

The Carterton Crier

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A photograph of three people standing in front of a vintage biplane. On the left is a man in a black t-shirt with a circular logo. In the center is a woman wearing sunglasses and a black t-shirt. On the right is a woman wearing a grey baseball cap and a black t-shirt, with her hand on the fuselage of the plane. The biplane is light green with a dark propeller and a wooden tail section. The background shows a grassy airfield under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

▶ Vintage aviators gear up for show

- ▶ Dark Sky breakthrough
- ▶ Balloons aiming high
- ▶ Pop idol poet in town

Cover image: Paul Dykes

Editorial

At a Burn's Night gathering last month I was reminded of a quote often attributed to Scotland's greatest bard: "There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing".

Robbie may well have said it, and if so I wonder in what circumstances he was prompted to utter it.

Regardless, the sentiment holds true today. Most people take their daily lives and routines for granted and can see no reasons why anything should become any different. The status quo rules.

And they make no plans for an alternative existence, should a spanner be thrown in their works. It seems that we are creatures of habit, and one day can become much like any other.

Each year we make a fresh start, making a fuss over the turning of a page on a calendar, but within weeks we are back to where we were last year.

How can we (Carterton) make this year different, better and more enjoyable for ourselves and the whole town?

Routine has its merits, but perhaps our weekly schedule of activities could do with a refresher. Same café for morning coffee or lunch, same night at the pub or club (for the same amount of time)...

I invite you to try something different this year, volunteer for something you have always intended to support, try new experiences and support local ventures.

Maybe we can make a difference just by making our lives different.

Paul Dykes, Editor

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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.



One of the many fabulous aircraft assembled at Hood Aerodrome for the upcoming Wings Over Wairarapa air show, a DH4 under the care of (from left) Vintage Aviator pilot Pete McCombe, Vintage Aviator Guinevere Norris, and airside manager for the show, Tracy Dixon (see page 7).

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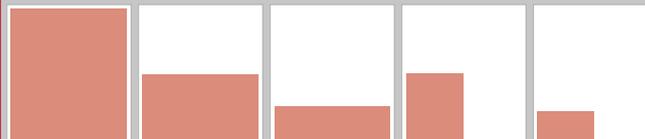


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Milky Way over Lake Wairarapa. Photo Pete Monk

Dark Sky Reserve

Astronomical tourism impact for region

With official international recognition of Wairarapa’s Dark Sky Reserve status now confirmed, the potential for tourism and downstream economic benefits for the region are astronomical, says Destination Wairarapa.

The International Dark Sky Association has signed off accreditation for an area covering the South Wairarapa and Carterton districts. This indicates that Wairarapa night skies are among the best in the world.

“The Dark Sky Reserve status is a great win for our region,” says Anna Nielson, general manager of Destination Wairarapa, the regional tourism organisation.

“The potential for future tourism development around dark sky themes greatly enhance the range of experiences we already offer visitors and locals.”

Already a number of Wairarapa businesses and enthusiasts offer people the chance to be guided through the night sky with telescopes, and such experiences have been gaining in popularity over the past few years.

With the solid backing of the reserve status as a platform, space-themed experiences are to be further developed in the Wairarapa as

the demand increases for interpretive and educational experiences, says Anna.

Dark skies experiences offer year-round appeal to visitors. This is a boon for the region, which traditionally had seen lower tourism activity in winter months.

With darkness and stars appearing earlier, winter offers excellent viewing. There are potential innovations for tourism and stargazing events, which will align perfectly with established winter events, including Matariki, Greytown’s Festival of Christmas, and Featherston’s Booktown Festival.

Wairarapa’s proximity to Wellington is an exceptional point of difference for star lovers – the new reserve is one that’s not off the beaten track and arguably, is the most accessible of the 21 protected Dark Sky Reserves in the world.

The reserve accreditation process for Wairarapa has been at least five years in the making.

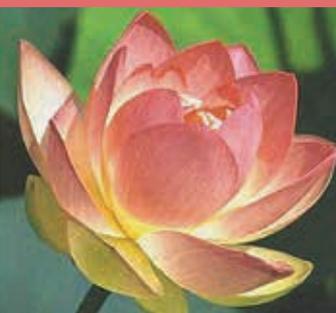
Hopeful of a successful dark sky application, astro-tourism was identified in the region’s Destination Management Plan, finalised last year.

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Gardening guide

How does your garden grow?



What's not to love about leeks?

Perhaps it's my paternal Pembrokeshire antecedents speaking to me across the centuries. Braised to perfection, seasoned with salty butter and black pepper or paired with chicken, mushroom and/or bacon, in a pie or nude, the humble Welsh symbol, properly grown and cooked is a delicious thing and preferable to any onion.

Leeks these days are a far cry from the tough, leathery vegetable that Mum boiled to death and smothered in white sauce during my childhood. The farmer refuses to eat them in that fashion and so for many years I disguised them in casseroles, soups and stews, weathering the protest.

But then my neighbour recommended chicken and leek in puff pastry. It was my Eureka moment. After 47 years of marriage, leeks have finally gained currency at our place.

Growing good leeks isn't rocket science, but you need to plan and prepare.

Well-worked soil containing animal manure or compost deeply dug and watered is key.

Strew a packet of seed on good-quality seed-raising mix in a seed tray and cover lightly with more mix – the germinated seeds emerge from the soil with the black seed casing sitting on top of the first leaf after two weeks or more.

Grow them on a bit, never letting the soil dry out. And in a while, you can plant trowels full of a dozen or so seedlings into deeper pots. A pack of seed produces up to 240 plants. Keep these watered – the roots may grow out the drain holes, but never mind, you can trim the roots before transplanting in the garden. After 8 weeks they should be big enough to plant outside.

I favour a swathe layout, three plants across the row spaced 150mm apart and in length as long as you have seedlings to plant, also 150mm spaced apart and 150mm deep. A dibber is the tool, but a broom or rake handle also makes a perfect well.

Create the grid of holes, then drop one seedling into each well. Water with a fine mist to send a very small amount of soil into the bottom of the hole thereby covering the roots.

Leeks mature within the well about 150 days from seedling. Musselburgh is a reliable variety, but there are others like Welsh Wonder. Plant your own or purchase them in a bundle from the nursery. You'll get a great bang for your buck.

Barbara Thompson



What's not to love about a tender leek?



Know your onions

Do you waste the greenery of some vegetables when you come to prepare them?

If you buy spring onions with long green leaves, keep the leaves – the white bases are not the only edible part. I keep them in my fridge vegetable drawer to chop later, often for garnish, egg sandwich fillings, salads, scrambled eggs, and more – anywhere I need small amounts.

I've grown mild-flavoured shallots, but someone stole the whole bulbs and tops from my former community garden – I was livid and I've given up growing shallots whilst sulking.

Onion weed is the name of our wild onions, which are good to forage (identify them correctly – if the plant does not smell like onion, don't eat it). I grow them in my garden and eat both the pretty white flowers and leaves.

I've not had much luck growing garlic and now forgive myself for buying jars of crushed garlic and using it a lot. No peeling also. Laziness is a factor too.

Leeks are one of my favourite vegetables. I often have one in the fridge and chop a few slices off the white end for a dish while keeping the green tops for stock or leek and potato soup when the blender turns the tough leaves to pulp.

My attempts at growing onions have been miserable, but I do one thing that is useful. Brown onions for cooking sometimes grow in my kitchen vegetable basket. I keep a trough of parsley on my back doorstep and if I see green shoots on the brown onions in the kitchen, I plant them in my trough outside – just a small soil indentation – and they put roots down quickly and send up more green tops. I use the tops regularly. They regrow.

Fionna Hill



Brown onions repotted

What's On in Carterton

Venus Businesswomen inaugural Carterton group meeting, Wild Oats Café, 7 March, 9.30am, contact phillippa.roil@venusbusinesswomen.co.nz

Mah Jong Twittering the sparrows, building the great wall, winds, dragons and flowers... get lessons at the Old Courthouse, Holloway St, Carterton every Tuesday from 1.30pm–4pm (\$5 entry). Contact Rita on 021 211 0690 or email rstirlingvincent@gmail.com

Gladstone Church AGM, 15 February at 7pm at the church, see website

Carterton Senior Citizens at the Old Courthouse next to the library. If you are looking for a laugh with a great group of people, then come and join us each Friday 12.30pm–3.30pm. \$4 per session includes a cuppa and biscuit. Contact Yvonne on 022 140 6671

Aratoi exhibitions Julia Teale *Koha – Presenting Plenitude, Look Closely and Tell Me What You See* photographs from the collection, both until 19 February, www.aratoi.org.nz

Wai Word Poet Laureate Chris Tse will give a performance (2pm) at Carterton Events Centre. Free entry, koha is welcome

Sunset Cinema first screening in 2023 is Honeyland on 24 February, about a woman keeping bees in an isolated village in the Balkans. Doors open at 7pm for tickets, cake and tea/coffee

and the movie starts at 7.30pm at Rangitahi Hub hall

Wairarapa College is excited to be celebrating 100 years in 2023 from 10–12 March, details at www.waicolcentenary.nz

Rangatahi to Rangatira Anyone aged 10–24 can attend every Wednesday night, 5.30pm–7.30pm, in the Rangatahi Hub (back of the Carterton Events Centre). Just turn up. Take a look at www.facebook.com/r2rcarterton

Wairarapa Wines Harvest Festival, Gladstone, 17–18 February, come either day, www.wairapaharvestfestival.co.nz

NZ Drag Racing Nationals, Masterton Motorplex, www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz

Wings Over Wairarapa Air Festival, Hood Aerodrome, Masterton 26–28 February www.wings.org.nz

Golden Shears, Masterton, 2–4 March, www.goldenshears.co.nz

Martinborough Fair, 5 March, summer market, www.martinboroughfair.org.nz

121 Music Festival, Tauherenikau, 10–12 March, www.121festival.co.nz

Greytown Music Group Piandemonium! 2 April concert pianist Dr Jian Liu performs works by Debussy, Liszt and Beethoven, 4pm, at 57 Wood St, Greytown. Admission \$30, \$10 for children. Contact Ed and Juliet Cooke efjacooke@gmail.co.nz or 06 304 9497

Toxic algae

Red alert time again

Dangerous levels of toxic algae have been found in Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River already this summer and the Ruamahanga River has reached amber level at Double Bridges.

