

The Carterton Crier

OCTOBER 2023



All aboard the train

Farmers' Market plant sale
Talent Wairarapa showcase

Foodbank annual food drive
Wairarapa Walking Festival

In our own hands

The committee running the Carterton Crier has been successful in attracting grant money to further the Crier's progress toward self-sustainability.

I reported earlier that WBS had provided \$3000, and this has now been matched by the Council's Community Grants fund. Furthermore, we have been offered a grant by Eastern & Central Community Trust, subject to us providing more information, which we are doing.

The Carterton Crier Society Incorporated (the committee) was itself formed using part of a grant from Josh Coe when he was running Almo's Café.

This generous support will enable us to move toward managing and building on the current advertising revenue which, at present levels, contributes towards the print production of the Crier. To date, any shortfall between advertising revenue and print costs has been covered by Lamb-Peters Print in Greytown.

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We will also be in a position to pay an editor to produce the Crier on our behalf. Please email me if you can help us find my replacement. It should be a smooth transition.

Paul Dykes, Editor



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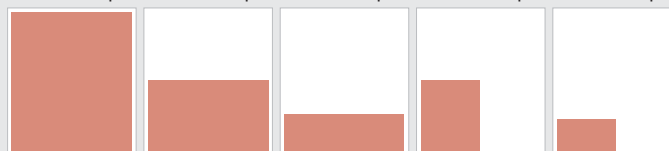
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GLAMOUR AND GUMBOOTS

A thriving spirit

As many locals will know Kylie Mole is a mover, shaker and a girl that gets things done.

Always one to embrace fun, she has an ability to bring community along for the ride which is just what happened in her idea for the Thrivers' entry to Glamour and Gumboots 2023 competition.

The incredible effort not only saw Kylie rally a group of 26 women for the shoot, but she also convinced them to strike a quite racy pose!

The results, which were captured by Debbie Hunt Photography, were fabulous and the entry certainly helped people take notice of this regional competition that has the focus on having some winter fun while doing good, with the aim of raising as much cash as possible for the regions

foodbanks, Masterton, Carterton, Featherston & Martinborough by way of koha donation for each entry.

Again, Kylie took this challenge on with gusto, with the group collectively raising \$400 for the cause. The group entry ended up winners of the spirit award judged by Nicole Halliday who commented that "the entry completely encapsulates the spirit behind this fundraising competition", and also scooped the people's choice award.

A great result, and we have no doubt that 2024 will see the bar raised once again and we can't wait.

Charlotte Harding

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in the heart of Wairarapa

EVENTS CENTRE

Piano men on stage

Over the past year, Cam & Sam have been wowing audiences across the country with a string of sell-out performances with their award-winning hit tribute show "Elton John vs Billy Joel", complete with grand pianos and memorable costumes.

They debuted the show in 2022 at The Eat, Drink Play Festival (for which they won the award "Best in Play"), and they haven't looked back. They are now taking the show on the road for their 2023 Nationwide Tour, and they will be performing at the Carterton Events Centre on Friday 27 October.

Elton and Billy require little introduction, having more than 30 billion Spotify streams combined, their music has provided the soundtrack for generations of loving fans worldwide.

Enjoy the perfect night, with all your favourites, including Rocketman, Piano Man, Uptown Girl, Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Crocodile Rock, She's Got A Way, Tiny Dancer, Don't Let The Sun Go Down on Me, I'm Still Standing, River of Dreams, Tell Her About It, Allentown, We Didn't Start The Fire, You May be Right, It's Still Rock'n'Roll to Me and many more.

Tickets via <https://camandsam.co.nz/elton-vs-billy-tickets>



Cam and Sam are a
highly polished act

How does your garden grow?



Fionna's blog

The joys of gardening

Many people have written about the joy that gardening brings and its promise of hope.

I bury myself in the garden for hours with only my thoughts for company. Every day I see a thing of joy and beauty that not only feeds bodies but my soul also. I hope you find the same enjoyment. After all, what is a weed but a plant growing in the wrong place!

As expected, we had several weeks of drier than normal weather with strong north-westerlies to desiccate the ground in September. To compensate, irrigation from storage is now laid along the vegetable rows. No sooner done, came a last gasp wintry blast with welcome rain and not so welcome southerly gales. Mulch between rows to keep weeds down and conserve moisture.

With lengthening evening light there is more opportunity to garden after dinner. Potatoes are now shooting away under mounds, broad beans, peas, onions and garlic all side dressed. We are harvesting the cut-and-come-again lettuce from the hot house and the last stalks of celery still have crunch.

Tomato, gherkin, cucumber, pumpkins, butternut seeds are well sprouted, ready to harden and plant after Labour Weekend. Get corn planted too. Continue to plant your brassicas. With the wind, some of the low-growing

pak choi varieties could be the solution. It is frustrating to see the those taller lovingly tended plants wound off in blustery conditions.

I have already observed way too many cabbage white butterflies flitting about. Remember to check under leaves and remove their eggs before they hatch into very hungry caterpillars.

This year we have purchased seed tapes for carrot, parsnip, beetroot, radish, broccoli, spring onion, covering with vermiculite instead of sieved river sand and to define the rows that were hand-watered daily. It seems as though the plants under this cover on raised garden beds have germinated very much quicker than the equivalents we planted in the open garden. I will be interested to monitor the progress of these crops.

The orchard has again blessed us with blossom. The fruit trees have been mulched heavily in anticipation of El Nino.

Quite recently I watched a movie, Master Gardener, in which the main character played by Joel Edgerton opines that "Gardening is a belief in the future. A belief that things will happen according to plan." While the movie, a crime thriller, contained many dark themes and characters, the very many observations about the values to health and well-being that come from the act of gardening were enlightening.

Barbara Thompson

The Carterton Farmers' Market Annual Plant Sale started from the closure of the Opaki School Plant Sale. Seeing a need to continue such an initiative, the event was born.

It's on 29 October from 9am to 12.30pm at Memorial Square, Carterton.

October is a perfect time to begin your spring garden revival. This year the farmers' market expects about 40 stalls including plants, trees and shrubs, natives, exotics, vegetable seedlings, sub-tropicals, rarities, gardening accessories, and more...

People are welcome to get in touch to book a stall via info@cartertonmarket.co.nz – or just come along on the day if they are shopping for plants and trees.

Fundraising from this event goes to local community groups – the one chosen this year is

Wellington Free Ambulance.

I established my current garden with additions from this sale ages ago. I'll add to it with some spring/summer favourites this year. Tomatoes, komatsuna (mustard spinach, lettuce (I hope to buy Little Gem), rocket, corn salad (although it's a bit late as it likes cool season growing), plus some additional herbs for summer like basil, and anything for a salad that I don't already have in my garden. Maybe some additional mint as my peas and early spuds are thriving?

reminders@gardenate.com is a good site to have your memory jogged about what you'd like to plant in the way of edibles. Choose "cool mountain zone" October for Wairarapa-suitable spring plants.

Fionna Hill



Enjoying the plant sale



A three-year-old Louisa plum



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What's On in Carterton

Annual Community Fair at St Mark's Church on Saturday 4 November, from 9am to noon. All the stalls that you'd expect to find at a church fair, plus spaces available for your own sales for \$10. Email roger@stmarkscarterton.co.nz or phone 021 541 618 to book your space

Annual Plant Sale Carterton Farmers Market, Sunday 29 October at Memorial Square from 9am to 12.30pm

Aratoi Museum current exhibitions – Rita Angus: *New Zealand Modernist – He Ringatoi Hou o Aotearoa* until 26 November, Rebekah Farr: *O Deluge, Stop Singing, We're Drowning* until 3 December, Wairarapa Camera Club: *Reflecting on Our Place* until 29 October, Choice: *Staff Picks from the Collection* until 29 October, Rebecca Steedman: *Time Beds* until 17 September, *Light and Space:*

Sculptures from the Collection until 26 November

Carterton Railway Museum in conjunction with Steam Incorporated announces a series of train rides operating from the Carterton Railway Station platform on Sunday 19 November. Tickets are \$19, family of four \$69, contact steaminc.org.nz and search the Wairarapa Explorer, or you can purchase tickets on a Sunday from the Carterton Railway Museum ticket office 11am–4pm (cash only)

Elton John vs Billy Joel Cam & Sam's award-winning hit tribute show at the Carterton Events Centre on Friday 27 October, tickets via <https://camandsam.co.nz/elton-vs-billy-tickets>

Foodbank Food Drive Carterton Foodbank is calling on the community to help restock during its Food Drive

on Wednesday 1 November. Please put donations of non-perishable food out at your letterbox for 6pm collection

High Voltage Record Fair 10am–2pm at the Rangatahi Hub at the Events Centre, all genres, check out on Facebook. If you have something to sell, contact Kane on 027 248 8700

Rathkeale Christmas Fête Saturday, 4 November 9am–3pm, koha/gold coin entry, 217 Willow Park Drive, www.rathkeale.school.nz/

Sunset Cinema In his movie *France*, director Bruno Dumont sets his sneering tone with an opening sequence using a deep fake scene showing the lead actress conversing with French President Macron. The doors open at 7pm and the usual cakes and hot beverages before the

screening starts at 7.30pm. See you at the Rangatahi Hub behind the Town Clock on Friday 27 October

Talent Showcase organised by Carterton Rotary featuring the Talent Wairarapa place getters at Kuranui College hall, 7pm Saturday 21 October, adults \$10 and children \$5. Money raised will also go to Wellington Free Ambulance

Wai Word Writing the walk – meet Frank Goldingham, editor of *Walking Magazine*, and hear about the best ways to write about walking and what he looks for in photos, Sunday 12 November at 4pm outside the Rangatahi Hub

Wairarapa Walking Festival 26 walks 10–19 November, most are free, but do register so you don't miss out. For more information, visit www.cartertonec.co.nz/walking

WAIRARAPA WALKING FESTIVAL

Let your feet do the talking

"Learn, explore, connect! Ako, hōpara, hono!" is the motto of the Wairarapa Walking Festival, now in its third year.

