

Further to the dysfunctional exhibition of Doyle and Macfarlane some months ago, she is now pleased to unveil a few slices of that presentation in smaller bites. And as a soloist.

"Things That Go Bump" will include images that have gone before, more commentary on the state of the world, and ruminations for the public to engage in, whilst having their phones firmly in their pockets and preferably, switched off.

"Some of the art is the first step towards a larger body of work I have been thinking about for some years (Thinking Time should always go on the CV), and have probably worked up enough righteous emotion about the way technology is engulfing the world to actually get on with it," says Ursula.



Ursula's Cairn artwork



Ursula Macfarlane in MeBump

"I first got my hands on a computer in the early 70s and am now trying to avoid them at all costs. Still, y'all might find the whole endeavour amusing."

"Things That Go Bump" will be on at the Heart of Arts, Carterton High St, from Friday 14 October to 3 November.

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*This is the first in a series by **Sabrina Sullivan** on our local eateries and their signature dishes. Secret taste testers then sample the signature dishes.*

Di Wilkins runs Almo's Café with her son Jason.

"Our signature dish would have to be fish and chips. It sounds simple, but we knew fresh fish and chips would be popular and people can't get over the salad we serve alongside.

"We buy fresh tarakihi daily, although it's expensive, and if we run out we don't back up with frozen fish. We make our own crispy beer batter to order – it's a bit of work. That's why there's the occasional bottle of beer in the kitchen. The tartare sauce is Jason's own recipe and the vinaigrette is home made too."

Di and Jason reopened the café on 1 June, 2022. They are "stoked" with how it's working, offering food that is all fresh, home-made and well-priced.

They are enjoying building a regular clientele who enjoy the friendly atmosphere and aim to be able to greet everyone by name.

Other current favourites are club sandwiches and carrot cake, made in paper cups to keep them nice and moist. Scones are popular too, made to Di's father's recipe. Smoked fish and kumara mash pie was an early favourite with customers, but Di and Jason don't plan to specialise in pies as other local cafés already do.

Secret tester's report ...

"The fish was beautifully cooked and very tasty, great chips, salad was fresh with quality ingredients. Good portion size. Thumbs up!"

our signature dish



Almo's Café's Signature Dish

Sunset Cinema

Loro – a comedy of power and corruption

Those of you who have been yearning for a few laughs, or those who find politics ridiculously comical, will love this film.

Loro (which means "them" and is also a word play on L'oro which means gold) follows the wheelings and dealings of businessmen and politicians in the inner circle of Italian politician and media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi.

The director Paolo Sorrentino had to find production funding outside of Italy since Berlusconi himself holds the purse strings of Sorrentino's usual production company. The original cut of this film within Italy was a two-part, 3.5-hour film, which was edited to be a 2.5-hour film for general release in the rest of the world.

Also while Berlusconi seems to be a walking magnet for scandal and corruption, the film instead "imagines" what Berlusconi was

thinking and doing in his private life whenever he wasn't carrying out all the actions that we do know about.

Perhaps this allows the director to give us a full flavour of Berlusconi's true sliminess without fear of a defamation court case. Brace yourself for obscene opulence, flashy yachts and the fact that your Nana was right when she said that money could not buy taste.

Loro screens on Friday 11 November. You can find out how to get your tickets at www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/tickets

You can find us at the Rangitahi Hub at the back of the Event Centre, head down behind Carters and the Town Clock. Coffee, tea and cakes available from 7pm and the movie starts at 7.30pm.

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*Historical Society***Disastrous hurricane 1 October 1934**

The *Evening Post* 2 October 1934 special report confirmed widespread material damage resulting from a hurricane of such force as had not been seen in the area previously.

While there was considerable damage in the general Wairarapa area, with uprooted trees, roofing iron stripped from properties, debris scattered over the landscape, a lack of communications and road travel hampered by extensive flooding, which made an assessment of the cost of the damage difficult. But a remediation estimate of £50,000 was expected to be on the light side.

Surface flooding occurred when the Waiohine River flooded the road for a quarter of a mile just south of Carterton. The worst property damage was centred on Carterton, which on investigation revealed a large number of plate glass windows on the main street had been blown out, numerous buckled verandas, dislodged tanks lying in the street and uprooted trees in Memorial Square.

Among the hardest hit buildings were Deller's Meat Mart, the WFC, Watson & Co, Mann's Shoe Store, Whyte's Bakery, Frank Feist & Co, Tyler's Buildings, Hill and Hughes, the Salvation Army Hall, Wakelin Bros Flour Mill and with several other premises suffering considerable damage.

These included the showgrounds, with buildings demolished, posts torn out of the ground, the cattle pavilion unroofed and portions of the walls smashed and roofing iron wrapped around trees.

The Railway Station did not escape, with roofing iron stripped to the sarking, allowing the rain to pour in. The veranda of the goods shed and the builder's premises behind the station had been struck by part of the station veranda and wrecked.

Despite the ferocity of the storm, there were no serious injuries –



Damage to the Carterton Railway Station, 1934

albeit that there were a few close escapes. Two children just missed being struck by a flying sheet of iron that passed over their heads. One man suffered a broken arm when his arm was caught as he tried to secure a door and another suffered a broken jaw when hit by a piece of flying timber.

Source: The Evening Post, Tuesday, 2 October 1934.

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121 Festival

Three-day dance odyssey is world-class

Combining multiple music genres, with art and wellness for an unforgettable multi-dimensional experience, 121 Festival has the makings of becoming a world-class boutique music event.

Billed as a three-day dance odyssey, 121 Festival returns to the picturesque Tauherenikau Racecourse near Featherston in South Wairarapa, on 10-12 March 2023.

It will feature top-tier international, emerging and heritage musicians and artists across six stages playing house, techno, dub, roots, soul, funk, and hip hop.

The festival takes full advantage of its unique setting, which features ancient kahikatea trees and a range of racecourse buildings, including concrete bunkers and 1920s ballrooms.

Festival co-founder Olly de Salis says 121 is an opportunity for people to connect, dance and be inspired.

"It might be straight-up disco euphoria in a Victorian ballroom, virtuoso musicianship on the live stage, heads down techno in a concrete tunnel or an unforgettable main stage set from one of our headliners," de Salis says.

The first line-up launch of international acts is scheduled for late October, with 24-hour pre-sale tickets available early November 2022.

The inaugural 121 Festival in 2020 was a runaway success, and after strong early ticket sales the 2022 event was on course to be a sell-out



The 2020 event was a big success

well in advance until Covid-19 intervened, forcing the cancellation.

"We see 121 as being a super attractive proposition to people, particularly as dance and electronic music continues to experience significant growth worldwide."