Dog owners walking by waterways in summer should keep their animals leashed and away from the river's edge.

Greater Wellington Marine and Freshwater team leader Dr Evan Harrison says while toxic algae poses a threat to human health, dogs are especially at risk.

"They like the smell and taste of algal mats, but eating one about the size of a 50-cent piece can be deadly to a dog," Dr Harrison says.

He says owners must be vigilant and stop their animals scavenging

along the riverbank and people must not swim in affected rivers until the all-clear is given.

Greater Wellington monitors these popular swimming spots on a weekly basis. To know where it's safe to swim, check the Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website.

If you have been in contact with toxic algae and are feeling unwell see your doctor or ring Healthline on 0800 611 116. Seek urgent medical attention for anyone with breathing difficulties or convulsions. If you think your dog has swallowed toxic algae, take it to the nearest vet immediately.

To learn how to identify toxic algae, visit the Greater Wellington Regional Council website and search toxic algae (gw.govt.nz)



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Visit cdc.govt.nz/water-hero for terms and conditions and more information.



Current Restrictions

Sprinklers allowed on alternate days. Odd numbered houses on odd days, even numbered houses on even days.



Restrictions are subject to change. Make sure to follow CDC on social media, check out the Crier and other local newspapers and radio, or visit cdc.govt.nz/water for more information.



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Wings Over Wairarapa

Take Flight adds to the spectacle

Wings Over Wairarapa is set to draw in the crowds this month with the biennial show delivering one of the largest displays of aircraft in New Zealand.

A new aspect to this year's festival will be an expanded STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) programme called Take Flight. The programme, supported by REAP Wairarapa, is designed to promote and inspire people to consider flight and aerospace careers.

It also seeks ways to improve accessibility to STEAM education opportunities, particularly for females, Māori and Pasifika students, and rural schools.

Take Flight co-founder and Wings operation manager Chris Tracey says this year specific careers and pathways aspects will be introduced solely for students.

"It's very exciting to be able to expand the STEAM programme, which was massively popular in 2021, into the Take Flight programme for 2023. One piece of feedback we had from 2021 was the



Best get this one under cover

desire for a targeted programme towards secondary students who were keen to explore pathways and career opportunities."

Chris says Take Flight will deliver an annual event and expand to schools in the Greater Wellington region and Lower North Island in future years. The programme will run the whole weekend and be able to be experienced by all show attendees.

NanoGirl Labs, Victoria University, Waikato University and UCOL will be present throughout the three day programme. Activities include aircrew maths, rocketry, virtual reality, digital fabrication, and 3D printing. Plus engineering and maintenance,



Airside manager for the air show, Tracy Dixon, gets things moving

simulation, robotics, circuitry, drones, and other unmanned aircraft. Students will be able to meet aviation experts, engineers, pilots, and technicians to learn about satellite tracking equipment, basic ballistics, body armour, as well as missiles and protection equipment.

Tickets are on sale now for the aircraft extravaganza, held at Hood Aerodrome in Masterton February 24–26 and on the Saturday and Sunday admission includes access to the Take Flight programme.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.wings.org.nz

High St arrival

HUHA – Who knew?

Has your eye been caught by the life-sized image of a donkey and a lamb enjoying each other's company on the corner of Pembroke St and High St south? Too busy to check out the HUHA opshop in the old pharmacy premises?

If so you have missed a visit to one of Carterton's most delightful new shops and the opportunity to support a very worthy cause.

HUHA (Helping You Help Animals) is a community-funded, no-kill animal charity founded by Carolyn Press-McKenzie and her husband Jim. Its primary goal is to rescue and rehome unwanted and abused domestic and farm animals.

HUHA also aims to teach empathy to the community and to provide "shelter for those less fortunate animals that struggle to survive in today's disposable culture".

HUHA is committed to stamping out animal abuse in all its forms and has campaigned to ban animal testing and to rehome ex-laboratory animals. It works to raise awareness of back-yard breeding of puppies for pet shops and undertakes school visits to educate children on the care and understanding of animals.

As well as raising funds for an excellent cause, the HUHA opshop is simply a fun shopping experience thanks to Erena Rangiwhetu and her cheerful volunteers. Laughter is frequently heard.

Sophie the retired librarian makes sure the book selection is always worth examining and there is HUHA merchandise on sale as well as quality clothes, toys and bric a brac. Donations are always welcome and in particular dog beds and animal equipment that can be used at HUHA's premises in Kaitoke and Otaki where many dogs, horses, pigs and other animals are housed.

The HUHA shop's Christmas window featuring mice engaged in all



Volunteers Sophie Jolliffe and Jennifer Pip

sorts of festive activities was the creation of local artist Jennifer Pip. It delighted young and old and featured on the cover of the December Crier. Expeditions of children from the local preschools enjoyed the scenes.

So pop in and say hi next time you are passing. You are sure to leave with a smile on your face and the animals will thank you for it.

HUHA Op Shop 35-38 High St South. Open Tuesday–Saturday 10am–3pm, <https://huha.org.nz>

Business growth

Tranzit widens interests

Wairarapa based, family-owned bus and coach company, Tranzit Group has expanded its operations into the South Island as well as into the Bay of Plenty.

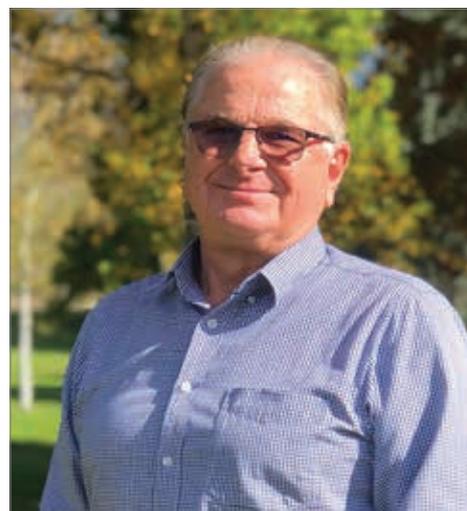
Tranzit Group has acquired long-standing Canterbury family-owned bus and coach company Torlesse Travel, which operates charter, direct resource services and some Ministry of Education school bus services.

This sale and purchase was successfully completed and took effect 1 December 2022. Tranzit bought Torlesse Travel's 80 charter and school buses as well as two Leopard coaches. In addition, Tranzit will

lease all three Torlesse Travel depot sites and workshops located in Rangiora, Oxford and Darfield – with the business being run as Tranzit Coachlines Southern Ltd.

At the same time, Tranzit Group expanded into the Bay of Plenty after buying family-owned bus company, Bethlehem Coachlines while its operating company Cross Country Rentals has bought Royale Coachlines and Luxury Airport Shuttles under another acquisition.

Tranzit bought Bethlehem's 56 charter, urban and school buses as well as lease their two depots in Tauranga and Te Kuiti.



Tranzit Group managing director, Paul Snelgrove

Library service

Plenty to look forward to

For starters, there's a major Book Sale at Greytown Town Hall on 16–17 February.

There are thousands of books for all ages and interests for sale at bargain prices. Come along and pick up great reads for the whole family.

The Wā Kōrero storytime for pre-school children resumes this month. Come along for 30-minute sessions of stories and interactive games every Thursday at 10am in Carterton Library. Sessions are also held at other libraries at 10am during the week: Featherston, Mondays, Martinborough Tuesdays and Greytown on Fridays.



The popular Reading Aloud (for all ages) at Greytown Library is on one Saturday each month at 11am.

Pop in and listen to passages, memorable moments (no spoilers) and poems from classic and contemporary literature read by members of Greytown Little Theatre.

Go to wls.org.nz/whats-on or phone 06 304 9061 for more information.