The varied November programme, with 26 walks, has been launched by Ra Smith and Gareth Winter, two awesome local speakers. Celia Wade-Brown, the festival founder says, everyone can learn plenty from these fascinating talks about early walkers.

"Videos are available via our Wairarapa Walking Festival Facebook page."

Several walks have charter buses, thanks to Metlink and Tranzit. "Anyone who wants to relax, keep their carbon footprint down, or doesn't have a car available, is welcome," says Tracey Higgins, co-convenor.

The buses will service Gladstone Wine & Olives, Castlepoint New Migrants, Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae, Wairio Wetlands, Homewood Storeroom, Putangirua Pinnacles, Pūkaha Lookout and Kaiwaiwai Dairies. Registration is essential.

Three walks on Fridays meet the Wellington trains: Gladstone Wine & Olives, Featherston Books and Coffee, and our Rainbow Walk. Several others tie in with the regular 200 bus.

This year we are reaching out to minority groups to get everyone walking and feeling welcome. The Pasifika Family Walk is a gentle

one-hour for families, starting from the Masterton Netball Courts. Rainbow connects with the Wellington train and is a short walk, followed by buy-your-own food and drink in Carterton, home to the late, great Georgina Beyer MNZM.

Wai-Blind is organising a short walk in Queen Elizabeth Park and encourages anyone with any vision or mobility challenges, and those who support them, to join in this super-accessible walk. Dogs are especially welcome on the Wairarapa Dogwalk Club walk in Kiriwhakapapa.

This year we connect with several year-round groups: Orienteering Wairarapa, Ruamāhanga Ramblers, parkrun, Wairarapa

DogWalk Club and Martinborough Friday Walkers. Three tramping clubs are leading more challenging walks to explore the wilder parts of the Wairarapa.

Several hospitality businesses are part of the 2023 Festival: Leafyridge Olives, Urlar and Ngā Pari vineyards, Homewood Store, The Marquis of Normanby and The Royal Hotel. A new sponsor is the Masterton Foot Clinic, which will keep your walking comfortable. There is also an interview with the *Walking Magazine* editor, supported by WaiWord.

Most of our walks are free, but do register so you don't miss out. For more information, visit www.cartertonec.co.nz/walking



Urlar vineyard, a destination in the Wairarapa Walking Festival



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The restored DA and carriages on an earlier visit

CARTERTON RAILWAY MUSEUM

Diesel-hauled heritage train rides

Carterton Railway Museum, in conjunction with Steam Incorporated, announces there will be a series of train rides operating from the Carterton Railway Station platform on Sunday 19 November.

These trains will be hauled by a pair of fastidiously rebuilt NZ Railways classic DA diesel locomotives, with beautifully restored period passenger carriages that will take you for a relaxing ride to Masterton and back. For some, this will be a trip down memory lane being hauled by that wonderful servant of NZ Railways.

This outing could be ideal for those looking for a pre-Christmas activity for the family or perhaps social clubs. These are extra special days for families to look back on fondly and these opportunities don't come knocking on your door very often.

Please support this event as it is operating from your very own 143-year-old Carterton Railway Station.

Tickets are \$19, family of four \$69 (return). Contact steaminc.org.nz and search the Wairarapa Explorer, or you can purchase tickets on a Sunday from the Carterton Railway Museum ticket office 11am-4pm (cash only at museum).

The museum will also be holding an Open Day and people can wander through unhurriedly and view its eclectic collection of NZ Railway memorabilia.

The Wairarapa Railway Restoration Society Inc is a community group that aims to restore the historic station building built in 1880 to its former glory and to develop the precinct to include facilities for passing rail excursions. The society works with other groups with similar interest, such as Steam Incorporated, to achieve its aims.

The museum thanks all those wonderful volunteers who helped stage the 2023 Carterton Daffodil Festival

Don Hodge, president, Carterton Railway Museum



ST MARK'S COMMUNITY FAIR

ST MARK'S CHURCH

Community fair still a winner

Carterton's St Mark's Church will hold its annual Community Fair on Saturday 4 November, from 9am to noon.

There'll be all the stalls that you'd expect to find at a church fair – cakes and biscuits, sweets, crafts and jewellery, plants, bric-a-brac/white elephant, fresh produce, preserves and jams.

The popular Little Parish Bookshop will be open, with its wide selection of second-hand books to suit every taste. And there'll be live music to keep you entertained.

Also, we'll have our famous raffles, a sausage sizzle, and scrumptious morning teas.

If you'd like to set-up your own stall or vehicle on the church grounds to sell your crafts, food or other goods, spaces are available for \$10. You can email roger@stmarkscarterton.co.nz or phone 021 541 618 to book your space.

The proceeds from the fair are used for general parish purposes, including supporting those in need both in New Zealand and overseas.

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Carterton District Council is reviewing its Revenue and Finance Policy, otherwise known as a rates review.



What is a rates review?



Every three years, the Council is required under the Local Government Act to update its Revenue and Finance Policy. Carterton District Council adopted its previous Revenue and Financing Policy in 2021 as part of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan (LTP) so it's time for a review. This process is often referred to as a rates review. **We want to hear your feedback before making any final decisions.**

What are we doing?



What aren't we doing?



We're looking at the fairest way to share rates between different ratepayers (urban vs rural, commercial vs residential, & properties with multiple dwellings).



This process is not about how much should be collected in rates, or what services are covered by rates.



We're proposing changes to address the high allocation of rates to the urban sector, which has been highlighted in comparison to our neighbouring councils and in the Taxpayers' Union reports.



We're not changing the overall amount of rates we are collecting from our ratepayer database. This is done as part of our 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, which we will consult with the public on in 2024).

What might a re-allocation of rates look like for me?



A good example of how we are proposing to reallocate rates is the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). At the moment, each property owner or ratepaying unit pays one UAGC, regardless of how many dwellings they have on their property. One of the changes we are suggesting is to charge a UAGC to all dwellings on a property/rating unit. This will mean those with only 1 household on their property will end up paying a slightly lower UAGC due to the reallocation.

Current UAGC model



1 property with 2 dwellings
= 1 UAGC charge



1 property with 1 dwelling
= 1 UAGC charge

Proposed UAGC model



1 property with 2 dwellings
= 2 UAGC charges



1 property with 1 dwelling
= 1 UAGC charge

The size of the pie doesn't change, it's about how we divide it.



It's not about sharing the load equally between each household, but what's appropriate, especially in relation to access to services and who can afford them.

Still not sure what this means for you?

Our Statement of Proposal includes a whole lot of example properties, so that you can get an idea of what these changes may mean for your property.

Visit cdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

What are the key changes we are proposing to make?



Moving the unit for charging Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) from rating unit to Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP) with a new SUIP definition.



This would mean all dwellings (SUIP) on a property (rating unit) based on the new definition will be charged the UAGC, rather than one per property (rating unit). This means those with 2 dwellings on a property will pay 2 UAGC, and those with only 1 household on their property will end up paying a slightly lower UAGC due to the reallocation.



Changing the allocation of some activities to General Rates including the UAGC rather than to the UAGC only.

We believe activities such as parks and reserves, emergency management, governance, community and economic development, and community amenities, should be funded from both General Rates and the UAGC, rather than from the UAGC alone. These activities include parks and reserves, emergency management, governance, community and economic development, and community amenities.



The addition of a targeted rate for Economic Development with 50% of the economic development costs charged to commercial properties. The balance will remain in the General Rate.

We are proposing the public/private split of the Economic Development costs be 50% public funded by General Rates, including the UAGC, with the remainder funded through the targeted Economic Development rate to the Commercial/Industrial sector, instead of the cost being spread evenly across all ratepayers. This will mean those who benefit most from this service (commercial) are bearing more of the cost.



Adjusting the Commercial differential from 2 to 1.8

Rate differentials apply to the general rate and are used to change the proportion of rates that we collect from each group of ratepayers. With the addition of the targeted Economic Development rate, the Council is proposing to adjust the differential from 2 to 1.8.



Adjusting the Rural differential from 0.8 to 1 to match the Urban sector

Currently, our rural ratepayers pay a smaller General Rate than urban ratepayers. We are looking are sharing this evenly, as the activities covered by this rate are available to everyone. These include libraries, swimming pools, parks and reserves and community amenities.



Changing the public/private split on water and wastewater to reflect the changes in the benefit to the community.