There will be a range of accommodation options, including premium and general camping. Tepee tents will also be available.

"The festival is also proud to act as an exhibition space for multimedia art, in keeping with the creative spirit that fuels every aspect of the 121 Festival."

Full details can be found at www.121festival.co.nz

Carterton Menzshed

Our commitment to our community

The AGM held in August was well attended and kept short, as requested, with all agenda items accepted.

The president's report reinforced our role to provide assistance with projects, such as repairs and alterations, prioritising community-based clubs and organisations as well as individuals in need, keeping in mind not to impact or compete with local business.

Equipment purchases such as a MIG welder and a laser cutter were discussed, as was our involvement with the neurodiverse people which, with the success and popularity it has generated, is most likely going to continue and possibly expand.

Daffodil Day finally happened. It was wonderful to be back in the

public eye, displaying a variety of goods made by hand in the shed by our members. Most contributors were pleased with the day's return, proceeds going back to the shed to help with purchases and maintenance. Our next opportunity will be at the A&P show.

If you would like to be involved with our friendly group, come along on Monday Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm or contact Stephen for more information. Phone 027 488 7155 or email stephen@timperley.co.nz



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Carterton kindergarten

Rippa rugby gets 'em moving

The wonderful Doug Bracewell is back to share his passion for rugby. Tamariki used their arms, legs, feet, and trunks (gross motor skills) to move their bodies and ran like the clappers to rip off that much-desired tag.

With practice, this helps our tamariki to navigate their worlds with balance, coordination, ease, and confidence. And, it is a lot of fun.

Thank you to Doug and our whānau helpers for giving their precious time.

Jade Holley Teacher, Carterton Kindergarten



A successful quiz night for all

A huge thank you to both local and wider community businesses and individuals for supporting our quiz night fundraiser.

We are proud to announce that we raised \$4500 that will be used to employ an art teacher to work with groups of tamariki once a week instilling a passion for art.

We had a total of 15 teams competing in the quiz, silent auctions, a delicious array of supper platters, spot prizes and prizes for the place getters.

Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated. He waka eke noa – We are all in the canoe together.



Looks like a lot of fun



Now, here's what you have to do

Keep Carterton Beautiful Group

Cemetery all cleaned up

After seven Friday mornings and 184 hours, volunteers have finally finished cleaning up the leaves, acorns and chestnuts at Clareville Cemetery.

This was a much bigger job this year, with the acorns making the workload heavy.

After finishing at the cemetery, volunteers have also weeded the Wyndham St Park and the Wyndham St entrance to Howard Booth Park. A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

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Cath Rolls, KCBG



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Steam train approaching Matarawa Station on the way to Carterton

Face painting attracted a queue

A relic from the past

Greg Lang taking the plunge in a fundraiser for the Carterton pool project

Daffodils were the star of the show





This page, clockwise from top left:

Surrey rides were a treat

Nothing beats hugs from Harold, from the Life Education Trust (photo supplied)

Harold finds a long-lost cousin in the Big Wai Art sale (photo supplied)

The Balter Boys' burgers sold out (photo supplied)

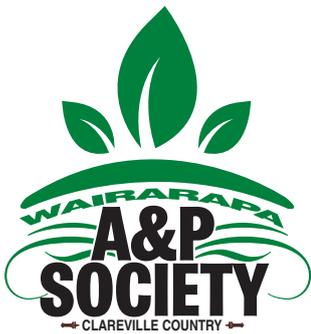
Music to keep the crowds entertained at various spots along Holloway Street

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Rebecca Vergunst

Deputy mayor calls time

Two-term Carterton councillor Rebecca Vergunst decided not to seek re-election in the latest voting round, but this might not be goodbye.

The young mum of three girls is keen to develop her skills outside of council. "I really enjoyed local government, but with young children my time is constrained and I want to build my skills outside of governance. I may stand again – but I suspect we will be amalgamated by then, maybe within the next three years."

She has just accepted a Wairarapa-wide role with Hōkai Tahi as service manager for the charity, which provides pregnancy support, and counselling to women who have experienced baby loss. Her role includes strategy and expansion planning. She also plans to study part-time towards a Masters level degree in financial management.

"I learnt so much while on Council - it's been invaluable. But it can be frustrating as there are so many moving parts – you've got to line up all the cogs to effect change. And you often only get one shot at a review or plan," she told the *Crier*.

She has some advice for the newly elected, first-time councillors – hit the ground running. "You have a real advantage in your first term by seeing things with fresh eyes. Don't wait to get started on stuff – the three years fly by. Do the best job you can on Day One with the information in front of you. You are not expected to know all the answers. Staff are welcoming and happy to answer questions."

She recommends they take up a mentor through Local Government New Zealand and if appropriate join the young elected members' network.

Rebecca is pleased with her successes on Council, especially as Chair of Policy and Strategy, and she feels she leaves that facet in good shape after reviewing all of Council's policies.

"There were lots of small wins, such as new Carrington Park seating,



Rebecca helping to paint the mural at the swimming pool

path, and planting, the Wairarapa Walking Festival, and the new mural by the fire site. We managed to work with neighbouring councils to share their dog pounds. I worked closely with Molly and community members to get a new pool slide. Council communications and engagement have improved vastly, compared to when I was first elected. But all these things are a team effort."

She says one of the hardest things on Council was trying to meet the community's expectations with limited resources. "Everyone is doing their best, but when the council slips up, everyone knows about it. We're much more in the spotlight than other businesses or charities."

And her big regret? "I wish we had taken our rates review out to consultation. It is not as equitable as it could be. I think the urban sector is relied on too heavily to fund Council's expenses."

Paul Dykes

Rebus Club

Youth Village is a boon

Those attending our last meeting heard a fascinating address from Wayne Poutoa, director of the Youth Village in Carterton, an organisation that provides accommodation, community and work for young men and women in need, aged 15 to 24.

Wayne is a former gang member who has done time. A guide helped him to see the need for change and he started working within the Baptist church with disadvantaged youth in Porirua.

In 2016 he came to Carterton as pastor in the Baptist church and saw the potential of the land owned by the church there. He and wife Jennifer set up a youth drop-in centre in an existing building on the site. Then they raised funds for six small cottages on the property to provide somewhere for some young folk at risk to call home, a pressing need for kids who could easily get into criminal activities.

The six small cabins are fitted out with furniture and heating donated by Carterton and Masterton businesses and supporters. The village has a communal kitchen, laundry, toilet and shower facilities and an extensive lounge for communal use.