Personal development

New self-help services available online

I am a personal development coach. I began LYF 4U almost 15 years ago. It is a passion to help my community and beyond.

No one is good at everything, so I wanted to help people find better-matched coaches.

To facilitate this, LYF 4U is becoming a team that uses many methods with one key goal – to help one and another navigate life in the best way possible.

I now have affiliated with a relationships coach and a health and doctorate coach, and hopefully soon will attract other coaches who will specialise in their field.

Also, I can appreciate coaching costs, or that time is short, or Covid limits may require one-on-one sessions. I want to help people, so I have just completed LYF 4U's first online program called Personal Liberation, for those who have time, financial, or distance deficits, but still seek to break out of being stuck in the rut.

People sometimes forget what their options are, what choices are available to them. When you get it that more than 60% of people visiting medical practitioners have ailments that are stress of mind and lifestyle related or caused, having options like this does matter.

The more we as a community can uplift, educate and empower each other, well, the more we grow to our best.

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Balloon festival

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The much-loved Wairarapa Balloon Festival is returning to the skies this Easter for five days 6–10 April, with take-offs from different Wairarapa towns each morning, building towards the marquee "Night Glow" at the Clareville Showgrounds on Saturday 8 April 2023.

Whilst the 2022 Wairarapa Balloon Festival took place in a pared-back format, providing morning take-offs from Masterton, Carterton, Greytown and Featherston, the Night Glow has not been held since 2019, a victim of Covid-19 restrictions.

Event director Peter Amyes says he's beyond excited to be bringing back the Night Glow, with a bigger and brighter programme than ever.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring this much-loved event back to Wairarapa, and have used this time to reinvigorate the Night Glow programme, and deliver even better value and variety," says Peter.

"We're shifting the Night Glow to the Clareville Showgrounds, which has fewer residential constraints and more settled weather patterns. This allows us to do things we've never done before, so the entertainment will be spectacular. We've got skydivers, Tiger Moths flying over-head, model aeroplanes, night drone racing, live music, a bouncy castle for the kids, and of course the balloons.

"We firmly believe that the 2023 Night Glow will be one of the best-value event for families in the Wairarapa this summer, particularly if you take advantage of our Early Bird family packages."

International balloonists will be welcomed



We have lift-off

back this year now that travel restrictions have been lifted, with up to 20 balloonists anticipated – the biggest number to date.

Destination Wairarapa marketing manager Barbara Hyde says 15,000 people will likely attend – a great boost to our local economy.

Early bird tickets are on sale through

Eventfinda, with plenty of ticket options including a family pass for 2 adults and 3 children for \$45 plus booking fees. Standard pricing starts 1 March 2023. More information at www.nzballoons.co.nz

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Early Carterton sawmills in great demand

About 150 years ago there were large tracts of valuable totara and matai in the Carterton area, and with the town's increasing growth, timber was in demand for buildings and bridges.

In an article by Kevin Ball reference is made to the first mill being established at Matarawa in June 1860, which provided the timber for the bridge across the Waiohine River.

Apart from Booth & Co, others included the Stewart Brothers, William Chew's recently erected mill at Dalefield, W&L Wiley, Messrs Bowrie and King, Union Sawmills at Taratahi and Victoria Sawmills at West Taratahi.

A further mill was erected near the Dalefield Station in 1882, but burned down unfortunately before it could get into full production.

There was some lateral thinking by some of the early sawmillers, with William Booth building a tramline from the bush to his mill that required some 200 tons of iron for the rails and extending several miles into the bush. This allowed for the regular delivery of 30,000 feet of timber for the special train delivery from town.

William Chew also proposed a tramline extending two miles up the road from the recently completed railway line to his mill. It was proposed that it be located on what would now be considered as "road reserve", but met with considerable opposition from locals, resulting in several years of litigation, finally gaining approval in October 1881.

While sawmilling helped create the impetus Carterton needed, operating the mills was not for the faint-hearted, with regular fires, fluctuating demand that meant mills were frequently obliged to work short hours and even Booths found



Part of the Booth tramline

themselves affected, as did their 100 staff. Prices fluctuated from 7/- (shillings) to 9/- for 100 feet of timber, down to 3/- in the not-so-good times.

Some of the mills affected or destroyed by fire, while no doubt not a complete list, included:

- Stewart Brothers destroyed in April 1878.
- Stevens and Udy's sawmills at Waihakeke burnt down in April 1883.
- Robinson's sawmill in April 1881.
- Booth & Co breaking down mill at Belvedere in February 1894.
- WJ Berrill's mill at Te Whiti Gladstone destroyed January 1909.

Acknowledgements: Kevin Ball, David Yerex (*Carterton – Biography of a Country Town and District*).

Carterton District Historical Society, 142 High St North, Carterton, (06) 379 5564 email carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com

Hospice news

Appointments made

Gavin Hodder, Chair of the Hospice Wairarapa Community Trust, has announced two new appointments at Hospice Wairarapa.

Gretchen Saulbrey has been appointed as the Interim Chief Executive and Dr Jenny Prentice will take on the role of Service Delivery Manager.

Both are committed public service professionals and bring impressive skill sets and experience in management, service delivery, organisational development, and building strong and effective relationships.

Feel free to get in touch with them directly at gretchen@hospicewairarapa.co.nz and jenny@hospicewairarapa.co.nz.

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Weed of the month

Storksbill spreads easily

We moved from Wellington to Carterton almost 10 years ago, from about 455 sqm to 3,532 sqm.

I was not seeking a large section, but fell in love with the house and view and acquired a lot of lawn in the process. With a lawn you get weeds, and this is how I discovered storksbill (*Erodium cicutarium*).

Delivering the *Crier* each month, I see it on many berms and lawns. It is an invasive, sticky, hairy plant that grows in rosettes up to 30 cm across.

It is widespread throughout New Zealand in drier coastal and lowland areas, and found in pasture, grassland and arable land. The leaves resemble ferns, and are divided into pairs of leaflets.

The flowers are a mauve-pink colour, have five undivided petals, and are arranged in loose clusters on reddish coloured hairy stalks. Flowering is September to May.

The seeds are contained in a long seed-pod that resembles the bill of a stork. When ripe, the seed-pod bursts open into five strips, launching the seeds like little parachutes, or by means of the strips, which have seeds attached to them, burying themselves into soil.

The problem you will have with storksbill is its invasive nature in your lawn. It spreads tentacle-like through your lawn and is difficult to eliminate by hand. I have had success by spraying with Banvine, which does not kill the grass and will deal with a number of other weeds.

As with a number of plants we try to eliminate, there are redeeming features and storksbill has a sharp, herbal, green, and subtle grassy flavour suited for fresh or cooked preparations, but I leave you to do your research on that.

For further information, contact Sean Mulcahy 027 480 3194.



Storksbill

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Ruamāhanga Roothing Update

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



Emergency works

The roading team has made good progress with repairing the damage caused by extreme weather in early 2022. We have completed the first dropout and are now on the 2nd using roughly 280 ton of lime rock boulders to date. We are also in the process of replacing 9 culverts on Arawhata Hill (Te Wharau Road). While replacing the culverts we are increasing capacity and improving the alignment to ensure better stormwater management.



Improving Resilience

The team has been working with Greater Wellington Regional Council to develop a planting plan for Te Wharau Road in order to improve resilience to the network. We are planning to plant at least 850 Poplar tree poles in Autumn 2023. The establishment of these trees brings significant benefits in terms of slope stability and ground water uptake. Improving resilience will have a significant positive impact on future maintenance cost and environmental impacts. This resilience work aligns with a recent Wairarapa Road Vulnerability study completed by WSP on behalf of Wairarapa Engineering Lifelines Association (WELA). The study identified Te Wharau Road as one of CDC's most vulnerable roads.



Visit cdc.govt.nz/works for info on planned works

Soft Plastic and Battery Recycling now available at the Transfer Station - Free of charge!

Exciting new services are now available at Carterton District Transfer Station with the introduction of a soft plastics and battery recycling trial. Carterton residents can now drop off clean, soft plastics and a range of batteries at the district transfer station for free. **Please note - we still cannot accept these in your kerbside recycling bin due to the sorting process and how they are recycled.**

Residents and ratepayers have repeatedly told Carterton District Council that recycling batteries and soft plastics were a priority for the District. The Council has responded by entering into agreements with companies that are able to recycle them.

Upcycle will handle the management of recycling batteries. A battery bucket is available at our recycling station, and stations throughout Wairarapa, for small household batteries from devices like TV remote controls, torches, or hearing aids. Components from the batteries will be separated for re-use, recovery, and re-processing.

Soft plastics will be collected and baled at Earthcare's Materials Recovery Facility in Masterton before being transported to Future Post, a Kiwi company fence post manufacturer.



Mayor Hon. Ron Mark, an avid recycler himself, excited to celebrate the launch of this new service with the Wairarapa Councils' Zero Waste Advisor, Cody Field.

Carterton receives funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Transport Choices Package



We're excited that our application to Waka Kotahi NZ's Transport Choices Package has been accepted.