We're proposing to remove some of this cost from the general rate paid by all ratepayers, and increasing the amount paid by those connected to these services. We are proposing to change the Public/Private split from 10% Public, to a range of 0% to 5% Public benefit. Therefore 0-5% of the costs for water and wastewater will be included in the General Rate and 95-100% will be charged to users via a targeted rate.

How to find out more & make a submission

Consultation closes 2 November 2023

A Statement of Proposal, the proposed new Revenue and Finance Policy, and all supporting documents are available at

www.cdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay/ratesreview2023

The Statement of Proposal includes example properties, so you can get an idea of what these changes may mean for your property.

You can complete your submission:

- online
- by emailing submissions@cdc.govt.nz
- Complete a paper submission form available from our Council office at 28 Holloway Street, Carterton.

 **HAVE YOUR SAY**

 **CARTERTON**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

A homely environment

At Littlies we provide a respectful, unhurried home away from home for our infants and toddlers.

We design our curriculum to follow children's interests and strengths while working to meet the aspirations their whānau hold for them. This provides us with diverse learning journeys as children strengthen key learning dispositions and explore the world around them.

Freedom of movement philosophy ensures children have the freedom to move in their own time while we encourage them as they work towards their self-set goals, such as catching a ball.

Upon enrolment, each child is cared for by a primary caregiver who will support them and their whānau as they settle in and develop their sense of belonging.

The centre has spaces where children can enjoy music and movement, storytelling, dramatic play and creating masterpieces with our wide range of resources. Spaces are provided for calm and quiet moments as needed. We have a beautiful natural outdoor environment including a sandpit, a hill for running down at speed, and opportunities to clamber and climb.

A beautiful fale provides a lovely space



Riley meeting a visiting lamb at Littlies

to play or enjoy a book. A natural corner of ngahere (forest) inspired by regular trips to Fensham Reserve is a favourite space to explore and search for Tane's smallest bugs, listen for manū and cook in the mud kitchen. The children love to watch the manū feast at our bird feeder and take special care of our worm farm.

It's almost time to replant our vegetable

gardens now summer is on its way, the kai harvested is used in our cooking or as a special treat for the neighbouring chickens.

At Littlies every day is filled with treasured moments as we care for our youngest members of Carterton. Our roll is currently full, we have a waiting list with spaces becoming available in 2025.

Making things happen

During the past month Carterton Rotary has been busy organising its annual quiz (6 October), with proceeds this year going to the Wellington Free Ambulance.

After the success of Talent Wairarapa, a Talent Showcase has been organised for 7pm Saturday 21 October. It will feature the place getters. Entrance to Kuranui College hall will be adults \$10 and children \$5. Money raised will also go to Wellington Free Ambulance for the new centre in Masterton.

Our next major project for us is the annual Christmas Parade.

We are excited to have a change of date and day this year to coordinate with "A Very

Carterton Christmas" on Sunday 10 December, with floats assembling in Belvedere Rd at 1.30pm for a 3pm parade followed by A Very Carterton Christmas.

The theme for floats is Music and Magic of Christmas. There will be more details in a later *Crier*.

To enter, please check out Carterton Rotary Christmas Parade Facebook page.

We have had another successful wood raffle, with the next one scheduled at New World on 13/14 October.

Our recent speakers have been from the major political parties and club members have also shared 3-minute talks.

Barbara Durbin spoke about her great-grandmother Sarah Mellor (1859–1923), a mother of eight children, seven of whom survived to adulthood. In 1883, Sarah signed the petition calling for women's suffrage. Barbara proudly wore the medal and ribbon presented to her in 1993, commemorating the 100th Anniversary.

Bryant Booth entertained us with the delightful story of Oscar, the "useless" race horse who endeared himself to all. He was adept at helping himself to the fruit bowl in the house and titbits in your pocket. Quiet, amiable and obedient, he lived for 33 years.

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O Deluge, Stop Singing, We're Drowning

This is the wonderful title of Rebekah Farr's latest exhibition at Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, showing until 3 December 2023.

It is a mysterious and compelling visit to a watery, drowned world, above which a series of rabbit/human flood gods frolic and party, oblivious to the plight of those below.

Rebekah says the series was inspired by photographs she took of flooded roads in the Wairarapa in 2022, but "though I have a passion for landscapes, I always feel they're empty without a figure in them".

Hence the rabbit/human characters, initially a reference to children's author Maurice Sendak's rabbit from "Mr Rabbit and the Lovely Present" then a nod to the current Year of the Rabbit.

As anyone familiar with Greek or Roman myths knows, the gods are mostly indifferent to the fate of humankind and these divine partygoers are no exception. "They represent a Deus ex Machina gone wrong".

And as you immerse yourself in the story and move past the images, it is clear that the party ends badly for some – hangovers and fallings out, just like on Earth. What's more, "these works on paper would be vulnerable to flooding themselves. Despite being protected by a thin layer of wax, they would disintegrate if exposed to water".

There is a restrained and beautiful watery colour palette throughout and so much movement as the gods cavort and swirl about.

On a damp and grey day it's not hard to see these heedless revellers in the clouds, shifting and dissolving above us. Do they also represent the powers that be whose indifference to real action on climate change is exposing us all to the risk of inundation?

So, do go and immerse yourself in this strange world and ponder its fate. I guarantee you will leave humming "O Deluge" – it really is like the line of a great song.

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Rita Angus has arrived

A first for the Wairarapa is Te Papa's touring exhibition "Rita Angus: New Zealand Modernist He Ringatoi Hou o Aotearoa" until 26 November.

The exhibition brings together 20 works by one of New Zealand's most iconic 20th century artists, Rita Angus (1908-1970) with many of these never been displayed before in the region.

The paintings span her life and career as an artist, drawing out the themes of pacifism, feminism and nature that shaped so much of her work.

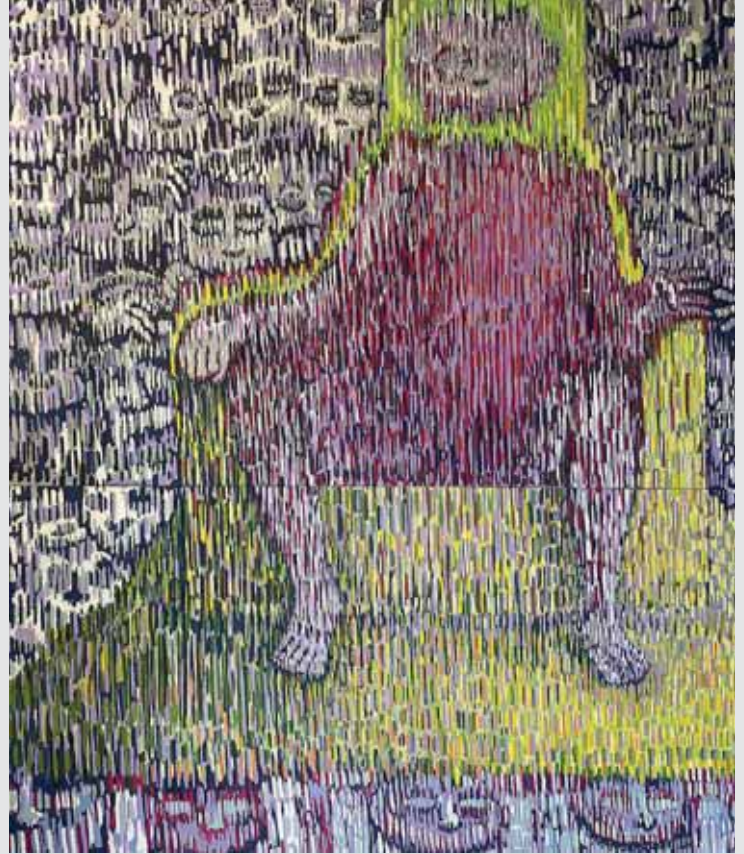


Rita Angus, *Marjorie Marshall, 1938-39/1943*, oil on canvas. © Reproduced courtesy of the Estate of Rita Angus. Purchased 2019. Te Papa (2019-0012-1)

Another visiting exhibition is Dwayne Duthie's "Double Edge Sword" from Taranaki. This exhibition aims to communicate ideas on human drive and desire related to the human condition, the connection to self-preservation and survival and how they can be both a benefit and liability.

These works are presented in painting, sculpture and digital forms utilising the symbolic and the abstract to highlight our desire to acquire, defend, connect, learn and largely survive.

Dwayne Duthie: *Double Edge Sword* 28 October until 3 December.



Dwayne Duthie, *High and Mighty, 2023*, enamel on canvas

DESTINATION WAIRARAPA

Winter bears fruit for local tourism sector

While much of the country has seen a dip in spending over the heart of winter, domestic expenditure by visitors to the region during July was up for Wairarapa.

Data released recently details credit card spend by domestic visitors to the region of \$12.5m in July 2023, compared with that of \$12.3m in 2022.

Destination Wairarapa general manager Anna Nielson said the increased spend figures further cement the success of domestic tourism in the region post-Covid.

"The Greytown Festival of Christmas, Matariki celebrations and an increasing awareness of how much family appeal we have for school holidays have all contributed to a domestic visitor spend that bucks the national trend.

"Prior to Covid, the winter period has been a quieter time with fewer

visitors. Now, with the addition of these festivals and celebrations, we have been able to turn July around and establish Wairarapa as an appealing winter destination.