Young people are recommended to the Village because they need help to survive as young adults. It gives them a space within which to develop and to formulate a life plan. Places in the Village are very much in demand, but Wayne is convinced that the optimum ages for influencing a reduction in youth offending are between 9 and 13 years. He is thus engaged with a range of other organisations, such as R2R (rangitahi to rangitira), who are working with this age group.

This was a very timely topic brought to us by a man who is deeply immersed in and familiar with this needy community.

Wairarapa Herb Society

Miners' lettuce is flavour of the month

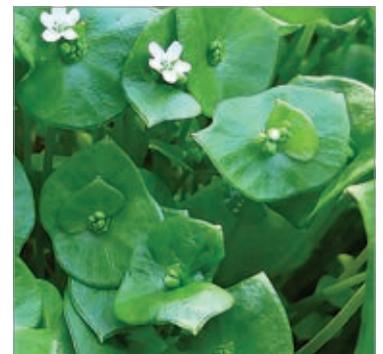
Montiaceae, the miners' lettuce family, contains a number of edible greens that grow wild around the world.

Our very own *Claytonia perfoliata* miners' lettuce is also nicknamed winter purslane. A native of North America, it grows in most New Zealand regions during the cooler months and prefers damp conditions. The leaves are fleshy and juicy and the flowers are white.

The plant has very high vitamin C content, and also contains vitamin A, so is very good for our heart, eyes and skin.

Seeds are available, but it's easy to grow from a sapling. I was given a plant at one of our Wairarapa Herb Society meetings where we exchange plants. It has grown so well that I had salad all winter and still now use it as I would spinach or any other leaf vegetable. It's wonderful to add to smoothies. Chickens absolutely love it and gobble it up quickly.

If you like to know more about herbs and wild-growing plants, join Wairarapa Herb Society. Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the old Courthouse, Carterton. Or call Christine for further information 027 280 6739.



Lions Club

Making problems smaller

Carterton members were pleasantly surprised to see Past District Governor Jack Hayes in attendance at a recent club meeting.

During the evening members were then privileged to witness him presenting Lion Harry Gray with a Life Membership award.

Life membership can be awarded to a Lion who has maintained active membership for at least 20 years, or at least 15 years if the member has reached age 70.

PDG Hayes spoke of Harry's huge contribution to Carterton Lions over many years and read out a letter from International President Brian Sheehan.

President Sheehan thanked and congratulated Harry on his exemplary

service to his club, community and for serving with Lions International.

There are about 1.4 million members in 208 countries around the world, with 47,000 Life Members having been awarded.

Whenever Lions club members get together, problems get smaller, and communities get better.

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If you would like to serve in your community, come and join our Lions family. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

Lion Steve Cretney



Harry Gray with his award

Carterton library

Booklovers, rejoice

Wairarapa's biennial literary festival returns with a stellar line-up of the country's best writing talent. Go to yarnsinbarns.co.nz for programme details and book your tickets before they sell out.

You certainly won't want to miss the following events held in Carterton.

On Monday 17 October, join the Two Raw Sisters, Rosa and Margo Flanagan, as they talk about the inspiration behind their latest cookbook, *Simple Fancy*. Featuring more than 90 delicious, plant-based recipes and 20 menus for every occasion, even the most diehard meat-lover will be happy to try these meals.

Bestselling author Charity Norman returns on Tuesday 18 October to discuss her latest book, *Remember Me*. Inspired by her own bittersweet experience of her mother's struggle with Alzheimer's, the novel is a suspenseful page-turner of a small town with a dark past and secrets that should stay hidden.

Reserve your copies of *Simple Fancy* and *Remember Me* at wls.org.nz

Digital Seniors' helpers are now at Carterton Library. As more and more everyday transactions move online, it's easy to feel left out or left behind if you're not confident about using technology. Digital Seniors' volunteers are now available at Carterton Library every Tuesday between 9.30am and noon. Bring along your device and questions or problems for one-on-one help. If you prefer to book a time, call 0800 373 646.

A new survey wants to know what you think of your local libraries. How and why do you use them? Tairuarā (Local Government Professionals Aotearoa) and Public Libraries New Zealand have created a survey to determine the role of public libraries and how they contribute to community wellbeing.

The online survey only takes a few minutes to complete and can be found on wls.org.nz



Rosa and Margo in the garden. Photo Susannah Blatchford

Metlink

Free buses on the cards for Christmas

Metlink trains and buses will be free to ride this year on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve for all passengers in the Wellington region.

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On Christmas Day, buses and trains will run to the Sunday timetable. Buses replace trains on the Melling and Wairarapa lines.

On New Year's Eve, buses and trains will run to the Saturday timetable. Buses replace trains on the Melling line. The New Year's Eve fare holiday finishes at 4am on New Year's Day.

The special timetable for Metlink services over the Christmas and New Year period will be available through the Metlink app and website later in the year.

Go Carterton

New faces on executive

Two new members were appointed to the Go Carterton executive at its recent AGM – Matt McQuaid and Tracey Higgins. We asked them to share a little bit about themselves with you.

“Hi Everyone, I’m Matt McQuaid, owner of Plyguy Ltd, based in Clareville. I will have owned Plyguy for two years in November. Prior to getting into business, I was an Officer in the Royal New Zealand Navy for 16 years.

I am really enjoying the challenge of owning and running a business. The support and advocacy that business associations like Go Carterton provide, are incredibly valuable not only to the members, but also to the wider community.

I am really excited to be involved with Go Carterton as a member of the executive committee and I look forward to seeing you around town.”

“Kia ora, I moved to rural Carterton four years ago and have been in business for five years. I am a HR Consultant and together with my husband Alyn Higgins, an employment lawyer, you will find us at ATHConsulting.co.nz

I joined Go Carterton exec as I can see we have a lot of positives in our town, business and community and I am keen to be involved in our future changes. We have a lot coming up with the cycle trails and a large number of buildings being worked on to earthquake strengthen and modernise them.

“We have a large number of people who work from home who previously might have commuted to Wellington every day. I can see we need to shift our offering as a town and I am keen to explore this with existing businesses and see how as a committee member I can support Carterton businesses to grow.”



Tracey Higgins



Matt McQuaid

Carterton Tennis

Open Day a free-for-all

Now that Roger Federer has retired, there’s fresh hope for all of us who play tennis – you can join in too on Saturday 15 October 11am–4pm.

It’s free for everyone. We can supply the racquets, BBQ, prizes, and giveaways. The AGM will follow for club members.

Come along and give it a go, see what a great game tennis is and what a great tennis club we have here. We’re located on the boundary of Carrington Park behind the bowls club. Follow us at Cartertontennis.co.nz or on Facebook at Carterton Tennis.



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Carterton Playcentre

Spring is in the air

Our tamariki have been enjoying the stunning spring days and getting outside to explore our outdoor areas.