The Transport Choices programme supports councils to give people more options in the way they travel. Funding criteria specified projects that would deliver strategic cycling/micro mobility networks; create walkable neighbourhoods; support healthy school travel; or make public transport easier to use. The aim is to open up streets so everyone can get where they need to go in ways that are good for their health and the planet.

Waka Kotahi has confirmed it is happy to have further scoping discussions with us to understand our priorities for the Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Network. This portion has been indicatively funded as the off-road schools connection. The Government has funded \$350 million for the Transport Choices package from the Climate Emergency Response Fund, part of Budget 2022. We are pleased to have been granted \$918,720 for this project out of this fund.

We'll provide more updates on this project in the next 2 months.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Reservoirs Upgrade



The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is scheduled to reach practical completion at the end of the fiscal year, around 30 June 2023.

We anticipate at this time we will better understand the cost for completing the Phase 2 works, remedial repairs and additional claims against the main contractor Central Hawkes Bay Earthworks. We will progress our claim against the contractor once this information is to hand.

Additionally, management has reviewed the costs to date and the forecast to bring the project to practical completion. We anticipate total project costs as shown below:

Project stage	Cost (life to date)	Forecast remaining spend	Total forecast spend	Total Project Budget
Stages One and Two	7,654,348	0	7,654,348	
Stage Three	5,144,065	1,106,772	6,250,837	
Remedial, contingencies, legal, other	300,993	746,271	1,047,264	
Total	\$13,099,406	\$1,853,043	\$14,952,449	\$14,612,447

The table above shows a potential forecast overrun of \$340k. However, within the total forecast budget there are several items which may not eventuate, as well as the likelihood of recovering significant costs from CHB. This includes the following:

- Potential extension of time costs (related to mudfish delay) of \$428k factored into the forecast, which Council may be required to pay.
- Legal fees of \$220k in the forecast remaining spend which may not be required.
- Approximately \$320k in costs related to remedial work on the liner which we expect to be able to recover. We will also pursue additional cost recoveries (e.g. legal costs).
- Retentions of \$125k which we expect to keep, reducing the amount to be paid.

We will continue to provide updates as the project is completed and we gain more certainty around these elements.

Carterton Menzshed

Healthy and going with gusto

Now firmly established with a healthy active membership, Menzshed is a group of people who enjoy each other's company and enjoy helping others.

Primarily, we are a self-supporting organisation for people to come along and partake in the activities provided. There is no pressure or commitment required, come along, have a coffee and go home if that's all you want to do.

Thank you to all those who have used the shed, bringing in their precious items to be restored (see pictures below). We also thank those who have donated materials.

Being a non-profit organisation, it's all about donations. When people or groups require our services to mend or build, we do ask for a donation. That way, we can keep up machinery maintenance, replace or buy new equipment and there is always the never-ending purchasing of consumables.

If you would like us to help with clearing the shed or yard of no longer required furniture, timber, or steel that can be repurposed, or mended, and sold, we are ready.

If you think this is the sort of organisation that would suit you, then come and see us at the A&P showgrounds off Chester Rd (follow the signs) or contact Stephen on 027 488 7155 or email stephen@timperley.co.nz



Colin reminiscing about his childhood



Barry hard at work restoring a much-loved heirloom it to its former glory.

Brushstrokes Studio

A new look for old furniture

If you have been thinking that the new year is time to breathe new life into your home décor then get straight to Brushstrokes Studio for inspiration and advice on giving your furniture a whole new look.

Lisa Isaac and Tina Cheer opened Brushstrokes at 15 High St North, Carterton, in November last year and are delighted with the enthusiastic response they have received.

They are premium retailers of New Zealand-made chalk paint from The Artisan Company in Auckland. This remarkably easy-to-use, water-based paint requires no priming or sanding and can be used to transform virtually any clean surface – wood, plastic, glass or even fabric.

Chalk paint can be used on any indoor furniture, including table tops and chairs and the tough velvet luxe formulation on outdoor furniture withstands harsh New Zealand conditions. There is a range of 67 colours and an infinite variety of effects can be achieved.

Lisa and Tina are passionate about repurposing and “reloving” furniture rather than replacing it. “Too much good furniture goes to landfill when it can be cheaply repurposed. You could buy a new suite of bedroom furniture for a couple of thousand or spend \$130 on paint and transform what you already have. You would be amazed at the difference new knobs and handles make too.

“You can start with a \$25 test pot, which is enough to paint a bedside table or small item.”

They offer a variety of services, including advice to customers on projects at home and commissions. There are always transformed pieces for sale in the shop. Lisa recently painted a large mirror for Pravda Café & Grill in Wellington.

A range of weekend workshops this year will include a foundation blueprint workshop to learn the basics of chalk paint and a decoupage workshop. One will be dedicated to stone-effects paint, which they have used on walls in the shop to show the remarkable effects it can produce. With stone-effects paint, you can take a basic plastic plant pot and achieve an expensive-looking aged concrete patina.

The sign outside says “Create your dreams everyday”. Hop in for a warm reception, some excellent advice and you will be on your way.

Contact them on 027 373 6955, www.brushstrokesstudio.co.nz or on Facebook.



Tina working on a piece for a client

Science tourism

Space centre lands in Wairarapa

A new space-focused pop-up exhibition in Carterton over the summer was the first of its kind in New Zealand.

Based on a family-friendly theme, the Wairarapa Space Science Centre offered people the chance to have several interactive experiences and learn more about what lies outside of Earth's realm and how humans are interacting with those vast expanses.

The Wairarapa Space Science Centre was the brainchild of the New Zealand Astrobiology Network (NZAN) Charitable Trust and opened to the public on 20 of December until the end of January in Carterton's former NZ Post Office building, which was made available by the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmāki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust.

The couple behind the Wairarapa Space Science Centre are self-confessed space geeks, Haritina (Hari) Mogoşanu and Sam Leske.

Hari is the executive director of the New Zealand Astrobiology Network and has an impressive career in the space sciences. She's worked at NASA's Ames Research Center in California, was the senior science communicator at Museums Wellington Space Place at Carter Observatory and is currently involved in space science outreach education in New Zealand.

Sam is a former RNZAF pilot, senior public servant, and intelligence officer, who's had a life-long interest in astronomy and astrophysics.

Together they run education programmes in schools, and in the past 12 months they've talked space science with more than 12,000 students from 62 schools across the country.

A focus at the Carterton-based centre was an exhibition called Look After Our Night Sky, designed in anticipation of Wairarapa



The organisers Sam Leske and Haritina (Hari) Mogoşanu

attaining an international Dark Sky Reserve accreditation status.

"Our dark skies in Wairarapa are amazing – the night sky is a treasure and needs to be protected," Hari explained.

"New Zealand does "space" well and we already have many companies doing interesting things in the space sector right now and we'd like more people to know about what's going on.

"Astrotourism is a huge opportunity for Wairarapa and there's significant room for growth as the sector matures and people become more aware of the reserve."



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Greytown Music Group

Concerts series announced for 2023

Ed and Juliet Cooke are very excited about this year's concert series, entitled Piandemonium!

On 2 April internationally celebrated concert pianist Dr Jian Liu will give a recital of works by Debussy, Liszt and Beethoven. We are very fortunate to have Jian, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Centre in New York, perform in Greytown.

Harpist Anna Christensen, originally from Masterton but recently returned to NZ after many years freelancing in the UK, will provide a snapshot of harp compositions from the 14th to the 21st centuries, on folk and concert harps, on 30 April.

On 27 May Auckland pianist Stephen De Pledge, one of the most exciting and versatile musicians of this generation, will play music by Mozart, Amy Beach, Bach, Falla, his own improvisations, and 12 new Etudes by NZ composers for Rae de Lisle's Fit4Piano series.

The concert on 2 July by violinist Donald Armstrong, pianist Jian Liu, and Alex Hambleton on French horn, centres round Brahms's sumptuous Horn Trio. The programme also includes a new commission by Anthony Ritchie for the trio, Beethoven horn and piano sonata, and Romance for violin and piano by Clara Schumann.

Described as a musician with "flair and panache" by the *Christchurch Mail*, Rakuto Kurano has established himself as a versatile Japanese/New Zealand performer and composer. On 30 July his piano trio will be playing trios by Anton Arensky, Guy Ropartz, Gabriel Baird and Rakuto Kurano.

Finally, the NZTrio returns for a concert on 3 September. Violinist Amalia Hall, pianist Somi Kim, and cellist Ashley Brown will present



Homeland 2: Tunes from my Home. The spirit of folk music is at the heart of the Homeland Series, and features the music of Czech composer Anton Dvorak, Victoria Kelly (NZ), Chen Yi (Chinese/American) and Enescu (Romania). All concerts will be at 4pm, at 57 Wood St, Greytown. Admission \$30, \$10 for children. Contact Ed and Juliet Cooke for further details: efjacooke@gmail.co.nz or 06 304 9497.




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Venus Businesswomen

Third group launched in Carterton



It's great to see so many women in business in the Wairarapa who are wanting to get their businesses known more in our region.