"Data reveal we've increased domestic spend in July 2023, and that really highlights that when you offer quality events and experiences in our region, people will come regardless of the weather, regardless of the season.

"This kind of success is underpinned by the number of proven tourism and hospitality experiences our industry boasts year-round. Now our reputation as a go-to destination for the warmer months, is further buoyed by an enticing winter programme. This will develop more with the opportunities provided by our Dark Sky Reserve status, with winter providing prime dark sky viewing conditions."

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 JPG 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

Back to the future

You will have read in recent *Criers* about current fundraising efforts to build a new shed for the Carterton indoor pool.

The story begins in 1984 when the swim club occupied a brick council building at the eastern end of the council pool on Pembroke St.

Russell Geange as president was approached by Ian McPhee with a plan to relocate some of the steel truss building frames from the demolition of the Gear Meats abattoir in Petone. Pinfolds Transport delivered the steel trusses to the site of Ian's garage on the corner of High St and Victoria St. From there, Ian took disassembled truss pieces on his trailer to work at the Waingawa meat works, where they were sandblasted for repainting.

The Carterton Borough Council agreed the use of the site for the swim club and construction began with removal of the brick council building then excavation and a ring-wall of hand-laid concrete blocks.

It took four years of volunteer labour on weekends to pour the slabs and erect the shed structure. A forklift trundled each truss from Ian's garage down Garrison St. The concrete in-ground pool was actually the last step of construction and the local builder completed work for half the tendered price.

Project funding was a defining challenge of the project, with no main funding donor. Donated materials, labour and funding were obtained

throughout the four-year construction project.

With limited means the club made some hard choices about the mechanical services. The heating problem was initially addressed with a wood-fired boiler, replaced then with an oil-fired boiler and finally a more durable and reliable diesel-fired boiler.

The building has never had a ventilation system to address the moisture problem and that has significantly shortened the life of the building.

With four years of challenge seemingly behind them, the paint job on the pool surface bubbled as soon as the pool was filled. This occurred less than a week before the official opening (officiated by Paul Henry and opened by the New Zealand Olympic butterfly swimmer Anthony Mosse) so the club hastily stripped the whole coat of paint and repainted only the black lane lines.

Eventually, the pool surface was sealed with fibreglass to enable it to hold a coat of paint, funded by a millennium grant.

While in 1984 the starting point was a donated steel building structure, this time the starting point is a structurally sound pool. Many challenges lie ahead for securing year-round swimming in Carterton, but if like us you feel inspired by those who made the Carterton indoor pool happen then we want to hear from you at cartertonindoorpoolproject@gmail.com

Wondering what to read?

Although most booklovers like nothing more than wandering along aisles of books, losing themselves among worlds imagined and real, there are still times when even the most ardent bibliophile struggles to choose a book to borrow.

Well, those struggles will soon be a thing of the past. The awesome team at Carterton Library is constantly thinking up ways to make it easy for borrowers to find their next great read.

Their themed displays showcase different genres and authors to explore – Book Bingo was a recent hit, encouraging borrowers to read more widely. Genre bookmarks point readers to different authors, so helpful when you've just binge-read a series and desperately need to start on another.

Now, as they browse, customers can look out for tags hanging from books that say Staff Pick and Customer Recommendation. While library staff are more than happy to talk about their favourite books, this isn't always practical – for starters, who would get any work done? Instead, let these tags guide you to books that are beloved by staff and customers.

And don't forget to register for the library's evening book club (library@wls.org.nz). Held on the first Wednesday of each month, you'll get to enjoy some of the finest literary fiction from around the world and share your thoughts with a friendly group.

For those of you who like to do your browsing online, check out the recommendations on whichbook.net and BookTok. Then go to wls.org.nz and reserve your copy.

Grant applications open in October for WBS

The second of WBS's two grant funding rounds for 2023 opened at the start of October.

Earlier this year, WBS committed \$150,000 to the Wairarapa community over two years as part of its 150-year celebrations. This funding is being allocated, through the WBS Charitable Trust, across two annual funding rounds, in April and October.

CE at WBS, John Healy, said grants and sponsorship are vital to the organisation's purpose and he's looking forward to seeing the line-up of applications for the next funding round.

"Community focus is one of our pillars, and it aligns with our purpose of helping the community prosper," he said.

"Our members, those who invest with us, not only get the satisfaction of competitive rates, but can also feel good knowing that they're helping support our community. That's a major point of difference for us, compared to mainstream banks."

Over the previous financial year, WBS supported a total of 58 local organisations through grants and sponsorship. So far this year, they've already supported 33, with the October grant round yet to come.

Organisations seeking support will be able to submit applications through the WBS website: www.wbs.net.nz/funding.

Applications should fall within the following categories: arts and culture, sports and recreation, environment and sustainability, education, and community support.



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Great year for local hockey

The Dalefield Premier Women had another great season in the Wellington Premier Competition, by taking out the grade for 2023.

This was their fifth competition win in eight years. That's not a bad record for a little country club competing against the capital's best teams.

The team's season starts in February, with pre-season fitness and players vying for improved times and individual goals being set. Full trainings start mid-March, and the season hits off in April.

This year included an Intercity Competition in the middle of the two Wellington competition rounds. This added a bit of variety to our opponents by introducing Manawatu teams to the fold.

It also allowed us to try new things without putting our Wellington ladder points at risk.

The Carterton-based team is made up of players from throughout the region, from South Wairarapa to Tinui. Three players were awarded centurion status this year: Michael O'Connor (Team Captain, 136 games), Katherine Reisima (Player-Coach, 120 games) and Brigette Mossman (100 games), who received team jackets and lapel pins.

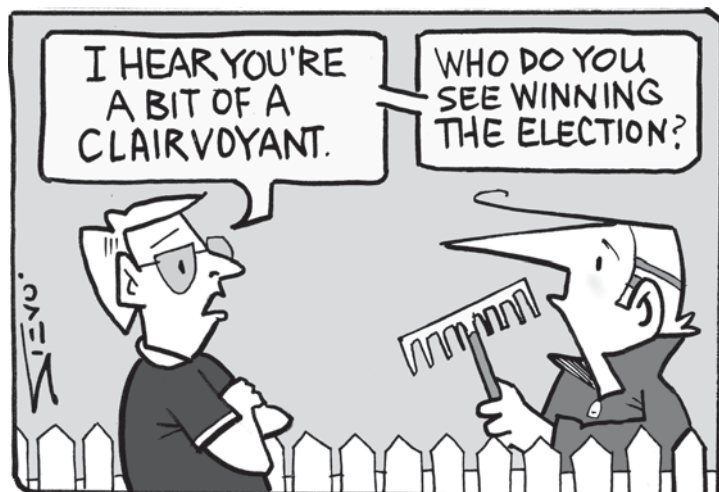
Luana Felix was our Most Improved player while Reese Robertson was presented with Most Consistent for the third consecutive year. Emma McLeod was the club's Sportswoman of the Year.

Eight of the team headed to Hamilton in September, to represent Wairarapa, for the National Hockey Competition and were rewarded with a bronze medal for their efforts in Tier 2.

All in all, a pretty good season, with a few months off until we do it all again.



Dalefield Premier Women, just after winning the Wellington Premier grade for the fifth time in eight years: *Back row:* Michael O'Connor snr (Co-Coach), Brigette Mossman, Rosie Rooderkirk, Amy Bunny, Reese Robertson, Katie McAnulty, Felicity Reidy, Jorja Sacke, Emma Smith, Luana Felix, Alana Low, Karen O'Connor (Manager), Katie-Anne Saywell, *Front Row:* Pippa Raleigh, Maddie Taylor, Katherine Reisima (Player Co-Coach), Michael O'Connor (Captain), Grace Craig, Charlize Baron, Emma McLeod



Project Pulse



Waingawa Process Water Project



In a positive step forward for industrial users in Waingawa Industrial park, a \$1.75m grant from Kānoa [formerly the Provincial Growth Fund] and commitments from Carterton and Masterton District Council will support a new water supply.

The Waingawa Process Water project seeks to develop a supply of industrial water on the former Freezing Works site, owned by CDC. We have pledged funds to the project, and Masterton District Council also supports the idea and committed \$250k towards the project.

Vintage water pump replaced

1963. What a memorable year. Carterton's own Bob Charles won the British Open. The British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) began a twice-weekly jet service to London. The Queen visited. Like 2023, there was a general election.

And, of course, this pump was installed at Carterton wastewater treatment plant.

We have recently replaced two of the pumps which were long overdue for replacement after 60 years of service!



Water Services Reform



The Government has stated an intent to see Entity G, which includes Carterton and Wairarapa, go live on 1 October 2024.

Council staff are working with the National Transition Unit, and we will keep our community informed of updates and changes.

We are progressing on the basis that WSE will be established, and we will go-live in October next year.

Manuka Trial at Wastewater Treatment Plant



We've committed four hectares of land at Daleton Farm for a trial site to research the potential for native manuka and kanuka to uptake and breakdown pathogens in wastewater.

This research is in partnership with Ra Smith and the Institute of Environmental Science and Research [ESR].

The work builds on studies that have shown evidence that manuka and kanuka crops have the ability to reduce pathogens in wastewater as well as also reducing nutrient loads, such as nitrogen, into the soil structure.