At Carterton Playcentre we have a huge sandpit with plenty of spades, buckets, pipes for water and kitchen equipment. The kids also love making sand volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar.

We have climbing frames, tunnels, swings and a range of bikes and cars the tamariki can whizz around on. We are so lucky to be so well resourced and have such a beautiful outdoor area. Keep Carterton Beautiful does an incredible job in supporting us to keep it maintained.

Jessie, our amazing teacher, even brought along her pet lamb, Sadie, and all the children loved helping give her a bottle and a pat. Her presence led to important conversations about how we treat animals and respecting them like we do people.

We would love to welcome you into our village. Find us on Facebook and send us a message to book a time in to come a visit. We run sessions every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-noon.

Lou Newman, Carterton Playcentre



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South End School

Tournaments of minds

Tournament of Minds is a collaborative problem-solving nationwide competition for students from primary, intermediate and secondary schools.

It is a drama competition/challenge, where kids like us get to create and perform our own play.

Last month, seven South End School students went to Victoria University in Wellington representing our school in the Wellington tournament of minds regionals. We were awarded Honours – meaning we came second in the intermediate section.

There were two parts to the day's challenge: We had a choice of four different categories: STEM, literature, science and the arts, which is the one we chose.

Our challenge was that a mystery person was dropped off at the police station. He had no idea of who he was or where he came from. He had strange body paintings, jewellery and fabrics and we were to use these clues to identify him and send him back to where he came from. We had 10 minutes to perform our response.



Ready for anything...

We also had to prepare for a spontaneous challenge where you get a little problem on the day and you have to solve it in three to four minutes and then you get two minutes to present. We were judged on how we worked as a team and not on our response.

Overall, we had a great day and loved the experience it brought.
Fuschia, Jenna, Aroha, Ruby, Frida, Eloise and Theo

Carterton School

Plenty of action for pupils

It has been a busy month at Carterton School with so much going on. We have had science with the team from Milky Way Kiwi (<https://milky-way.kiwi/>) coming to school and bringing their rovers and planetarium.

The kids loved journeying through space and learning about the breadth and wonder of the universe around them. Sam and Hari from Milky Way Kiwi are so knowledgeable and Carterton is blessed to have experts of their calibre available to the children of the district.

We also had our school disco, which was a raging success. Mr Bailey was the DJ extraordinaire and had the hall jumping. The kids looked amazing in their finery and it was a great opportunity to let loose. Big thanks to all the staff for making it such a success.

The kids have also been working hard on PrEP (Primary Enterprise Program). Students participate in and manage the Carterton School PrEP society. They make choices about their role in the society – work for a venture, establish their own venture, take a role in the bank or the warehouse or be elected to the government.

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Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Taratahi
CARTERTON
 DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ruamāhanga Rooding Update



A joint rooding venture between Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils and Fulton Hogan

The Ruamāhanga Roads team was under significant pressure due to major weather-induced damage on the road network. To date, the accumulated rainfall from January 2022 is at 153% of the historical average. The extreme weather resulted in severe slips and damage which could potentially isolate remote communities. The team intervened in several responses, opening roads such as Te Wharau Road, Admiral Station Road and Clifton Grove (to name a few) with minimal disruption to road users.

Due to the resulting hardship, we have applied for emergency funding from Waka Kotahi to the value of \$800,000. The application is currently under review and is separate to the approved flooding event in February 2022.

Emergency works have a significant impact on internal and contracted resources, as well as on our planned works programme and the ability to deliver a basic level of service. To date, the emergency works have resulted in an approximate 25% increase in workload just on the Carterton District Council Network – noting that we are only 2 months into the financial year. We are working with South Wairarapa District Council and Fulton Hogan to address the shortage of overall resources.



Frederick Street water treatment plant upgrade



Progress on the upgrade has been slow in the last two weeks. Even the recent good weather could not be utilised as the weather forecast predicted heavy rain which affected planning by our supplier. Work on the Frederick Street water treatment plant requires shutting the plant down and taking water from the Kaipaitangata Water Treatment Plant, which is easily affected by inclement weather affecting water quality. Due to weather delays, we have now lost a week on our programme for the delivery of stage 3 & 4 of the upgrade, which moves the completion of the upgrade to the first week of November 2022.

A reminder of the project's four independent phases:

Phase 1 Frederick Street water treatment plant upgrade
 Once completed, we will have the ability to supply up to 75 litres per second and have resilience in terms of the old UV treatment.

Phase 2 Water storage tanks
 The water storage tanks are progressing well with the concrete foundations now complete. Assembly of the roof structure has started and is planned to be completed shortly.

Phase 3 Water main
 Downer is progressing well with the pipeline. Downer has lost some time due to inclement weather, however we should see the project completed towards the end of October.

Phase 4 Pump station
 Phase 4 will make all these improvements functional. The pump station will be situated at the Dalefield storage tanks and will circulate water between the treatment plant and the storage tanks.

Potable Water Storage Tanks



As per Phase 3 above, the storage tank construction is coming along nicely. Once completed, the tanks will hold an additional 4 million litres of potable drinking water.



The next step will be the assembly/construction of the walls.

Lincoln Road closures and work



Lincoln Road was closed between Frederick Street and Dalefield Road during daytime hours on weekdays from Monday 12 September, with the closure planned to be in effect for at least four weeks. The road closure has allowed contractors to begin installing the water supply mains linking the potable water tanks and Frederick Street water treatment plant. Diversions were made available along Thomas Road and Brooklyn Road. Further work on wastewater mains has continued on Dalefield Road between Lincoln Road and State Highway 2. This stretch of road has remained open but subject to lane closures. All work is weather dependent.



Update on dog pound facility



We have drafted a revised proposal for South Wairarapa District Council and Masterton District Council CEO's and elected members to consider. This proposal seeks to move beyond a joint facility model - this means instead of trying to have one pound across the three councils, our Council will have an agreement to use the other councils' facilities on a 'per night' basis. It is anticipated CDC will not have ownership in either facility; will not determine the level of service; nor contribute towards the capital build costs.

Our current pound is old. It is used, but not on a daily basis; has a small outdoor exercise area; is without power; is poorly fenced; and needs significant work to bring it up to current MPI guidelines. It will need investment to become a more MPI compliant 'day pound'. This will cost up to \$75,000 in capital expenditure and will be taken from the existing dog pound capital budget.