The Venus Businesswomen's network has two regular fortnightly meetings in the Wairarapa on alternate Fridays at 12pm-1pm.

There is one at The Gladstone Inn and another at The White Swan in Greytown, with a third group starting up on Tuesday mornings 9.30am at Wild Oats Café starting 7 March.

With more than 40 groups NZ-wide, and growing, the Venus network is a great way to get exposure for you and your business not just in the region, but nationwide.

Whether you're just starting out or have been in business for a long time, it can be incredibly isolating.

That's where Venus comes in, combining a supportive community of experienced businesswomen with practical support and learning, you'll find everything you need to take your business further.

The network connects you with a group of like-minded, proactive, and supportive women who will become your sales advocates and cheerleaders.

A Venus networking group is a group of up to 22 women who are committed to growing their business through building strong relationships.

They make the commitment to support you as you grow – by connecting you to trusted suppliers, potential referral alliances and new clients.

It operates as an ongoing business mentoring and coaching programme, with new educational topics each meeting to help you fine-tune your business.

We invite one woman per profession into any of our groups. This allows you to have exclusive promotion of your profession.

This isn't a coffee group; it is a network serious on helping Women in Business grow.

We invite anyone interested in any of the locations to come along for a visit by registering your interest by emailing phillippa.roil@venusbusinesswomen.co.nz

Phillippa Roil



Attendees at the Gladstone Inn session last month

Sunset Cinema

Around the world in 11 movies

Happy new year everyone and welcome to another year of Sunset Cinema. We have a new time slot for the last Friday of each month (except December when it is the third Friday) so pencil us into your dance card right now.

We have a fantastic line-up of movies for this year that will save you the need to travel any further abroad than the Rangitahi Hub right here in Carterton.

Settle into your seat and experience movies from China, France, Germany, Somalia, Poland, Arizona, the Balkan region and even a time warp back to 70s NZ (but in a good way). We are also offering four documentaries this year as they were far too good to miss, along with drama, comedy and a few thrillers.

You are welcome to cosy up in a committed relationship with us with a Full Season ticket for \$80 and attend all 11 movies, plus have the added value of "Friends with Benefits" where you can bring a mate or a date for free once during the year.

Or you can just be a flirt and purchase a 3-trip sampler ticket for \$35 to pop in to any movie you fancy throughout the year. For further details visit www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com

Our first screening on 24 February is Honeyland, about a woman keeping bees in an isolated village deep in the Balkans. This film is a feast for the senses with lush scenery, a rich depth of colour, the hum of the bees and you can almost smell the honey.

Doors open at 7pm for tickets, cake and tea/coffee and the movie starts at 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Wairarapa Herb Society

There is a thyme for everything



Central Otago wild thyme (although initially transplanted by hand) made for a breathtaking backdrop along the Lake Dunstan cycle trail back in November.

More than 400 varieties of *Thymus Vulgaris* exist. Gold miners were thought to have introduced it about 1860. Its essential oil is its most important component (mainly phenols) and it a useful culinary herb.

Thyme can be grown from seed or root division but will generally self-propagate. It can be harvested for drying up to three times before flowering.

Its flowers are a delight to bees as they get to fly less for more. It makes a good companion plant for cucumbers, it will attract bees to pollinate and will inhibit powdery mildew. Stake the cucumber so it will not shade the thyme.

Plant between fruit trees to attract bees and between cabbages to repel cabbage moths.

This used to be a commercial crop in NZ for the dried herb industry

Cerebos-Greggs. Currently, NZ imports all its dried thyme from Spain and Morocco.

Artemis (a Dunedin-based medicinal/herbal provider) gathers Central Otago thyme for use in its product as its potency is one of the best in the world. Their products, such as Throat Repair (oral spray) worked wonders for me. Or you can make yourself a cup of tea and sip to relieve a sore throat.

Pour boiling water over a sprig of thyme, cover with a lid and leave to steep for 15 minutes. Sweeten with a tsp of honey if preferred. As the father of medicine said, "Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food."

WHS meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month 1.30-3pm in the Old Courthouse, Holloway St, Carterton. Contact Christine Voelker 027 280 6739 or waiherbs@gmail.com

Carolyn Peterson



Central Otago wild thyme

Rose notes

Off with their heads



Keep deadheading your roses as the blooms fade.

Water during the coolest part of the day – either early morning or in the evening.

A deep watering twice a week is so much better than sprinkling your roses daily. Deep watering gets the moisture deep into the root zone where it is needed.

A light dressing of fertiliser can be applied early in the month. Make sure your fertiliser is well watered in, never apply fertiliser to dry soil, a good idea is to apply it just before it is raining or even when it's raining, depending how enthusiastic you are.

Phillippa Edwards,
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Carol singing

Couldn't have been any better for Christmas

The sun was shining, the kids were dancing, sausages were sizzling and Santa was busy posing for photos. Sunday, 11 December, really turned on a stunner for the inaugural A Very Carterton Christmas event at Carrington Park. It is safe to say it was a huge success.

Nick Tansley and his band of elves put on a fantastically festive performance that saw kids and adults alike joining in on the carol singing and body swinging.

The Wairarapa Youth Orchestra did a stunning job of performing as around 600 people found their spots on the grass.

The community really came together with both Carterton and South End kindies, Ron Mark and Keep Carterton Beautiful, Idea Services, the Carterton Schools band and In-motion dance school jumping up to perform an item with Nick's support.

There was a wide variety of Carterton-based food offerings with Almo's ice creams proving a huge hit. Santa was available for photos as a fundraiser for the Carterton Indoor Pool, children had their faces painted and all enjoyed jumping up the front and dancing around on the grass with encouragement from those on stage.

It was fantastic to see our community come together to celebrate and seeing the huge smiles on everyone's faces was incredible after a tough couple of years. A huge thank you to all of the local businesses who supported this event as well as Ka Pai Carterton and the Carterton District Council.

I hope you are all looking forward to doing it all over again this year.

Lou Newman



Nick Tansley and his band of elves



Face painting was popular

Clareville Cemetery

Looking into the Roots

I had an enquiry for Mary nee Roots the other day, one of the graves that cannot be located at Clareville, but should be there.

She married Alfred Feist, who owned the Feist building on the corner of Holloway St and SH2, sadly burnt down some time back.

Frank was first up in Clareville, took over the Corpe store, moved to Carterton, and then became Mayor of Carterton.

I have enjoyed learning about that family from many descendants, go back to Alfred. He trained as a hosier, up near St Paul's Cathedral in London, at a firm which I remember as Hitchcock Williams. My mother used them as one of her buying offices for her business in Westerham.

Mary Feist died 1865 near Clareville, drowned in May 1869 while crossing the river at Waingawa. I would dearly love to find her grave.

Alfred, Egbert and Edwin were sons of William and Martha Feist. Alfred married Elizabeth Veale, sadly she died early and I found her grave at Farnham in Surrey.

The enquiry came from Feilding Coach House Museum, who I know many members and have visited several times.

Adele Pentony-Graham, Clareville Cemetery researcher

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It is exciting to see the progress being made on the **Carrington Park Project - Papa Tākaro o te Kōkōpu** BUT we all recognise there's a way to go and that's why we're calling on community to tautoko and help make this dream a reality.



What's happened lately: Thanks to the significant funding received from the Department of Internal Affairs in November 2022, WSP (the park's amazing designers) have been contracted to develop and detail the final Carrington Park plans ready for procurement.

What we need from community (that's YOU!):

While WSP is working on the final design, we need community to formalise the Friends Of Carrington Park group to provide insight and make sure that the plans truly reflect the community's intentions for the space.

The group will support decision making on final designs of the proposed play equipment, stage, water play, skate elements, market stalls, planting and will be the community connection with key stakeholders (CDC, other park user groups) and potential funders. All vital and super important pieces of the project.

So - would you like to be involved? Use the QR code to go over to our webpage, view the plans, find out dates for upcoming Friends of Carrington Park meetings and come join in!



Congratulations Monty, Tess and Daniel who shared this awesome photo of their **favourite spot in Carterton** to #kapaicarterton, winning a \$50 New World voucher. Sharing positive images encourages residents and visitors alike to feel pride and spend time locally. The image of these 3 adventurers, who paddled from **The Cliffs to the Gladstone Pub** for delicious refreshments, certainly inspired us to play and stay local!



Quick start in 2023 and straight back into gear for the **West Taratahi Trails Group (WTTG)**. With the Road Safety Audit now complete the team are gearing up to come out and share their progress with community, finalise agreements with key stakeholders and kick into their fundraising plan. Keep up with progress or get involved via #westtaratahitrails on Facebook

CARTERTON COMMUNITY ASPIRATION # 1

Identity

Creating an IDENTITY that is our own

Were you one of the 3000+ visitors to the Carterton **Space Centre** over January? If not, you missed out on an incredible experience journeying into space with a NASA trained science communicator - and self-confessed space geeks - Haritina (Hari) Mogoşanu and Sam Leske.