The study will increase our knowledge through the testing of the foliage, soils and, if successful, pave the way for further plantings to help us limit wastewater going into our waterways.



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Getting into the Christmas spirit

We have had a very successful kindling project. Thanks to all who have purchased kindling from the kindergarten.

As Christmas approaches, the tamariki will be making small vehicles to sell. The tamariki have been co-operatively working together creating these pieces with Martin our toymaker.

These would make great Christmas gifts. Pop on down to 3 Victoria St to make a purchase.

Nelly, teacher, Carterton Kindergarten



Making the toys is half the fun



SUNSET CINEMA

High gloss for the Francophiles

If you have become a bit fed up with the glossy spin on information spewed out by 24-hour news channels, then here is the satire to help laugh it off.

In his movie *France*, director Bruno Dumont sets his sneering tone with an opening sequence using a deep fake scene showing the lead actress conversing with French President Macron.

France De Meurs (Lea Seydoux) is a glamorous and wildly successful journalist at a private TV company. Initially she can do no wrong in the eyes of her employers and is encouraged to chase and spin the stories according to her own methods.

Whether it is directing soldiers in war zones to create a better news story or curating her own opulent lifestyle, France is creating and living in a world that is a sham. An accident causes her to see how her life and this

toxic culture collide and she is forced to examine whether she can be a journalist and a person.

"Dramady" aside, this a film for any lovers of French fashion or anyone who appreciates the all-important role of wardrobe and makeup to create the atmosphere of a film. In a story about slapping concealer over any perceived imperfections in the world, this has a double meaning.

Lea Seydoux is not only a mesmerising clotheshorse, but she has the acting chops to bring a script to life. If you have only seen her in Bond movies, then this film will show you what she is capable of.

For further information about tickets go to www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/tickets. The doors open at 7pm for tickets, and the usual cakes and hot beverages before the screening starts at 7.30pm. See you at the Rangatahi Hub behind the Town Clock on Friday 27 October.



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Writing the walk

Meet Frank Goldingham, editor of *Walking Magazine*, and hear about the best ways to write about walking and what he looks for in photos.

Frank not only started up Aotearoa's first and only monthly walking magazine in the late 1990s, but also set up NZ's second retail computer store, Viscount Electronics, in the 1980s.

Walking Magazine covers walks here and abroad, festivals, new tracks, and old favourites as well as fitness, nutrition, and health.

Frank will be in conversation with Celia Wade-Brown at this free Wairarapa Word event on Sunday 12 November at 4pm.

"Writing the walk" is part of the 10-day Wairarapa Walking Festival, from 10-19 November, which was originally inspired by the Walking and Cycling Advisory Group of Carterton District Council (<https://www.cartertonec.co.nz/walking/>)

A selection of books and maps will be available for sale. Meet outside the Rangatahi Hub at the Carterton Events Centre.

The moderator of the event, Celia Wade-Brown QSO, is a politician with the Green Party. She served as Wellington's 34th mayor from 2010 to 2016, leading the city towards being a truly Green capital. She is the founder of Living Streets Aotearoa, which supported the inaugural Wairarapa Walking Festival in 2021. She lives off the grid in Mangatarere Valley.



The latest issue of *Walking*, featuring the Wairarapa Walking Festival

Always on the go

Our next entertainment at the Workingmen's Club is vocalist "Sue" who will be in the main bar from 7pm on Friday 20 October.

The TAB is intending to remove our TAB from the club by the end of the year and replace it with a machine, much to the detriment of our members and the Greytown community in general.

Remember we will be having our usual Melbourne Cup Calcutta evening on Monday 6 November, with the Cup the following afternoon, Tuesday 7th.

The Club Supersports Singles were held recently and the winners were Men's Tom Bateman runner-up Morgan Christie, and Ladies, Joan Bateman with Jessica Clapp runner-up.

Our next Club 60 meeting will be on Monday 30th at 1.30pm.

We recently visited the Masterton Services Club's "Young at Heart" adjunct and joined them for lunch and an afternoon of cards and pool.

The mixed pairs pools were held recently and were won by Jack and Schnell Lemon, with Max Higgison and Jayne Towler runners-up.

Our Tuesday Club plays cards every Tuesday at 1.30pm. Also, we have several Bridge players join us as well, so if you prefer to play Bridge why not come along and join them.

On 15 October our golfers are playing The Horseshoe for the Memorial Trophy at Mahunga GC at 9.30am.

The indoor bowls Singles were won by Elba Simonson, with Robert Furge runner-up.

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Rose notes

What's new this season?

October and November are months when you can visit your nurseries and see new roses to make new rose beds or replace roses that have not performed well.

As the soil is now starting to warm up, it's a good time to mulch your beds. You can use untreated sawdust, pea straw or any type of straw, good-quality compost, mushroom compost, lawn clippings may be used as long as the lawns have not been sprayed – spread the clippings thinly. If you are using sawdust, also use a nitrogen fertiliser, as this will help with the loss of nitrogen as the sawdust breaks down.

Keep up with the spraying, but do not spray on windy days.

There is a lot of growth now so remember to stake and tie any new long and sappy shoots.

Don't let your mulch compact down as it could be a barrier to water so keep it well hoed and your beds weed free.

Phillippa Edwards, Carterton Rose Society



A good layer of mulch now will help retain moisture over the drier months

Go Carterton

After the success of last year's Gladstone Wine & Olive Walk as part of the Wairarapa Walking Festival, we are pleased to support the event in 2023.

Join us from 2.15pm on Friday 10 November and experience the best of Carterton wine and olives, with a walk along Dakins Rd.

There will be Gladstone history talks on the walk as you make your way through from the grounds of Ural vineyard to the stunning grounds at Ngā Pari vineyard. The ticket price includes \$30 in vouchers to spend at Ural, Ngā Pari vineyards and Leafyridge Olives.

Tickets are available through Eventfinda or check out our Facebook page.

This month we are excited to introduce one of our older committee members David Parr, who had a varied career covering retail, manufacturing and finance. For the past 20+ years, he has owned Wonder Weeders Ltd, making and selling the essential weeding tool for all keen gardeners.

David joined the Go Carterton committee nearly two years ago after some post-graduate studies revived a lifetime interest in regional development. David is very keen to see Carterton maximise the many opportunities that will arise from the newly designated Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve. He believes that Go Carterton



David Parr at Go Carterton's latest social. *Debbie Hunt Photography*

has an important part to play in helping to foster space-related business, especially tourism-based activities.

We really enjoyed supporting Hari and Sam of Star Safari in running our first International Space Week here in Carterton.

With a Planetary Scavenger hunt around town, a colouring completion, Space morning

at Carrington Park, Free Astrobiology Dome sessions at the Event Centre and Star Gazing sessions.

It was so fantastic to see so many locals taking up these offerings and we can't wait to make next year even bigger and better – to infinity and beyond!

Lou Newman - Go Carterton Co-ordinator

PET EUTHANASIA

End-of-life service for pets

Five Wairarapa-based veterinarians have set up Devoted, a home euthanasia and aftercare service that offers clients an alternative option to an in-clinic procedure, where the animal may be exposed to sounds and smells they find stressful.

"Providing the very best care, and helping to ease pain and suffering, is something Devoted takes very seriously," says veterinarian Adrian Evans, who manages the service. "Sadly, the majority of pets do not die in their sleep, and many elderly pets can eventually suffer from debilitating diseases, such as arthritis or chronic organ failure," he says.

"Most owners will know when their pet is suffering, and the time has come. We feel privileged to be able to help bring them peace and make the experience as stress-free as possible for the family."

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Annual appeal very timely

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Foodbank is calling on the community to help us restock at the Wairarapa Food Drive on Wednesday 1 November. Please put donations of non-perishable food out at your letterbox for collection from 6pm. You will hear the Fire Brigade sirens in your street.

Pantry items such as tea, coffee, tinned fruit, spreads, cereal, baked beans and spaghetti, cooking oil, washing powder are welcomed. Please check expiry dates as we cannot take items beyond their expiry or best-before dates, dented tins or opened packages.

Foodbank is urgently seeking donations to enable us to meet the ongoing increasing demand.



Foodbank volunteers Sabrina, Sue and Deb

We would welcome a regular commitment, or just a one-off donation. Account name Carterton Food Bank, account number 02 0608 0048731 00.

Please include name and address in details. Receipts for donations can be provided on request by email to

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To receive a parcel, please call and leave a message before 10am on a weekday. Include your name, address, phone number and the number of adults and children in the house.

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Helen Dew, far right, with the young gardeners

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From Helen's useful tips we were able to prune our fruit trees and prep our gardens.

Following this, we took a group of children for a walk to Helen's

house where she gave us a tour of her amazing section and we picked up our bio char to add to our gardens.

The children and teachers alike have thoroughly enjoyed working with Helen and appreciate everything she has helped us with. This is a great way for the children to experience and make links between preschool and our local community.



Weeding at the transfer station in Dalefield Rd

KEEP CARTERTON BEAUTIFUL GROUP

Cemetery looking awesome

The leaves at the cemetery have all been cleaned up and thanks to about 16 of our volunteers over 6 working-bee days starting early August, the cemetery is looking spick and span.