Our Council agreed to the following at our Ordinary Council Meeting on 14 September:

- Notes construction on the Carterton dog pound has been paused.
- Agrees the proposed Dog Impound Service Agreement is progressed with South Wairarapa District Council and Masterton District Councils.
- Approves \$75,000 investment in the existing Carterton Dog Pound.
- Notes the Dog Impound Service Agreement will save approximately \$400,000 in capital costs once fully implemented.
- Notes the Dog Impound Service Agreement will increase annual operating costs by between \$15,000 - \$30,000 once fully implemented.
- Notes in the event a Dog Impound Service Agreement cannot be agreed with one or both councils, construction of a dog pound in Carterton will resume at a cost of \$519,000.

Weighbridge Construction at the Transfer Station

We have now finished installing a weighbridge on the outgoing exit road at the Transfer Station thanks to funding from the Ministry of the Environment under their Weighbridges Infrastructure Project. We expect the weighbridge to be fully functional by the end of year after the following has taken place: computer programming, integration with our Council/contractor accounts, testing, and staff training. Once fully operational, it will function as an additional 'weigh out' bridge to speed up entry/exit and to provide an accurate way of measuring all truck / trailer loads in the future.



We're really pleased we were able to finish construction earlier than projected. Thank you to all Transfer Station users during the month of September for your patience and understanding while construction was underway.

Wairarapa Combined District Plan



The Wairarapa Combined District Plan is now over ten years old and is due for review. District Plans must be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The review of the District Plan is an opportunity to influence how land use and subdivision is managed in the districts. The Draft District Plan will be released for public consultation at the end of October 2022 following the local government elections. This will be an informal feedback process and is an extra chance for the community to provide feedback ahead of the formal notification in 2023. Formal notification and engagement on the Proposed District Plan will take place in mid-2023.

Further information on Draft District Plan engagement opportunities will be published on the website www.wairarapaplan.co.nz

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/
Carterton Playcentre Email carterton@playcentre.org.nz, and on Facebook
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
Jonás Koukl's music classes and drumming group. Contact Jonás 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

Services

3Mile Sign up via our Facebook or Meetup pages
Age Concern Contact 06 377 0066 for more information
Alcoholics Anonymous Bob 021 042 2947 and Martin 06 372 7764
Carterton Community Dinner All welcome. \$6. RSVP 06 379 7937
Carterton Foodbank Answerphone 06 379 4092
Carterton Friendship Club Jeanne 06 379 5444
Carterton District Historical Society 142 High St North. Vivienne 06 379 5564 carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com
Carterton Justice of the Peace service Every Friday noon–2pm Carterton Library
Carterton Rotary Club Kevin Conroy 022 340 7418
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
Epilepsy Support Group 0800 202 122
Freemasons Contact Doug Johnston 06 379 8972
Ka Pai Cimone Grayson or Lucy McKenzie email hello@kapaicarterton.nz, website kapaicarterton.nz
Kieran McAnulty Kieran.McAnulty@parliament.govt.nz, 04 817 9999
Lions Club of Carterton Membership and meal cancellation phone Alf Clear 021 806 604
Parkinson's Singing Group every Wednesday 10.30am at South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club, Main St, Greytown. Phone Marguerite 06 369 5376

Parkinson's Exercise Class every Thursday 1.30pm at Wairarapa Boxing Academy, Dixon St, Masterton. Phone Roslyn 027 264 8623
Personal Development Coach Maree McManaway, call 027 248 8660, www.lyf4u.co.nz
Red Cross psychological first aid (PFA) initial emotional and practical support following a traumatic event, psychological first aid online courses, www.redcross.org.nz
New Zealand Red Cross Masterton Migration Programmes Hanschen.Venter@redcross.org.nz 027 261 5731, 0800 REDCROSS (733 276), www.redcross.org.nz
Reformed Congregation of Carterton, 6 Howard St. Worship times 10am and 6pm. All services live-streamed at www.rcnz.org Phone Pastor Arnoud Vergunst 027 920 1327
Senior Citizens Yvonne Brown 022 140 6671
South Wairarapa Rebus Club Contact John Reeve 06 379 9379, southwairapararebus.com
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 wairapabiblechurch@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: cartertonswimrace secretary@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

Dalefield Hockey Club Gail Miller, secretary, 06 379 8341

Dance Lessons Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and Ballet. All ages. Jacqui Murray School of Dance 027 242 3462, www.jacquimurraydance.co.nz, email jacquimurraydance@xtra.co.nz

Dimensional Fitness classes. Fitness training with Anaru and Dallas Te Rangi. Facebook

Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club Classes Wednesdays during school term time, Beginners, 10 years+ (including adults). Phone Dannii Sargent 027 920 6751

Free Fit Club Di Bailey 027 498 7261

Indoor Bowls, Clareville For information phone Colleen on 06 379 8399

Gain Momentum Pilates with Linda Penlington. See gainmomentum.co.nz for details

Greytown Rail Trail Parkrun 8am each Saturday, register first, website www.parkrun.co.nz/greytownwoodsidetrail

Karate Jacqui Malcolm 027 325 3370

Modern Jive dance classes Contact Lance 021 134 5661 or Facebook group, Wairarapa Modern Jive

Mountain biking Contact Allan Wasmuth 027 212 5644, wascox@contact.net.nz

Ruamahanga Ramblers Full programme on sporty.co.nz/ruamahangaramblers/. Paul Furkert 06 379 5355

South Wairarapa Tramping Club Barry Kempton, 06 304 9353, 027 430 5935. For the club: Carol Major, 06 304 8210

Squash Club howardboothsquash@gmail.com

Swimming lessons and club activities, all ages, Carterton Swimming Club, Pembroke St. Heated indoor pool. Contact Cynthia Lowe, cartertonswimracesecretary@gmail.com

Taoist Tai Chi introductory sessions begin 26 October. See www.taoisttaichi.org for more information or phone 04 586 0297

The Dance Shed Wendy Walker 027 319 9814

Wairarapa Dance Club Russell 06 377 1609

Wairarapa Dog Training Club Google us

Wairarapa Shafts & Wheels Driving Association text or phone, 027 318 3359

Yoga with Odette Odette 021 180 9452, classes see website nzyogasnug.com

Yoga / Reiki Health and wellness for mind, body and soul. Phone Colleen 021 177 1956 www.colleencarver.com

Yoga with Em Em 021 184 8680 or see website yogawithemmie.com

Special Interests

Borderlandz Paintball in Belvedere Rd. Contact Vicky Gallon 0508 P8NTBALL, vicky@borderlandzpaintball.co.nz or visit BorderlandzPaintball.co.nz

Carboot sale St Marks church grounds every first Saturday of the month 9am to noon. Enquiries Parish Office 06 379 8371 (Office hours 9am to noon Tuesdays)