The **space-focused pop-up exhibition** sparked imagination, excitement and a keen desire to learn by offering visitors personalised guided adventures into space in the inflatable planetarium, as well as VR headsets to experience the international space station. The fantastic interest from community is supporting Hari and Sam's plans for a permanent base for the Space Centre, so watch this space (get it!) for updates and opportunities to connect with the team.

<https://star-safari.nz/>



Poet Laureate

Pop idol poet in town

"The beloved pop idol of Aotearoa poetry" Chris Tse, New Zealand's 13th Poet Laureate comes to the Wairarapa on Saturday 18 February.

Everyone is invited to the free afternoon performance at Carterton Events Centre at 2pm. Free entry, free seating, koha is welcome.

Tse will also lead a writing workshop, but this filled up in a few days.

"Everybody wants and loves Chris Tse because he makes poetry emotionally potent, incredibly chic and also sexy," says Claire Mabey in *The Spinoff*.

"He's an entire literary eco-system: the poet's poet; the reluctant-about-poetry-reader's poet; the fashion-lover's poet; the pop idol of poets; the Prince-Madonna of Aotearoa letters." At age 39, Tse is the also youngest writer ever to hold the position.

Chris Tse is the author of *Super Model Minority*, *How to be Dead in a Year of Snakes*, *He's so MASC* and co-editor of *Out Here – An Anthology of Takatāpui and LGBTIA+ writers from Aotearoa*. His poetry, short fiction, and non-fiction has been recorded for radio and published widely.

"Since becoming Poet Laureate I've had many conversations with people about the exciting developments in contemporary poetry," Tse told Wairarapa Word.

"I'm looking forward to furthering this exploration of why poetry continues to resonate with people at my Wairarapa Word events. Both the workshop and the reading will focus on the small joys of poetry to help people make it a part of their daily lives."

The Poet Laureate's events in Wairarapa are presented by Wairarapa Word and Wairarapa Library Service, with support from *Almo's Books*, *Carterton Creative Communities*, *NZ China Friendship Society*, and *Carterton Events Centre*. *Almo's Books* is joining the fun and offering a special 18% off all of its poetry titles on the day, 18 February.

For more information, email events.waiword@gmail.com



Poet Laureate Chris Tse

Carterton Netball Club

Dust off your bibs

Welcome back to another year of netball with Carterton Netball Club.

Here are some dates for you to put in your diary for the upcoming season.

Sunday 12 March Club Open Day, with BBQ, netball games and registrations of interested players for the 2023 season.

This is open to males, serious players and any players wishing to play socially. We can cater to all. Bring the family and meet some other club members.

Wednesday 15 March Club Trials to be held at our courts beside Carterton School and Carterton Tennis Club.

Wednesday 19 April Uniform Night, meet with your team to collect playing strip for season. Drinks and nibbles available.

Saturday 22 April Preseason Netball Tournament, a fun tournament for teams to have a run before the season starts.

Grades to suit all levels (including a mixed grade) and prizes for the best-dressed team. Just \$60 entry for a great fun day of netball.

Keep Carterton Beautiful Group

Where it all began

The KCBG was founded in 1997 to mainly help with the planting of the town's hanging baskets.

In the beginning, the group held fundraising days – Sculptures in the Park at Shirley and John Cameron's property raising \$7,000, Garden open day at Meline and John Greenwood's garden in Wakelin St raising \$4,500 and an Italian-themed day at the same property raising \$15,000.

Donations were then made to Sparks Park of \$1,000, commissioned and paid for a mural on Holloway St corner (which unfortunately was lost in a recent fire) and donating \$10,000 to the Event Centre build.

Then the group started doing working bees: including cleaning and painting some shops around town, pulling down the Haumanu House fence prior to a new fence being built, painted two bridges at Sparks Park plus planting native trees and shrubs there, planting daffodil bulbs at south end of Carterton and at the new vet clinic and judging a garden competition from the street view around Carterton.

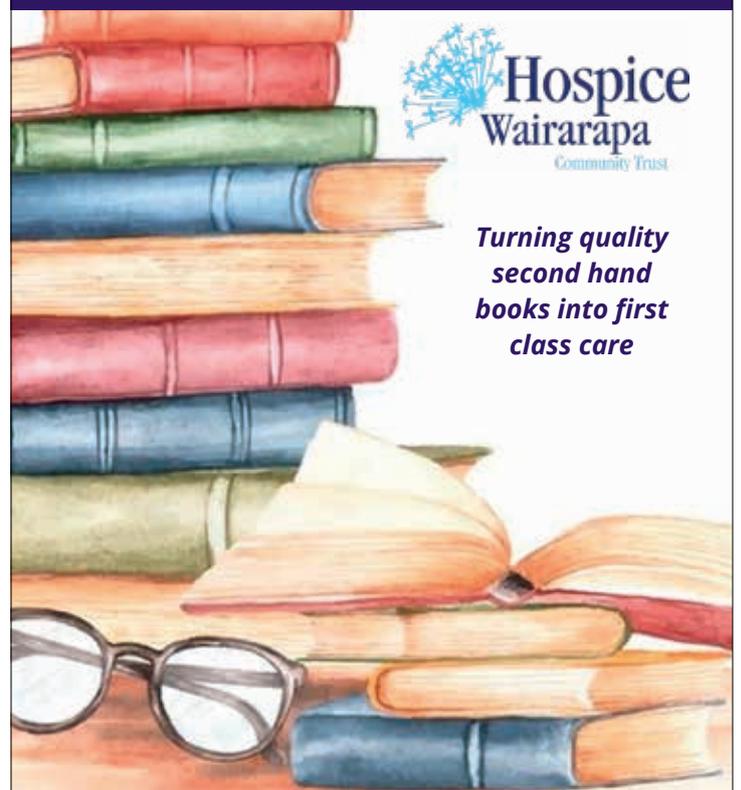
More recently, the working bees only revolve around painting the concrete block, raking up the leaves and monthly cleaning of the Chapel at the Cemetery, planting shrubs and on-going weeding along the railway line between Pembroke and Victoria Sts, weeding Wyndham St park and entrance way to Howard Book Park, weeding at Transfer Station, weeding at Moreton Rd Reserve and maintaining the Police gardens. These jobs and other smaller jobs keep our volunteers very busy.

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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
Floral Art at Greytown on 4th Tuesday of the month at 4pm, phone Lynn Pillar 0274 208 387
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 www.artistresidency.org.nz
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South End Strummers Contact Carole 06 379 7292
Wai Art Group For information phone Anthea Crozier 06 377 1261
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Carterton District Historical Society 142 High St North, Carterton. Open Tuesday and Thursday 2–4pm or by appointment via Vivienne 06 379 5564 or email 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 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 Georgina Kilmister, Chris.georgina@yahoo.com
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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 06 379 5376

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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@stmarks-carterton.co.nz or phone 06 379 8371 or 021 541 618
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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

CartertonSwimmingClub CynthiaLowe:cartertonswimracesecretary@gmail.com. Water aerobics, indoor pool, key hire, Russell Geange 06 379 7750

Carterton Tennis Club new members welcome, free public session 6pm every Thursday, cartertontennis@gmail.com

Clareville Badminton Club Steve Ruscoe, 027 333 3975

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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

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

Wairarapa Spitfires Baseball Club for ages 5-18 years. Club captain Shane Fawdray 027 395 5001 email baseball@spitfires.nz

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, contact 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 Borderlandz Paintball.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

ExploratioNZ 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

Recycling advance

Transfer station widens its reach

Carterton District Transfer Station has introduced a soft plastics and battery recycling trial.

Carterton residents can now drop off clean, soft plastics and a range of batteries at the district transfer station for free.

The Council has entered into an agreement with Upcycle for the recycling of batteries. Upcycle will handle the management of these sensitive materials.

A battery bucket is available at our recycling station, and stations throughout Wairarapa, for small household batteries from devices like TV remote controls, torches, or hearing aids.

Components from the batteries will be separated for re-use, recovery, and re-processing.

Soft plastics will be collected and baled at Earthcare's Mixed Recycling Facility in Masterton before being transported to Future Post, a Kiwi company manufacturing fence posts.

Mayor Ron Mark has welcomed the increase in recyclable material. "It's up to all of us. If you want to reduce your waste, reduce your fees at the Transfer Station, then sort your stuff out. Clean them out, take them to the transfer station and dump it for free. How hard is that?"

Cody Field, Wairarapa Zero Waste Coordinator, also welcomed the expansion of recycling services in Carterton.

"This is great news for the environment, given the damage leaking batteries does to our soil and water."

Cody said it was important to remember to take care when disposing of batteries.

"There's a potential risk of fires at our Transfer Station, so please take great care



Mayor Ron Mark and Cody Field, Wairarapa Zero Waste Coordinator, at the new soft plastics and batteries recycle point, Carterton Transfer Station

when disposing of batteries. Ensure they are in the battery bucket provided.

"To avoid short circuits, please place some masking tape over the tops of lithium and lead acid batteries. There are some available at the recycling point, but please remember to leave some behind for others. If we're running short, please let a staff member know.

Cody was also keen to ensure the right kind of clean, soft plastics were being recycled.