Volunteers always mention they get great satisfaction seeing the cemetery all cleaned up.

Volunteers then moved on to weeding and cleaning up the Wyndham St Park in time for Carterton's Daffodil Day – the daffodils were in full bloom, making a great display.

Then followed two mornings' weeding down at the Transfer Station on Dalefield Rd – the weeds had certainly grown.

Upcoming working bees include weeding at Moreton Rd Reserve, weeding and sorting out the staked plants along the railway line between Pembroke and Victoria streets.

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Council halts school cycleways project

Carterton District Council will continue to support bike storage options for schools, but is unable to proceed with the proposed Connecting Carterton cycle paths project to link parks and schools at this stage.

CDC held public engagement during August on the project to connect schools and parks to the Carterton CBD by the provision of a cycleway using both on- and off-road solutions.

This project is funded by Waka Kotahi through the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF). The objective of the project was to connect five schools to the Carterton CBD by provision of cycleway.

"Given the original route had changed, and we did not have sufficient time to gain consensus with our community, Council and stakeholders for an alternative route, management has decided to halt further work on this project," says Council CEO Geoff Hamilton.

"The work has given us greater insights on how our town uses our network and given us a fantastic base to work from when considering the long-term plans for walking and cycling options in the district, and especially our central business and residential areas."

"We believe there remains widespread support for mode shift and safe walking and cycling routes especially for our school children. However further work needs to be completed at this time to ensure proposed routes have key stakeholder endorsement."

He said CDC was looking forward to sharing the progress of the storage facilities at our schools with the wider community.

Pooling our resources

Wright Pools & Spas' two stores recently ran a successful fundraising promotion for Wellington Free Ambulance. The Carterton shop customers raised \$3000, part of the total \$6500 raised, which will go towards the new Wairarapa Ambulance Station fundraising.

Hōkai Tahī launches new clinic

Hōkai Tahī has opened a satellite clinic based out of Five Rivers Medical, Greytown.

Hōkai Tahī is a Wairarapa-based charity that empowers women and their whānau throughout their pregnancy journey by giving them the space, time and resources to make informed decisions, or to process the grief related to baby loss or termination, and come to a place of peace and hope.

All our services are free and open to anyone, thanks to generous grants and donations.

The new clinic will be open on Thursdays, from 9am to 4pm, with a drop-in period from 10.30am–12.30pm. Pregnancy tests, baby loss care packages, resources, or small baby items can be collected during the drop in period, and a Support Coordinator will be available for a quick check-in and to book appointments.

Clients who are unable to attend on Thursdays in Greytown are welcome to utilise the service at our Masterton office at a time that suits them.

Our Support Coordinators are registered health professionals who maintain professional standards. They create a safe space where information shared will be kept confidential and discussed without judgment.

Depending on the client's needs, Hōkai Tahī can provide a range of support including emotional support, community referrals, firewood, frozen meals, baby gear, and more. Some clients' needs relate to past trauma or mental health struggles, and Hōkai Tahī provides counselling through a contracted registered counsellor. We also supply baby loss care packages to women who have experienced stillbirth or miscarriage.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Hōkai Tahī's services, please reach out through our website, www.hokaitahi.nz, or by calling 0800 006 277.

Feel free to get in touch to see how we can help.

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Speech contests can be fun

Toastmasters Wairarapa participates in speech contests every year – our next speech contests will be held in October and November 2023.

This is an opportunity to step up the game for Toastmasters members and an invitation for anyone in our community to come and listen to the speeches. As part of the contests, speakers can enter for International Speech, a Humorous Speech, Table Topic (an impromptu speech) or Evaluation Speech.

Last year, one of our members, Braden Crocker, entered the Humorous Contest for a bit of fun and had the club in stitches. Then it got serious, as he got to go to the next phase at area, regional and then district level.

Every time Braden delivered his speech titled “One dance move can change your life...”, he polished it

up and practiced it in front of his fellow toastmasters and every time, it made them laugh.

Braden was determined to take his speech far in the competition and certainly didn't take the old saying lightly: Practice makes perfect. He relentlessly practiced, practiced, and practiced some more. He even organised to deliver his speech to different audiences in Palmerston North and Wellington to test it. The proof is indeed in the pudding, as he won the audience every time and ended up winning the humorous speech contest.

If you are considering joining or would like to watch the speech contest, we encourage you to contact Toastmasters Wairarapa.

For more information contact Geraldine Durrant on 020 4084 8921 or email dgeraldinepro8@gmail.com



Braden Crocker won the 2023 District 72 Humorous Speech Contest

CARTERTON NETBALL

Primary awards night

The Jo-Kelly & Co Carterton Netball Club has celebrated its 2023 Primary netball season. Congratulations to all players on an amazing season and a big thank you to all supporters.

This year's trophy recipients: Most Improved YR 5

Maddison Gray; Most Improved Shooter Maddie Newell; Most Improved Attack Payton Kilkelly; Most Improved Defender Indy Chapman and Chloe Birchall;
Most Improved Overall

Abi Christensen; Most Valuable Future Fern Florence Worsnop; Most Valuable New Player to the Club Emily Laird; Most Valuable Macy Sargent and Ricky Goodall; Most Consistent Charlotte

Bell; Most Versatile Breanna Butler; Most Promising Player Mitchell Stannard.

Best Shooter Willow Tuckwell; Best Attack Player Anika Moke; Best Defensive Player Rylee James and Charlotte Oakly; Contribution & Commitment Shield Hannah Fenwick; Team of the Year Maroon; Player of the Year Macy Sargent and Ricky Goodall.

All years wanting to play netball in term 4, the first game is on 17 October. Contact the club on cartertonnetballclub@gmail.com



Team of the Year

Macy Sargent & Ricky Goodall, CPN Players of the Year

Feeling good about the Menzshed

The shed will open on Saturday mornings this month after a successful trial with 10 people attending, all expressing a desire to continue.

The prospect of it being a regular event will depend on patronage and availability of supervisors.

Recently, we were approached by a local social group to refurbish a bench seat as a memorial to a much-loved member who had sadly passed away.

Requests such as this are so rewarding. Getting members involved with community groups helping out and feeling good about it

which is all part of maintaining one's mental health.

Belonging to the Menzshed is not like a sporting or social club, it's a venue where people can come to without commitment. Some just pop in at morning coffee for a drink and chat, others like to be creative, building or repairing items for themselves or involve themselves in the community working as a team on larger projects or making and repairing personal items.

If you want to feel useful and be involved in activities benefiting our local community, the Menzshed is the club to join.

Open 9am to 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and now Saturdays. Contact Stephen on 027 488 7155 or email cartertonshed@gmail.com



(from left) Aiden, Jay, Rodger, Ian, and Alan



Terry and Caddy, pleased with their work

CARTERTON FARMERS MARKET

Plant sale continues to grow

Our annual plant sale is on again at the end of this month – Sunday 29 October at Memorial Square from 9am to 12.30pm. This will be Carterton Farmers Market's seventh year running this event.

Last year the weather was perfect and the square was full to the brim. Dan Broughton, the event organiser, says the plant sale just gets bigger and bigger.

"The sale is a great place to get veggie plants, tomatoes, seeds, and potted seedlings for your garden," he says, "including some more unusual varieties, herbs, and native plants."

He says there will be the usual fresh fruit and veggies, honey, eggs,

and seeds. "In addition, we are expecting a selection of craft stalls offering products such as handmade soaps, candles, knitted hats and toys, and felt items."

The Plant Sale also provides an opportunity for schools and community groups to fundraise for various projects by selling plants and related items. Carterton School will supply delicious food snacks to tempt your taste buds. The Tree Crops Association will have an information stall.

So bring some cash, a carton, your whānau and friends and enjoy a day out in Carterton's beautiful Memorial Square. This year we're collecting a gold coin koha to support Wellington Free Ambulance.

ANIMAL HEALTH

New Greytown vet clinic

Work has started on a new veterinary clinic in Greytown, which is expected to be completed in April 2024.

Aidan Smith, managing director of South Wairarapa Veterinary Services (SWVS), which is building the clinic, said the new facility will allow the group to maintain a high standard of service in the South Wairarapa.

"It will replace our ageing clinics in Martinborough and Featherston, which will close when the Greytown clinic opens," he said. SWVS clinics at Carterton and Masterton will continue operating as usual.

"SWVS directors thought long and hard about having to close the Martinborough and Featherston clinics, but unfortunately we cannot provide the consistent hours and high-quality service that we want to deliver in South Wairarapa if we are stretched too thinly."

Situated at the south end of Greytown, behind the Five Rivers Medical Centre, the new clinic will feature modern equipment and facilities, and be on a slightly larger scale to SWVS' Carterton clinic. There will be experienced farm vets based in Greytown and more room for farm-specific products.

"All team members who have been working in Martinborough and Featherston will shift to the new clinic, so clients will see the same friendly faces when they bring their animal to see us and hear the same voices when they ring for farm supplies," Aidan said.

Before the Greytown clinic opens, members of the public and media will be invited to view the new facilities.

Do you have a great story for
The Carterton Crier?

Contact the Editor at crier.ed@gmail.com

Fluffies are the best

One thing we love to do is go out for a fluffy. A fluffy is like a coffee for kids, it is frothed up milk in a cup and the best fluffies have sprinkles, marshmallows and chocolate fish. My favourite places to go are Kāinga, Clareville Bakery and Almos.

