

New year, new approach?

The calendar is about to flip into another year. Family get-togethers, holidays and relaxation beckon those of us fortunate enough to be on that side of the ledger.

No school run twice a day, no constant connection with our workplaces. We have more choice in choosing what we do, when we do it, and with whom.

It's the ideal time to take a long look at the past year and to identify the aspects of it that you could do without. Can changes be made that will make 2024 a happier time for you, and those around you?

As editor of the Carterton Crier, I deal with all sorts of people, some of them seemingly frazzled by their daily routines. Rushing here, back there, over to get the kids, off to see a client... Busyness is the overriding theme.

The victims in this crime actually seem to relish the possibility of more things to do. Super mum (or dad) juggling so many balls while keeping the plates spinning. "Can't stop to chat, I'm already half an hour late for my next meeting," I heard one woman say proudly to her friend.

What's wrong here? Is it bad time management, incompetence, or over-reaching?

There are roses out there crying out to have their scents examined nasally. Slow someone down this holiday season, if you can.

Paul Dykes, Editor



Cartoonist John Stevenson's caricatures are both unique and uplifting gifts for those hard to buy for. Email john@johnstevenson.nz there is still time to get yours done for Christmas.

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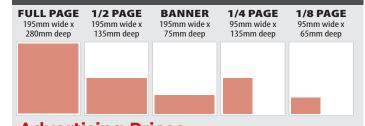
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CARTERTON FOODBANK

Canary in the coal mine

"If foodbanks are the canary in the coal mine of a nation's wellbeing, then New Zealand's bird is starving" (Virginia Fallon, Sunday Star Times).

Foodbanks nationwide are reporting huge demand for food parcels and Carterton is no exception. Demand for parcels has grown steadily this year.

As the shelves emptied, the generosity of our community in supporting the annual food drive on 1 November was welcomed and timely. John Vallely, Foodbank coordinator, says there has never been a better response.

Foodbank would like to offer heartfelt thanks to Carterton Rotary for coordinating the event, the Fire Brigade, Wellington Free Ambulance, St John's cadets, Air Scouts, Girl Guides, Thrive Walking group and Cabernet Foods who provided bacon for the barbeque that kept the hungry volunteers going.

Special thanks too to our new MP Mike Butterick who called in just to say hello, but pitched in and spent a couple of hours helping sort donations as they poured in.

Foodbank is now preparing to provide Christmas food parcels to Carterton families in need. Families have been identified by local agencies, schools and community groups as needing assistance over the Christmas period.

The parcels will provide the essentials for a traditional Christmas dinner including ham, vegetables, Christmas pudding, pavlova and other treats.

We are aiming to provide 50 parcels at a cost of about \$5000 and are seeking donations from the community and local businesses. Any donation, large or small, as a one off for the Christmas parcels or ongoing would be welcomed.

Bank account – Carterton Foodbank 02-0608-0048731-00. For a tax receipt, email carterton.foodbank@gmail.com

Foodbank will be open until 22 December for regular parcels and will reopen on 3 January 2024.

Carterton Foodbank says a huge thank you all its supporters and volunteers and wishes them the best for Christmas and New Year. We couldn't do any of it without you.

Sabrina Sullivan



ABOVE: Our MP helping out at the Foodbank. BELOW: Volunteers are kept busy.







GARDENING GUIDE

How does your garden grow?

Wondering about summer

According to the calendar, it is officially summer although sometimes you would wonder! In the dying days of November, we observed fresh snow on the Southern Crossing of the Tararua Ranges.

The past month of cold, wind and rain has bought mixed blessings. Soil temperature is still only 15 degrees and so the cucumber, pumpkins, butternuts are struggling to make any growth.

My watermelon got frosted and I have planted zucchini three times now. None are doing well. I believe 18 degrees is the magic soil temp at which cucurbits might thrive. Garlic is weak, leeks and red onions have bolted. This may not be their year.

Self-sown Flanders red poppies opened for Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget. California poppies are yet to flower, nasturtiums and cosmos are blooming and the ceanothus is covered in brilliant blue flowers.

Mercifully, passionfruit vines escaped the late frost. Stone and pip fruits set and some manual thinning occurred – but not too much. There was wind assistance. Despite an abundance of quince flower, no fruit set.

In the vegetable garden, our first rotation of pak choi, broccoli and Romanesco were abundant. Also now eating early crop Rocket potatoes and trying to beat the birds to the ripe tomatoes and strawberries!

Peas are in pod and fattening; yams growing well in the bath tub. Leaves on the rhubarb are almost as big as umbrellas and the flower head that I missed is at least 2 metres tall!

Corn spurry (weed) looks pretty, but the seeds are ubiquitous and promise a perennial crop for the rest of time unless the plant is pulled before seed fall.

Tasks include weeding daily. Then firm up soil up against corn stalks (mine now 30cm tall) to encourage aerial roots, which stabilise the plants in destructive wind. Corn is wind pollinated.

Continue to mulch – the long dry is still promised.

Maintain succession planting of brassicas and root crops. Red Rubin radish has finished. Its successor was Daikon, which germinated readily, maturing in January.