"Just pop your clean, dry soft plastics into the bins at the Transfer Station. We will do the rest. The end use for soft plastics through the recycling process is exciting."

The transfer stations do not accept compostable or plant-based plastics. Batteries must not be damaged.

Batteries and soft plastics must be taken to the Transfer Station, and not placed in recycling wheelie bins. Please place vehicle batteries in the existing designated area.

Visit cdc.govt.nz/sustainability or wairecycle.nz for more information on soft

plastics and battery recycling or contact the Council on 06 379 4030 or info@cdc.govt.nz

Carterton Kindergarten

Fresh start for year

Nau mai hoki mai, we welcomed all our whānau back to kindergarten ready for another exciting year of teaching and learning experiences.

Being part of our wider community is integral to our localised curriculum, we look forward to continuing to seek opportunities to participate and engage out and about in Carterton.

A huge thank you to Richard Ashcroft who over the term break has designed and installed fence panels (below). Our te taiao, natural environment, developments are now complete so pop in for a look.

Angie Kitto, Head teacher

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NZ Pacific Studio

Writers in residence returns

The international residency programme New Zealand Pacific Studio will soon award two residencies, both in rural Taratahi Carterton. The visiting artists will be from Aotearoa or abroad.

"NZ Pacific Studio is thrilled to re-open after a hiatus due to the pandemic," says Madeleine Slavick, chair. "We look forward to welcoming the artists to our community."

The Te Ao O Te Pukeko Residency in April is open to tangata whenua and supported by Wairarapa residents Gaye Sutton and Michael Woodcock, who provided the following Kaupapa.

"Welcome to Te Ao o Te Pūkeko here under the mountain Taratahi between the Mangatarere and Waingawa rivers. This area is known as West Taratahi and it is where we have lived for some 29 years... Given our closeness to the ngahere of Taratahi, the small awa on this place and nearby rivers and our passion for taiao and our environmental activism over the years, we hope this residency appeals to someone exploring their engagement with taiao."

The RAK Mason Writer's Residency in May 2023 honours one of Aotearoa's foremost writers, RAK Mason (1905-1971) with his intense energy, commitment to literature, and interest in how different genres inform each other. The writer will give a workshop/ performance/ public event with Wairarapa Word.

Award-winning writer Jenny Powell from Dunedin held the last residency in 2020, enabling her to work on her book on Rita Angus. Meeting Rita was published the following year. Powell featured at the Yarns in Barns Festival at Gladstone Vineyard.

The sponsors, since 2014, wish to remain anonymous but remark: "We're very happy to promote ideas and writing... and relish our contact with writers and their creations. While Wairarapa has been deeply enriched, so has global art."

"Our volunteer organisation cherishes the support from individuals or groups who sponsor residencies, and we welcome members – just \$20 a year," says Madeleine. Visit www.artistresidency.org.nz for more information.



The cottage available to writers in residence

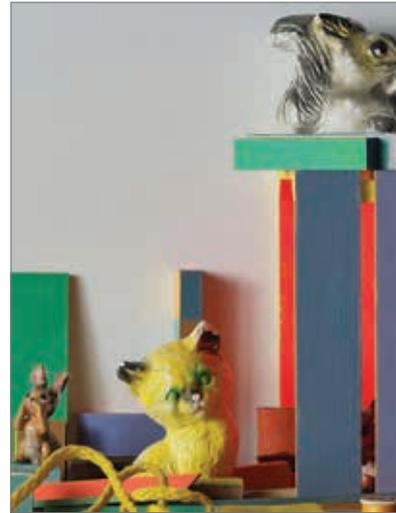
Aratoi Museum

Get in to Aratoi

From photographs that will make you look twice to incredible textiles, a found object installation to mysteriously mundane objects, it's okay to take your time and linger at Aratoi this month. Stop, pause and have a really good long look.

Current exhibitions include Julia Teale's "Koha – Presenting Plenitude"; and "Look Closely and Tell Me What You See: Photographs from the Collection" (both until 19 February).

Masterton Museum also has its "A Cabinet of Curiosities" showing until July.



Left: Detail from Julia Teale installation from Koha – Presenting Plenitude. Right: Leah Creaven, Footin' turf, 2022, rug tufted wool

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Carrington Bowls

Champs make their mark

It's great to see these young players out on the green enjoying themselves, as well being very competitive.

We recently held a successful tournament for our colts, all of whom are very promising young players. The winner of Colt Singles was Rebecca Hamlyn and the Colt Pairs was won by Tessa Stokes and Clair Jacobson.

Our championship bowl season is well underway and results so far have Gavin, Rebecca and Harry Hamlyn as Bowls 3 Five winners. Rob Donald, Gary Spicer, Mike Shipp and Geoff Balmain won the Men's Fours champs.

The Women's Singles winner was Stacey Smyth, while Carol Voller and Tracey Jacobson took out the Women's Pairs. The Men's Pairs champs are Geoff Balmain and Roger Smeaton.

Another successful season of Business House Bowls has concluded, with congratulations to the winners, The Oak Boys.

We started Business House Bowls Round 2 on 31 January, but please email rob.pauline@outlook.com or phone Gary Spicer 379 7458 or Rob Donald 021 488 506 if you missed out.

Come along and enjoy the lovely Wairarapa evenings with friends, workmates or family. Teams of three can be arranged on arrival or enter your own team. Start time 5.30pm for 3 games of 30 minutes.

Bar open at 5pm, flat sole shoes or bare feet on the green. \$10 per night each player, includes sausage sizzle.

Play has resumed on the croquet green. Although it is not up to standard, it is playable. An application has been lodged for funding to renovate the croquet green. If successful, this will commence in the autumn.



Carrington Colts Squad (from left) Sam Chin, Holley Jacobson, Claire Jacobson, Harry Hamlyn, Tessa Stokes, Rebecca Hamlyn (Absent Cade Carroll)



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Aratoi is no exception. Every now and again we have an item that we can no longer care for properly and it needs to go; this process is called deaccessioning.

In 2014 Aratoi accepted a gift of a stunning JJ Hopkinson concert grand piano from Ian and Clare Athfield. It was displayed in the 2015 exhibition "Settling the Land: Order out of Chaos?"

The Athfields had purchased the piano in the 1960s at auction in Masterton and it had been a centrepiece of their home for many years.

The piano's maker, JJ Hopkinson, was one of the leading English piano manufacturers during the 19th century, merging with several other companies over the years, and the name was produced consistently throughout most of the 20th century.

The JJ Hopkinson brand name was discontinued in 1998. The piano can be dated to the mid-to late 1880s by its serial number.



The full-size grand in its prime

It is usual museum practice to offer a deaccessioned item to the donor first, however this offer was turned down. Next, we offered it to other relevant cultural institutions for their collections, but no offers came through.

The piano is now offered free to a good home. It is not in the best condition, having

been stored dismantled and on its side for several years. At least one of the legs has unsightly borer holes – the borer having been treated before it came to Aratoi.

If you are interested in rescuing this beautiful historic piano, please contact Jo Torr at Aratoi by email jo@aratoi.co.nz

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Heart of Arts

New exhibition opens

Our gallery continues to offer a wide selection of fine arts and crafts from a wide range of Wairarapa artists.

The holiday season has attracted visitors from out of town, while also bringing back our loyal regulars.

Our next exhibition is work by Janet Atkinson. Drop by anytime to see what Janet has created, and to meet our volunteers. If you would like to become a member, have an exhibition or can volunteer, please contact coordinator.hoa@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing Heart of Arts thrive as a community-based, collective gallery space where any local Wairarapa artist can become a member and submit work in a welcoming, friendly environment.

We are a great team, supported by a great community, all passionate about seeing Heart of Arts succeed.



Above and below: Some of the work on display by Janet Atkinson



South Wairarapa Bridge Club

All hands on deck

The 2023 bridge year is about to begin. Carterton resident Katherine Gough is an enthusiastic bridge member of the South Wairarapa Bridge Club. She is keen to let Carterton people know that bridge lessons will begin on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm at the Greytown Town Hall, Main St.

Tutor Gareth Rapson is excited about the lessons. "The teaching programme that is developed by Bridge NZ is logical, well-structured and easy to follow and is a terrific introduction to the world's greatest card game."

The first two lessons are free. Contact Gareth on 027 666 6427. To register either text Gareth or contact admin@southwairarapabridge.org.nz or come along on the night.

Workies whispers

Club getting into stride

The SWWMC Tuesday Club has been playing right through the festive season, with reasonable attendances. The bridge players, however, took a break but are back again.

We play every Tuesday at 1.30pm, typically Bolivia, Five Crowns, Phase 10 and the new game of Pony Canasta. If you are unfamiliar with these games, come join us for a friendly afternoon and learn.

We've had our first Club 60 meeting of the year with our usual activities; housie, cards and pool. You don't have to be a senior member to join us. We welcome all members who can join us on our afternoons.

We meet on the last Monday of the month, 1.30pm-4pm. Also, we have reciprocal visits between the Upper Hutt Cossie Club and Petone Workingmen's Club. However, these visits are currently on hold due to lack of numbers.