Clareville has a cool playground – I wish all fluffy shops had one. Kāinga has a toybox in the corner and Shelley who owns it is very nice. Sometimes we choose a cupcake or a cookie to eat too.

When I'm older I will have a coffee and they can do cool patterns on the top. Mum drinks a lot of coffee to help her wake up.

We like to meet friends at the fluffy shop and then go to the park or library. The library is an awesome free place to visit and has lots of cool books.

The librarians are really helpful, especially Alison. I love books by Anh Do and they show me books I might like that are similar.



Enjoying the fluffies

If there are books we really want, Mum reserves them on the app and then I can go in and find my name on the reserve shelf and get it out. I have my own library card. I keep it in my wallet and use it by myself.

My little brother and sister go to Wā Kōrero

every Thursday morning from 10am-10.30am. They read books to the kids and do a game or an activity. When I went, they did a science experiment with M&Ms and they made a rainbow.

Ellie Newman

FEATHERSTON BOOKTOWN

App fills in the details

The Featherston Booktown Booklover's Trail App aims to connect booklovers with Wairarapa booksellers and their stories. The app offers a free, self-guided tour that takes listeners on a comprehensive journey of the region's many bookstores and literary sites.

The app embraces 13 of Wairarapa's bookstores, from Featherston across to Martinborough through to Greytown, Carterton and Masterton. By downloading the free app, you can hear the amazing stories of these booksellers as you travel the breadth of the beautiful Wairarapa, whether by car or bicycle.

The Featherston Booktown Booklover's Trail and App showcases our vibrant region and is essential for anyone interested in books and reading – and for travellers seeking new experiences in Aotearoa. The booksellers in our region are as different and interesting as the books they stock. We invite you to visit each store on the Booklover's Trail and hear from the unique individuals who run them.

Thanks to the generous funding from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, the scope of the app will also grow to include stories and sites of interest of the local mana whenua and expand into other regions.

The app can be downloaded now.

BOOK LAUNCH

Bird spotting sets records

New Zealand's Biggest Year is Harry Boorman's account of the biggest birding year in New Zealand history.

Harry and his friend become rivals as they set out to break the all-time record for the most Aotearoa New Zealand bird species seen in one calendar year. Their rivalry results in more birds being spotted in a single year than ever before and two national records are broken.

However, which of these two birders will take the title and become the all-time biggest year lister Aotearoa New Zealand has ever seen?

From the first day at the top of South Island to the sprint finish on the Chatham Islands, this is Harry Boorman's personal account of his epic, year-long adventure in 2021.

Full of twists and turns, unexpected sightings, pandemics and trip cancellations, including the addition of a species to the official bird list on the very last day, Harry's story gradually unfolds to its nail-biting conclusion.

Harry Boorman, originally from Britain, has been birding since the age of five. He lived in Auckland for nine years, where he played an active role in the birding community and has returned to New Zealand for the launch of his book.



Book launch for bird watchers

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Dear Agony Aunt ...

Dear AA,

Life is getting more confusing by the day, especially the weather.

We have been talking about climate change for years, with the Wairarapa threatened with increased heat and drought.

Now we are told that El Nino, or his sister, is coming for the New Year holidays, for a long, hot summer. I'll believe it when I see it. I feel this winter has been the worst here in at least five years.

Europe and North America are burning, and Australia is about to join in. The rest of NZ has been battered and bruised by winter storms, but the Wairarapa is just really cold and wet.

Do you have a feel for what weather we will get over Christmas?

Sword of Damocles

Dear SOD,

My crystal ball is in the repair shop after I took it to a hen night a few months back. Seems not everyone is prepared to listen to my wisdom.

However, I feel in my bones that the Wairarapa won't let you down this Christmas. Okay, we did light the fire on Christmas Day on several of the past five years, but that has got to be the end of it.

While everyone else is suffering from too much heat or lethal storms, the Wairarapa will be spared the worst because of its clever geographic location. It is a special spot on Earth, but stock up on sunscreen.

AA

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

Your Letters ...

Dear editor,

News that there can be no more new builds in Martinborough until the Council services have been improved should be a timely warning to Carterton's power brokers.

There seems to be no shortage of people wanting to come here for a slice of what we enjoy, but we can't let them all in without jeopardising our own Council services.

The developers will be long gone once any troubles start, so we need to rein things in now and follow Martinborough's example.

We simply can't afford to take the risk.

Concerned ratepayer, Carterton

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.

HIGH VOLTAGE RECORD FAIR

Calling all music lovers

If you love music in all formats, the Rangatahi Hub at Carterton Events Centre on 14 October is the place you need to be (before or after you've voted, of course).

Vendors from the lower North Island are dropping by with crates of records, bins of tapes, baskets of CDs and other music-related paraphernalia.

To keep the vibes flowing, DJs from the Featherston Vinyl club will be spinning tunes throughout the event.

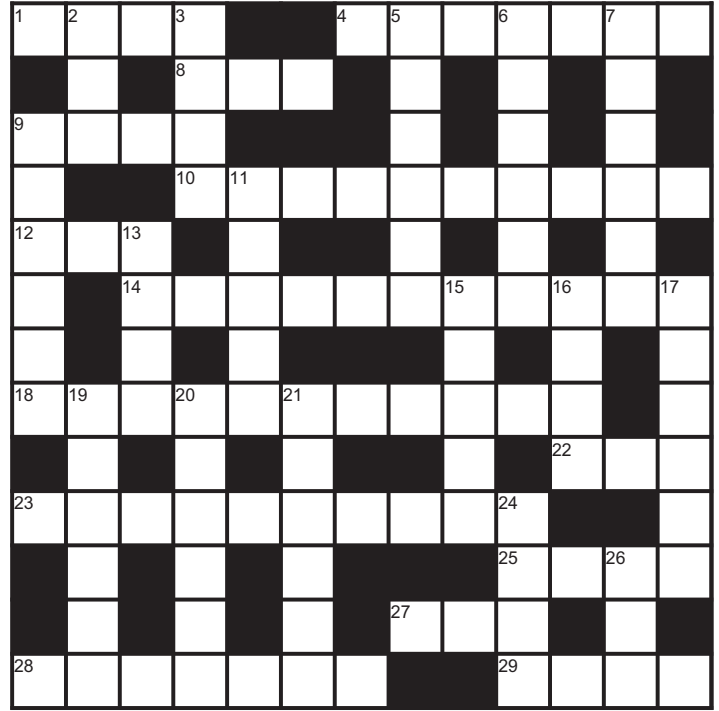
Vinyl collecting is on the rise, so local Carterton resident Kane Harris thought it was time to hold an event this side of the hill as most fairs are in Wellington or further afield. Entry is by gold coin donation that will be donated to a local organisation (yet to be confirmed)

The event is cash sales only so come prepared to avoid disappointment, there a huge variety of genres and eras on offer, with prices starting at \$5 and going up depending on rarity and quality.

The Record Fair will run from 10am until 2pm at the Rangatahi Hub at the Events Centre, plenty of parking next to the old Carters building and on Holloway St.

Check out the event on Facebook: High Voltage Record Fair. If you have something to sell, contact Kane on 027 248 8700 to discuss.

Crossword



ACROSS

1. Alliance of countries with common interests (4)
4. Confused, it spelt saliva (Cryptic) (7)
8. Dance (3)
9. Party (Te Reo) (4)
10. Contagious viral disease causing fever and a spotty rash (10)
12. Plaything (3)
14. Lying partly over something else (11)
18. Beneficial to health (11)
22. Take more than one's share (3)
23. Type of sweet orange (10)
25. Marijuana (4)
27. Extinct NZ flightless bird (3)
28. Middle name of the founder of Carterton (7)
29. Carterton street near the railway station (4)

DOWN

2. Meadow (3)
3. Stylish, elegant (4)
5. Whale (Te Reo) (6)
6. White or yellow fleshed root vegetable (6)
7. Body of water cut off from the sea by a reef or sandbar (6)
9. Document granting legal protection to an invention (6)
11. Dog-like animal found in Africa or South Asia (5)
13. Wooden frame used to connect draught animals so they can be worked as a team (4)
15. Metal spike used in mountaineering (5)
16. Irritation of the skin (4)
17. Geese choke on broken leg (Cryptic) (6)
19. Shout to attract attention (6)
20. Comment (6)
21. Restrain a person by holding or binding the arms (6)
24. Old-fashioned expression of surprise (4)
26. Form of address usually from a younger to an older man (British slang) (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy

Black Bridge was tarred

To facilitate improved access between Greytown and Carterton, in 1857 a contract was awarded to John Ashmore for the construction of a bridge across the Waiohine River.

However, the contractor ran into difficulties when he insisted that those working on the bridge only put in an eight-hour day.

This was not accepted by the workers, who wanted to put

in longer hours and petitioned Charles Rooking Carter for permission to work extended hours. As a result, with Mr Ashmore unable to complete the contract, Mr Carter took over, resulting in the bridge being finished in 1859.

The name Black Bridge came about through tar being applied to seal the woodwork.