Cards On Wednesdays Barbara 027 387 9236

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

Garden Group Vicki Waller 027 487 0707, rossvickiwaller@gmail.com

Holdsworth Women's Institute Call Denise Richardson 06 379 8339

Knit and Natter Group Keitha Roberts 021 061 7720

Mah Jong Contact Margaret Stevens 06 379 8681

Mangatarere Society Jill Greathead 027 488 4376 mangatarere.restoration@gmail.com

Men's Group Wairarapa Support group meeting every 1st Thursday indoor (Carterton) and every 3rd Saturday overnight in the mountains. www.mensgroup-wairarapa.nz

Railway Museum website cartertonrailwaymuseum.org.nz

South Wairarapa Bridge Club Contact Katherine 027 243 3495

Stonehenge Aotearoa Open 10am-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Guided tours any time or day by arrangement. Phone 06 377 1600

Tui Brewery Shine & Show series. Contact Rosie Rogers, Tui Brewery experience director, Rosie@thebrewery.co.nz

U3A (University of the 3rd Age) a group for mainly older folk to meet and discuss issues usually on the third Thursday of each month in the Events Hall of the Roseneath Lifecare and Village in Carterton 9:30-11am. Contact the convenor, Paul Mallinson on 021 109 4652

Wai Dadz support group All dads welcome. Contact Luke Tiller 0508 CALL DAD

Wairarapa Archive Mark Pacey markp@library.mstn.govt.nz

Wairarapa Camping and Caravan Club Phone 027 677 3706 or email pamhoneill@gmail.com

WaiGuys Social group for gay men. waiguys@gmail.com. Facebook. com/waiguys

Wairarapa Greens 021 247 8360 or Wairarapa@greens.org.nz

Wairarapa Herb Society Meetings third Tuesday of the month 1.30-3pm Old Courthouse, Holloway St, Carterton. Contact Christine Voelker 027 280 6739 or waiherbs@gmail.com

Wairarapa Labour, Masterton Branch Phone 06 379 8021 for venue and details

Wairarapa Woodworkers Guild Secretary 027 273 2279 or email wempe@outlook.co.nz

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club Barbara Lang 06 372 7593

Wine and Food Wairarapa Contact Ann Smith, phone 06 304 9824

Wairarapa Branch NZ Soc of Genealogists phone Diane Edwards, 06 379 7150 or email wairarapa@genealogy.org.nz

Wairarapa Model Railway Club meetings first and third Thursday of the month, 7.15-9.30pm, contact Peter Murray 027 630 1780

If your group's details have changed, or you would like your entry removed, please let us know at crier.ed@gmail.com

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WAI WORD

Wai Word

Charity Norman is coming to Carterton

Born in Uganda, Charity was brought up in vicarages in England, and for 15 years worked as a barrister and mediator, with a specialty in crime and family law.

Her move to Aotearoa some 20 years ago was part of several life changes. Seeing that her three children barely knew her due to her heavy workload, she decided to take a break from law, come to New Zealand with her family, and to write. Within a decade or so, she'd publish four acclaimed novels.

Accolades include her books being selected as a BBC Radio 2 Book Club choice, a Richard & Judy and World Book Night title, the NZ Listener and UK Reading Agency Book of the Year, and in the running for the Ngaio Marsh Awards for the Best Crime Novel and the Australian Ned Kelly Awards for best International Fiction.

In Carterton, Charity will discuss her newest book, her seventh: Remember Me (2022), a heartfelt and suspenseful tale of the changing relationship between a daughter and her father living with dementia.

She'll be in conversation with Steve

Laurence of Almo's Books. The event, part of the Yarns in Barns Festival, is free (koha appreciated) and is likely to book out. You must register: contact sales@hedleysbooks.co.nz or 06 378 2875.

Wairarapa Word celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2022 and over the years, has collaborated several times with Yarns in Barns.

A few weeks ago, in collaboration with Wairarapa Library Service, Wai Word presented a doubleheader with bestselling author Sue Orr. A crowd heard her in conversation with Noelle McCarthy in Carterton, and a group enjoyed her writing workshop at the Greytown Library.

Wairarapa Word is supported by Carterton Creative Communities, Carterton's independent bookstore Almo's Books, koha from the general public, and a small team of volunteers.

To join the team, or to offer ideas on writers to bring to Wairarapa in 2023, email us at: events.waiword@gmail.com



Charity Norman

Opinion

Trucking into the future

I enjoyed reading the *Crier* editorial a couple of months ago that lamented the constant presence of logging and sheep trucks rumbling through our central business district.

The next month, there was a letter to the editor pointing out that the rural roads were not strong enough to offer a solution by way of a bypass.

What can we do, you might ask, other than build a major thoroughway that hugs the hills to the west of Masterton, Carterton and Greytown. New bridges will be required across several rivers, but it will be worth it...

Why not spend that sort of money – indeed, a lot less – and simply move our CBD? The Council has designated land behind the Armstrong Ave estate to the north of the town for more residential development – including lifestyle blocks.

Why not use some of that land and let the market build a village shopping centre that allows access and enjoyment in all weather? Our Council can designate some of that redevelopment area as retail, and let the market react.

We can say goodbye to a

motley collection of substandard, single-storey buildings, and embrace the latest in environmental and retail chic.

It can be as big as our budget – or as cute as a button. With the right sort of thinking and controls, it could become a shopping and entertainment magnet for the Wairarapa.

Thinking further, since there is no room to build a new heart for Carterton around the present railway station, why not divert the Masterton rail line just north of Carrington House to sweep east to a new station in the modern CBD, before re-joining the old line? The new layout could also serve as a siding, to enable increased two-way frequency on the tracks.

Leave SH2 and our High St to the rowdy trucks and through traffic. Let them all sail on by without disturbing us – they just want to be somewhere else.

When you think about it, can you really argue for any other solution?

Toby Shaw



Are you taking photos to go in the *Carterton Crier*?

For the best results in **print** (it may look good on screen!) images must be 300dpi, and saved as a JPEG or PDF. Make sure your smartphone is set to its **best** setting before you take the picture, keep the sun behind you, and don't "copy/paste" your image after download, save it as a separate file. For us oldies with a camera, the same applies! Email them as **attachments, not pasted into a Word file** and send to the team at crier.ed@gmail.com.

A&P Show

Popular event is back

It's been two years since we have been able to hold our annual springtime show, but we are back 28–30 October with a show that is packed with entertainment.

We have livestock competitions, trade exhibits, Pet Corner, Scavenger Hunt, Mahons Rides & Amusements, and much more. Check our website for details www.wairarapashow.co.nz

The fun starts Friday night, with our night show, gates open from 6pm, entry is free. Come and enjoy the thrills and spills of Mahons Rides & Amusements.