The annual outdoor bowls Roy Ingley Trophy will be contested on Sunday 12 March at the Greytown Bowling Club. Roll-up is at 10am. A midday BBQ lunch will be held, the cost to be announced nearer the date. Put your names up on the Club Notice Board. Competition is open to all members and it is always a very good day.

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.

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Email them as **attachments, not pasted into a Word file** or similar, and send to the team at **crier.ed@gmail.com**.

Dear Agony Aunty...

Dear AA,

Who are these people who have reportedly hounded our prime minister so much that she feels like she has to step away?

How can it be that in this country a person who has espoused decency and kindness in the face of extreme circumstances can be threatened by potential violence for the rest of her life, requiring a permanent, armed security presence?

If the threat remains real, what are the Police or our secret service doing about it?

What drives some people to such extremes? In a democracy, we get to make a dissenting point and move on. No one person's view outweighs another's. Why are some people so vehemently persistent that their view is the only right one?

I wish Jacinda a happy and rewarding future. She deserves it. I feel we owe her that much.

Haters 1 – Decency 0

Dear H1D0,

I agonise with you. I never thought I would hear of such a threat in NZ, often taking quiet pride in our communal decency when seeing other countries boil over.

You ask many questions, but I'm afraid in this case your humble aunty is not able to provide any answers.

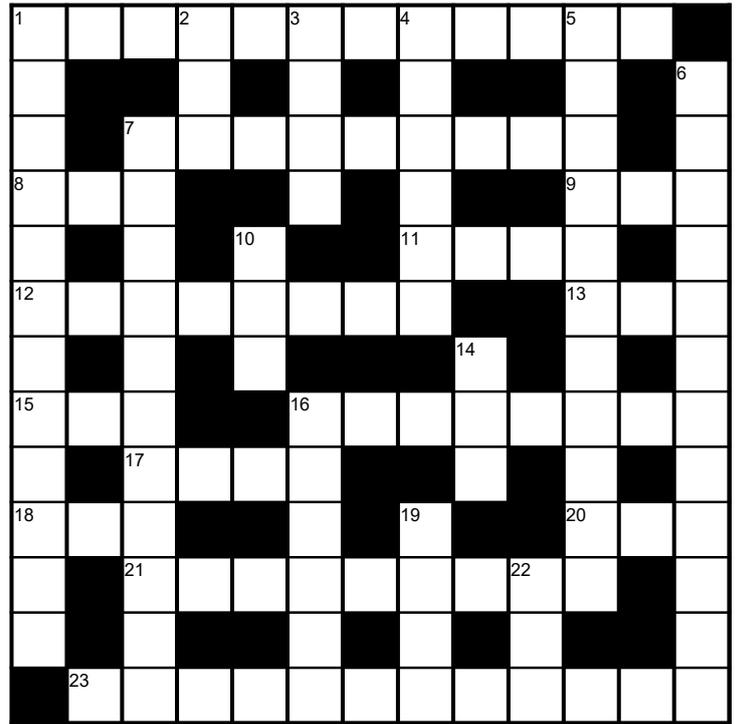
In search of levity to brighten my response, I am struggling to shake off the coldness that the situation engenders. There are clearly bitter people out there who are prepared to break the law, even if they have "won" by removing Jacinda from office.

Let's hope this collective hatred leads to a spectacular own goal.

AA

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

Crossword



ACROSS

1. Family planning (5,7)
7. Heart of the Wairarapa (9)
8. Residue of burnt matter (3)
9. Electrically charged atom (3)
11. Discharge (4)
12. New street/drive in Carterton near Wild Oats (8)
13. Vietnamese monetary unit (3)
15. Large flightless bird (3)
16. Expensive edible fungi (8)
17. NZ native tree (4)
18. Novel by Rider Haggard (3)
20. Mild expression of surprise (3)
21. Destructively manage debt: unfortunately on the sly (Cryptic) (9)
23. Formal proclamations (12)

DOWN

1. In a gasping manner (12)
2. Herbal infusion (3)
3. Small shelter for birds (4)
4. Cared for (6)
5. Study of birds (11)
6. Cognoscenti study weird noises and take illegal turn right to the south (Cryptic) (12)
7. Cooked cold meats (11)
10. Newt (3)
14. Nautically to the rear (3)
16. Treasure (Te Reo) (6)
19. School (Te Reo) (4)
22. Pacific flower garland (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy



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Your Letters ...

Dear editor,

While driving on our local highways, my thoughts often drift to the practicalities of the same.

The 80km/h speed restrictions for the open highway between Featherston and Masterton seem to be extreme.

I can imagine that it will lead to thoroughly frustrated drivers passing other vehicles at every opportunity, rather than waiting for the approved passing lanes.

If SH2 between Featherston and Greytown isn't suitable for a 100km/h speed limit, then very few NZ highways are.

I appreciate that our road toll is unacceptable, but perhaps just reducing the speed at known accident spots might achieve the same goal.

I would suggest that this conservative decision needs to be revoked. A goal of zero death rate is practically unattainable and inconveniences most of us.

PC gone bad

Dear editor,

I need the *Crier's* help please... I had friends in my cottage a couple of years back downsizing, as they called it.

It was stated by the organiser that my books would not be touched. I had a wonderful collection gathered over the years of local books, helping with my research into early settlers.

One in particular was a blue book about Sarah and Daniel Dougherty that I was allowed to have as I was very interested in this family. Their daughter Ellen was the first registered nurse in the world.

I would love this book back, plus over 100 other books, Kempton, Strawbridge, Daysh... the list is endless.

Someone would have a wonderful collection of local books from my historic cottage. Local police were informed and given a list of books missing, but they never got back to me.

Can any of your readers help me find these books?

Adele Pentony-Graham, Clareville (abridged)

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Farmers' market

Local: the place to buy food

As communities learn to navigate the current unprecedented times of change, it can feel like so much is out of our control, but one thing each of us can control is where our food comes from.

Carterton's weekly Farmers' Market is a great option for fresh, spray-free produce – staple foods, as well as varieties not readily available in the shops.

You'll also find local crafts, Helen's famous honey and Jenny's organically-grown veggie seedlings – presented singly in paper pots – great for succession in the home garden.

On fine days you'll find us in the heart of Carterton at the lovely Memorial Square, where there's plenty of parking, and shade for your picnic lunch. Otherwise, we'll be in the shelter of the veranda opposite.

Keep up to date on offerings by visiting our Facebook page @ CartertonMarket. Please pass on to your non-FB friends. Need a reminder? Ask Dan to add your name to our email list.

And the market is a great place to catch up with friends, and to suggest to folks new to town.

New stallholders are always welcome. And fundraising or kids' stalls are free.

Enquiries and bookings to Dan Broughton, info@cartertonmarket.co.nz or phone 027 663 9011.

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It's time for more of us to give the kids a hand

Do you want to see Carterton's rangatahi succeed? Want to see young people more involved in their community?

Rangatahi to Rangatira Charitable Trust is recruiting new board members to join the team. Some of our board members are stepping down this year and we are looking for fresh energy and passion to take R2R to the next level.

Current board members include Wayne Poutoa, Jordan Fox,

Rebecca Vergunst, Cimone Grayson, Deborah Davidson, and Steve Cretney. Previous governance experience would be useful, but not essential.

Our mission statement: Empowering rangatahi, to contribute and connect with their community.

For more information or to express your interest, please get in touch with board chairperson Rebecca Vergunst at r2rcarterton@icloud.com



Some of the crew at R2R

No. 23 Gallery

Magic treasures created in a special place

The committee, artists and volunteers at No.23 would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year.

Even though the dreaded Covid is still with us, our many freedoms are returning and we are finally able to see everyone's beautiful smiles again.

Our delightful gallery has many new artists and artworks, such as the sweet teddy bears for kids of any age. These handmade beauties will be treasured from generation to generation.

We have a wide variety of smaller items on sale, such as hand-made hair clips, or small items such as painted rocks and little bits of pottery.

Our jewellery maker has just refreshed her supply of sparkly goodies and there are beautiful hand-blown glasses, vessels and vases.

There are hundreds of affordable artworks adorning our walls and we have sculpture and outdoor art, photography and cards.

You are sure to find that special gift for someone you love or maybe you just want to treat yourself if you didn't get that special

item on your Christmas wish list.

Please drop by and have a look if you are looking for something original, unique and just a little bit different.



Now, who wouldn't want to own one of these?

Crossword solution

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Across: 1. Birth control, 7. Carterton, 8. Ash, 9. Ion, 11. Emit, 12. Hereford, 13. Hao, 15. Emu, 16. Truffles, 17. Tawa, 18. She, 20. Gee, 21. Ruinously, 23. Declarations.
Down: 1. Breathlessly, 2. Tea, 3. Cote, 4. Nursed, 5. Ornithology, 6. Connaisseurs, 7. Charcuterie, 10. Eft, 14. Aft, 16. Taonga, 19. Kura, 22. Lei.

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