Tolls were charged to cross the bridge from 1872 to 1886, being

collected by the toll operator at the rate of a penny per sheep or goat and two pence for pedestrians. A horse-drawn vehicle cost one and sixpence, with the payments being pocketed by the toll operator, who paid the Carterton Borough Council an annual fee for the right to collect, (and pocket), the tolls.

The original bridge lasted more than 20 years and was replaced by a new wooden bridge in the early

1880s, which in turn was replaced by a concrete structure in 1921.

The approaches on and off this bridge were not good and a Mr Anderson, the owner of a large tractor, was often called upon to drag out cars that had been caught in flood waters where the road looped around near where the Maori Cemetery Te Uru O Tane (Black Bridge) urupa (cemetery) is located.

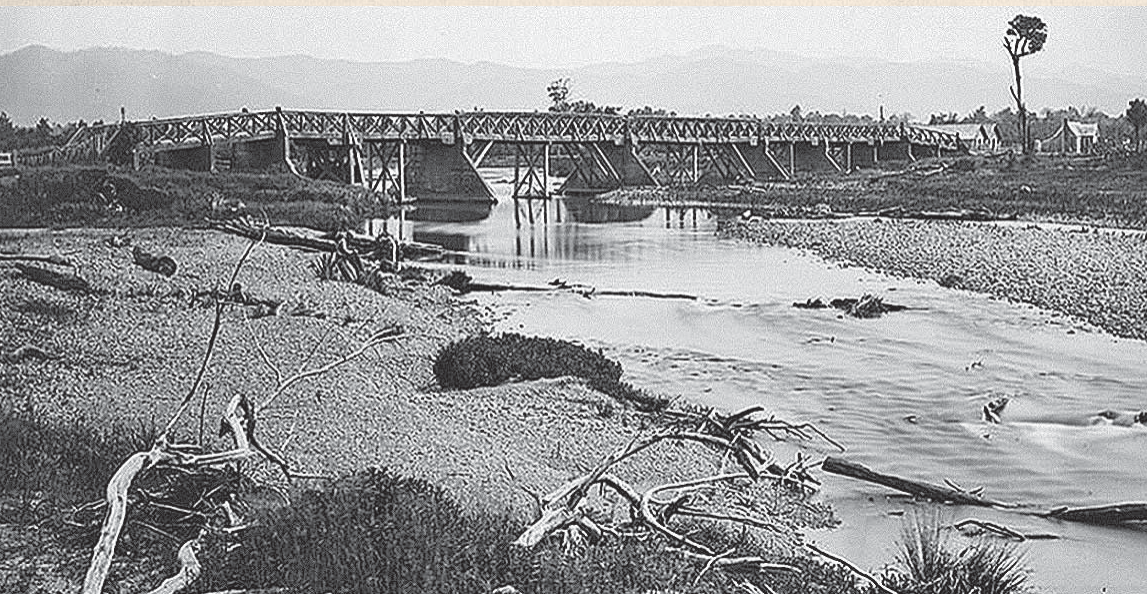
The June 1942 earthquake did extensive damage to the northern approach to the bridge, requiring traffic to be diverted pending completion of repairs.

Despite the inadequacies of the bridge, there were still hurdles to overcome in getting it replaced, including Transit deferring the project having received only one tender and that exceeded the available funding.

Eventually the new bridge was started in late 2005 and was opened by Harry Duynhoven, Minister of Transport Safety, on 28 November 2006.

Sources: Carterton District Historical Society and Tunnicliffe Collection.

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



Wellington Free Ambulance is delighted to welcome Tranzit as the latest Wairarapa business to respond to the call for support to help build the Wairarapa Ambulance Station.

This New Zealand-owned family business with roots in the Wairarapa has donated \$10,000 to the Station Build project and provided hugely valuable advertising in the form of a bus back free of charge.

General manager of fundraising and communications at Wellington Free Ambulance, Claire Carruthers, says "we can't thank Tranzit enough – not only are they generously donating to support the build, but they will also be helping to raise awareness and more donations from all across the region with the massive coverage that the bus back with give this campaign."

"This alignment with Wellington Free Ambulance seems a natural fit for

Tranzit," explains Jenna Snelgrove, general manager of Tranzit's Bus and Coach companies.

Crossword Solution

Across: 1. Bloc, 4. Spittle, 8. Hop, 9. Pati, 10. Chickenpox, 12. Toy, 14. Verlapping, 18. Therapeutic, 22. Hog, 23. Clementine, 25. Gage, 27. Moa, 28. Rooking, 29. Davy.
Down: 2. Lea, 3. Chic, 5. Paikaea, 6. Turnip, 7. Lagoon, 9. Patent, 11. Hyena, 13. Yoke, 15. Piton, 16. Itch, 17. Gaggle, 19. Hallio, 20. Remark, 21. Pinion, 24. Egad, 26. Guv

Nettles add value

Nourishing nettles, *Urtica dioica*, and spring go hand in hand – nettles make a fantastic spring tonic.

Once you've found your patch of nettles, wear long sleeves and grab your gloves, scissors and a basket. Once you've harvested your nettles, lay them out on kitchen paper, or newspaper, in a dry shady spot. Turn them once a day.

They will take about a week to dry, and then you can break them up a bit and put them in very dry jars to store. Unlike some commercially produced herbs, they shouldn't be like crumbs, as a lot of the goodness is lost. The sting disappears once they are dry.

Nettle infusion has fantastic nutritional value. It can be drunk on a daily basis to help reduce inflammation, protect the urinary tract, help with hay fever, and with lowering blood pressure.

Nettles are also an excellent blood purifier and have antibacterial and anti-fungal properties. Nettles are a good source of many minerals, and vitamins A, B, C and K. It's no surprise they have been used extensively, through time, for their nutritive value.

To make your tonic infusion, put a small handful of dried nettles into a glass jar that holds about three cups. Pour boiling water over the nettles, and leave to infuse for at least 4 hours.

Strain and keep in the fridge for up to three days. Drink 1 or 2 cups a day, either hot or cold. Remember to put the leftover strained material onto your garden or into your compost.

Nettle fibres have been used to make cloth, and are a bit like hemp fibres in their nature. Celtic folklore likens the nourishment of nettles to that of mother's milk. Folklore also tells us that nettles can turn a hard and unloving situation into one of fertility and richness. Nettles do this literally in the ground as well. If you have unwanted nettles in your garden, and your friends don't want them, just chop them at the base and leave them on the ground as compost.

Enjoy your spring, and your nourishing nettle infusions, and hope to see you at a Wairarapa Herb Society event soon.

Cindy Munn

NEW FACES

A Wairarapa move was the perfect recipe

Our big open spaces, sense of community and wine were a massive draw card for Trent Warren of Roving Pizza.

Trent, his wife Theresa, their three daughters along with their pizza business, have recently made the move to Wairarapa. Theresa came on a solo mission from their home in Northland to view a property in Longbush. Theresa said "It was the perfect property in the perfect region with plenty of space for our horses, so the dream was locked in."

The family had set up their business Roving Pizza in Waipu making the very best traditional Napolitana-style wood-fired pizzas.

"Making pizza started off as a hobby for me," says Trent. "I had previously worked as a head chef in fine dining restaurants, specifically Toto in Auckland, when my passion for Italian food first started.

"Then, when Theresa and I started a family, I was finding it a real challenge to balance family life with hospitality work hours. I decided to change up my career, dabbling in real estate and beekeeping, but I kept making pizzas, experimenting with traditional Italian methods, and serving my creations to friends and family," says Trent.

On arriving in the Wairarapa, Trent was searching for a place to set up his business. "I absolutely love wine, so Martinborough and its reputation for

making exquisite wines was definitely a major pull.

"Nga Waka had just opened their new cellar door and I saw that Nara had a temporary spot there. I got in touch with Mick and came to look around. Nga Waka cellar door is beautiful, they have an awesome, passionate cellar door team, the wines are exceptional and they have plenty of space for us to set up. It felt like the perfect partnership in my eyes."

Roving Pizza are serving up their authentic Napolitana pizzas every Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm at Nga Waka Winery.



Theresa and Trent Warren

CARRINGTON BOWLS

Keeping it in the family

Our last gala for the winter season was held recently. We had a full green, the sun was shining and great time was had by all participants.

We had several family teams competing. The winning team was Gavin and Harry Hamlyn with Trent Walker; second place was the Kenny team with Rex, Simon and Marshall Kenny (3 generations).

In third place were Graham Steffert, Geoff Balmain and Roy Smith (all grandfathers and not related).

Three other student bowlers were also playing in teams. Payton Smyth (with her mother Stacey) Claire Jacobson (with her mother Tracey), also Cade Carroll playing with his mum and dad.

They are all promising bowlers and it is great to see this age group enjoying the game of bowls and keeping older bowlers on their toes.



The Kenny team, Rex, Simon and Marshall

Opening Day was Saturday 9 September – the season was opened by Ron Mark at 2pm, followed by a game of bowls.

If you would like to give bowls a go, phone Pauline on



Gavin and Harry Hamlyn, with Trent Walker

027 406 6728 or come along on a Tuesday or Saturday afternoon – we can supply bowls for you to use.

The croquet green is looking very good and hopefully will be

available for play at the beginning of this coming season. If you are interested in playing croquet, come along or phone Robin Brasell 06 222 4000.

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