An action-packed weekend has been planned, along with the traditional livestock competitions. There'll be exhibits and trade sites, plenty to experience such as cheering on the Sheep Racing and Lawn Mower Racing. School children can complete the Scavenger Hunt, with freebies and prizes to be won.

Get along to the Goldpine Pet Corner where you can get up close to the farmyard animals. If that's not enough, there's still the shearing competition and dog trials to take a look at.

Our food court offers a selection of food for every taste, places to sit and enjoy live music and offerings from the bar. There is something for everyone at this years A&P Show.

Any enquiries phone the secretary on 379 8124 or email office@waiaps.org.nz

Aratoi Museum

School holiday attractions

With spring and the final school term just around the corner, Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History brings you stories of the curious, through Richard Brown's collection in Masterton Museum: A Cabinet of Curiosities to the absurd and colourful sculptures of Andrea Gardner in her exhibition this is the rabbit hole.

Explore memory and what is hidden in Wendy Bornholdt's Drawing on Resources, and explore New Zealand's hidden past in Shared Histories, which tells the stories of the ordinary and mundane places where NZ battles were held.

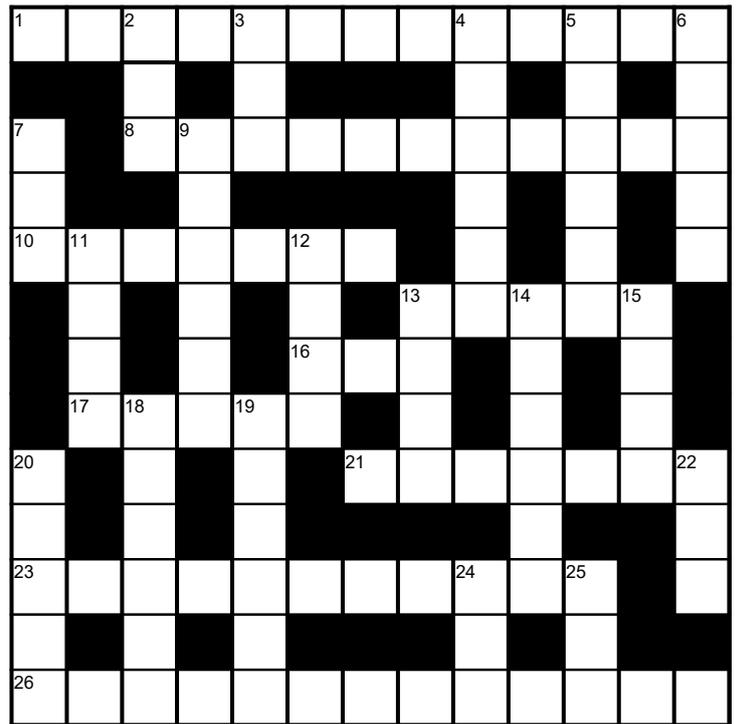
Enjoy the fresh approach of our region's students in long-running favourite Breadcraft Wairarapa School's Art Exhibition. Create your own collage on our free family crafting table. Take a fresh look around the galleries hunting for clues to complete a challenge.

Try the Children's Photography Walkabout, Saturday 15 October, 10.15am–11.45am. This begins at Aratoi then continues across the road to QEII Park. Photography artist Lucy Cooper will take you through some tips and tricks to getting great photos using your device. See website for more details and how to book.



Children's photography walkabout

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Person who strives for excellence (13)
- 8. Abrasive material such as sandpaper (11)
- 10. Exertions (7)
- 13. Hated to change the ending (Cryptic) (5)
- 16. See 17 Across
- 17 and 16 Across Welcome (Te Reo) (5,3)
- 21. Legendary water monster (Te Reo) (7)
- 23. I, along with the wise men - and the whole country - have creative mental ability (Cryptic) (11)
- 26. Persons who produce scripts for films (13)

DOWN

- 2. Enormous and powerful bird from Arabian legend (3)
- 3. Make a mistake (3)
- 4. Body of work (6)
- 5. Bring legal charges against (6)
- 6 and 7 Down Wairarapa newspaper (5,3)
- 7. See 6 Down
- 9. Stimulate (6)
- 11, 22 and 20 Down Famous meal at Lake Ferry Hotel (4,3,5)
- 12. Large, weighty book (4)
- 13. Female opera star (4)
- 14. Animal or plant lacking pigment (6)
- 15. Quiet (4)
- 18. Unmarried dalliance (6)
- 19. Flightless bird, such as kiwi or ostrich (6)
- 20. See 11 Down
- 22. See 11 Down
- 24. Tribe (Te Reo) (3)
- 25. Indicating a maiden name (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy

Your Letters ...

Dear editor,

It was really inspiring to see the Events Centre packed out – standing room only – for the Meet the Candidates meeting last month.

To me, that indicates that democracy is alive and well in Carterton, and that recent performance issues at the Council are of concern to many people.

All well and good, but the candidates spent much of the evening tilting their lances at windmills, in Quixotic terms, by promising to take on the three big issues – changes to the Resource Management Act, amalgamation of local councils, and Three Waters.

Little ol' Carterton has no more chance of victory in these battles than did our loveable Don from la Mancha.

It would have been a delight to hear the candidates talking about "life after" these three Central Government edicts were in place.

It could well be that this is the last elected Carterton District Council before we are rolled into a greater Wairarapa entity, so perhaps all of us at the meeting were deluding ourselves, much like Don Quixote.

Hidalgo de la Carterton (name supplied)

The Carterton Crier welcomes Letters to the Editor of **200 words or less**. Letters may be edited for clarity, legal ramifications, length or general taste at the editor's discretion. We also reserve the right to refuse to publish submitted letters for the same reasons. All letters must be signed. Letters published do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Carterton Crier*, its staff or its advertisers.

Dear Agony Aunty ...

Dear AA,

I feel I have a lot to offer Carterton as a councillor, but I am scared witless of talking at public meetings.

I can easily hold my own around the debating table, but put in front of a large assembly, such as a Meet the Candidates event, and I become a blathering fool.

Why should candidates be elected on this basis? The one who sounds best wins – even if they are an uneducated novice.

Okay, I could go to Toastmasters and toughen up, but that doesn't overcome the problem with the selection process.

It's not a beauty contest, or an ideas fest. There must be another way to let the voters know that you have what it takes.

What can I do in the next three years so that I am ready for 2025?

Scared of crowds

Dear SoC,

I know exactly of what you speak. It is so unfair that people with a certain personality trait can dominate public meetings while others more suitable cannot express themselves as confidently.

It takes a lot of gumption to step forward as a candidate, but often the race is won by the quick-tongued and arrogant.

First off, learn the jargon. Say triennium as easily as you might say "mine's a pint". Talk of LTPs, governance and accountability. It doesn't matter if you don't know what they mean.

If you have to speak to a large meeting, memorise what you want to say and prepare a list of key points that you can glance at to get you started on each topic. Learn by rote.

I was once told to imagine the audience was sitting there in its underwear, but that was way too distracting when I had to address an NZ First meeting.

I now just look at someone who appears to be sympathetic, and feed off their nods and smiles (it could be your mum). Failing that, I focus on someone sexy and imagine that they fancy me.

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

Keep off the grass

A reader sent this photo in from Sparks Park, with the lawnmower clearly out of its depth.

Come up with a suitable caption and email it to the editor at crier.ed@gmail.com, and the *Crier* will find a prize for you!

Entries close 5pm, 25 October 2022.



Carterton School

Time to travel

Team Kahikatea of Carterton School put on an extravaganza called "Time To Travel" at the Carterton Events Centre. This theme allowed us to showcase amazing things from three countries through time travel.

They electrified the crowd with a dance to "Are You Ready". It was Room One 3's turn to showcase Japan. Where to start? Anime/manga, karate, judo, ninjas, Street Fighter and samurais. The actors showcased fight scenes, with authentic and exciting moves. The class proceeded to finish with Japan beating South Africa at the 2015 Rugby World Cup, followed by some popular dances to Japanese-focused songs.

Next came Room 12 showing amazingness from the USA – Benjamin Franklin discovering electricity, Robbie Knievel jumping the Grand Canyon, Michael Jordan's famous dunks, Achy Breaky Heart, "Aerials" by System of a Down, and to finish off – some line dancing to "Cotton Eye Joe". Room 12 blew everyone away with their great use of props and humour.

Lastly, Room 14 took us to Scotland where we learnt about the Loch Ness Monster, haggis, Scottish dancing and of course bagpipes and kilts. Room 14 worked hard, staying on stage the whole time, showing some classic Scottish dance moves, as taught by some local Scottish dance experts!

It was a fantastic opportunity to get our kids on stage. Thank you to everyone who participated, assisted and contributed to the show.

By Team Kahikatea

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Perfectionist, 8. Carborundum, 10. Efforts, 13. Death, 17 & 16. Haere mai!, 21. Taniwha, 23. Imagination, 26. Screenwriters. **Down:** 2. Roc, 3. Err, 4. Oeuvre, 5. Indict, 6 & 7. Time Age, 9. Arouse, 11, 22 & 20. Fish and chips, 12. Tome, 13. Diva, 14. Albino, 15. Hush, 18. Affair, 19. Ratite, 24. Iwi, 25. Nee.

Community Orchestra

Old meets new, after Covid-19

The Wairarapa Community Orchestra will soon perform its first concert since Covid-19 shut down audiences.

On the theme of Old Meets New, the orchestra will range through four centuries of music, from Purcell, Beethoven and Grieg to contemporary compositions; from classical to popular music and jazz; from a symphony movement to marches and dances.

Reflecting its role as a Community Orchestra, the concert will feature the Solway Jazz Band and two compositions by Year 12 St Matthews Collegiate students. Silver Award winners at the Big Sing, Viva Camerata will make a guest appearance at the concert at Rathkeale.

Orchestra director Ruth Eckford encourages students to compose for orchestral instruments. "It is good experience for students to hear an orchestra playing compositions they have only heard electronically. They can hear what has worked well and where they need to adjust the orchestration. The orchestra enjoys encouraging young composers."

Guitarist Chelsea Hawkes composed The Sadness of the Sea for strings, woodwind and piano. After hearing the orchestra rehearsing her work she said it was her first attempt at composing for orchestral instruments. "It sounded different from what I had envisioned: it sounded better."

Jenna Portman, who plays alto saxophone, composed Stairway for two flutes and clarinet, which will be played by orchestra members Monique Jackett, Sophie James and Karina Auer. "I wanted to try something different harmonically. I was surprised at how Stairway sounded with real instruments," says Jenna.

The Wairarapa Community Orchestra will play on Friday 28 October at Rathkeale College and Saturday 29 October at Kuranui College. Both concerts are at 7pm. Tickets can be obtained at 10 O'Clock Bakery and Café, Mrs Blackwell's Bookshop in Greytown, or online at wairarapaorchestra.nz or Facebook@wairarapaorchestra. Adults \$15, children are free, but will need a ticket.

Acapella choir

The smooth sounds return

Carterton Community Choir is alive and well after many months of disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have a new choir leader, Vicki Jones, and several new members. We are at present rehearsing for an end-of-year concert to be held on Thursday 15 December in the Carterton Primary School Hall at 7pm. All are welcome for a koha donation.

Vicki is highly qualified and musically experienced. After graduating B.A/B Music majoring in performance, she began a

34-year career as a full-time professional double bassist in the NZ Symphony Orchestra. After retiring, she began a new career as a Wairarapa music teacher and choir leader. She teaches piano, cello and double bass and leads Martinborough Choir and Carterton Community Choir. She is also a prominent figure in the Wairarapa Youth Orchestra and the Martinborough Music Festival.

Although we rehearse to a piano, we are an acapella choir (unaccompanied). We sing a wide variety of songs, many of them from the gospel tradition, which are all in four-part harmony, all of which are easy to learn.

Members do not need to be able to read music. Vicki uses the rehearsals to teach us the basics of musical notation and timing, which is making our experience very fulfilling.

If you wish to join our very friendly and welcoming choir please contact the secretary, Pam Torrington at cartertonsinging@gmail.com, 021 0248 3185. We meet in term times at the Carterton Primary School hall 7.15pm to 9pm. Fees \$7 per session.



Victoria Jones

Beekeepers Club

An invitation to meet bee keepers

The Wairarapa Hobby Bee Keepers Club meets on the second Sunday of every month at 2pm at various venues and everyone is notified by email prior to the meeting with all the information.

There is usually a discussion on what needs to be done in the hive at that time of the year, also a question time on the subject or anything anyone needs help with. This is followed by a practical demonstration in the hives, weather permitting.

The club is geared to helping new beekeepers as much as possible. We also buy in bulk supplies of frames and foundation and pest strips so that members can purchase small quantities at bulk price.

There are some very experienced people in the club who are willing to help and answer any questions. We always finish our meetings with a cuppa and we bring along a plate and have a chat about bees and get to know each other – there are quite a few new members at present.

For our October meeting we installed a new bee hive. The 13 November meeting is at Julia Musgroves' home at 142 Wariri Rd, Bideford. For information contact Mike Spink 027 496 5502 or Julie Musgrove 027 314 4617. We look forward to you joining us at our next meeting.





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