Don't forget herbs. Pot pretty containers for Christmas gifting. Who doesn't love buttered tarragon turkey, minted peas and potatoes, thyme on pizza – or just flowering in the garden. Marjoram and oregano are looking lush for salads and meats. Remember, container grown plants need a regular source of water – the perfect job for little miss or master under 5!

Weed currants, gooseberries, loganberries, raspberries, blueberries, Cape gooseberries, grapes. Net them all – and the cherries. So much to do.

Hopefully, you feel inspired. Get gardening!

Barbara Thompson



Yams enjoying their bath tub



The rhubarb got away from me



Early crop Rocket potatoes







What's On in Carterton

Aratoi Museum Summer Exhibitions:

Lea-Anne Sheather: Handle with Care until 10 March, Madison Emond: The River Sees until 10 March, Tatyana Kulida: Wairarapa Felt until 10 March, Kathy Bartlett: Teas Light Lunches until 18 February; The New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Wairarapa Art Review 2023 16 December – 18 February; Natasha Ratuva: Buiniga until 18 February

Carterton Community Christmas

Dinner from 11:30am on Christmas Day, Monday, 25 December. Volunteers required for one of four shifts: Friday morning 22 December – a couple of hours in the morning to help set up tables and decorate. Christmas Day – 10am to noon for food preparation; 11:30am to 1:30pm for food service and plate pick up; 1pm to 2:30pm for cleanup. Please contact Sue 027 481 8815 or email sue.fleet@xtra.co.nz or Judith on 027 379 6003 or email judithjagger@ hotmail.com for more information and reservations to book your spot or to volunteer for a particular shift

Heart of Arts The Volunteers' Exhibition opened on 8 December at the gallery. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteer, please contact us via email at coordinator.hoa@mail.com

Mangatarere Restoration Society Meet the stream team, 16 January 2024 at 6.30pm, the Society is hosting a public gathering at the Carterton Courthouse in Holloway St **St David's Church** family warmly invite you to attend their Christmas Celebration – 10am Sunday 24 December. This year no service will be held on Christmas Day

Sunset Cinema *Wild Goose Lake* is a Chinese neo-noir thriller involving gang warfare, bathing beauties at the lake massage parlour, police rewards and delicious noodle restaurants, Friday 15 December, Rangatahi Hub from 7pm. For further details about tickets, go to www.sunset cinema carterton.com

Wai Word The 2024 season will open with "Tales from Wales" – a day for the young and old, with Peter Stevenson, a Welsh illustrator, author and story encyclopaedia, Saturday, 24 February

HEART OF ARTS

2023 Volunteers' Exhibition

To celebrate our dedicated, talented volunteers, we are having an exhibition of work by those volunteers who are also contributing

Heart of Arts relies on our volunteers who give their time in the gallery and on the committee. At present, we have a good number of volunteers who work weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

We appreciate whatever time people can give and work together to cover shifts when someone can't make it. Being a volunteer at Heart of Arts means you can share your interest in art, in communicating with visitors and being part of and promoting our vibrant creative community.

One of our volunteers, Lynda, says "being a volunteer opened my eyes to the creative talents of so many people. It's a great place to be involved because of the nonjudgement of work. I find talking to people browsing fascinating sometimes because of the memories some artists can awaken in them."

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Leanne Taylor, Roster/volunteer management



HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Greytown garden tour launched

The Greytown Heritage Trust proudly presents this self-guided tour, unveiling 11 remarkable properties – many opening to the public for the first time.

Spend a summer day exploring the gems of this picturesque town, renowned for its charming homesteads – all while supporting the preservation of our heritage.

This Waitangi Weekend Sunday (4
February 2024) event is a fundraiser for the restoration of Greytown's historic Kōuka Cottage (c.1860) at Stella Bull Park, 113 Main St. This important renovation will be a notable further achievement in fostering Greytown's architectural heritage and rich social history.

Properties are open from 10am–4.30pm. This tour is self-guided, you may visit the properties in any order you wish.

The property owners on this tour have graciously volunteered their homes and gardens for this fundraising event. Please treat

them and their properties with the utmost

There will be select homes and rooms with no-entry signage. Please do not touch any items on the properties. Please do not take any photos.

To ensure a safe event for all, this tour is reserved for those aged 14+. Please do not bring any pets with you to the properties. Please note that accessibility is unfortunately limited in a majority of properties on the tour. Toilets will not be available to use on any property. Greytown public toilets will be marked on the map. Although we expect a fine day, the tour will proceed regardless of rain.

Cash sales of garden-related items and homemade treats will be available at several properties. The proceeds of these sales will also contribute to the fundraiser.

For more heritage information, visit https://www.greytownheritagetrust.co.nz/

HANDHELD HOSES ON ALTERNATE DAYS



- All unattended watering systems are banned.
- You can water your garden by hand on alternate days.
- Keep a hand on your hose don't leave it unattended.

WHY DO WE HAVE RESTRICTIONS? ARE WE RUNNING OUT OF WATER?

- It is part of our consent conditions with Greater Wellington Regional Council to conserve water
- We need to allow for firefighting capabilities
- We have infrastructure in place to ensure we can provide continuous clean water but with a dry summer predicted, the conditions will mean a drain on our supply from the stream, aquifer, and bores.

Find out more at cdc.govt.nz/water



CARTERTON FARMERS' MARKET

Open right up to Christmas

The popular Carterton Farmers' Market is staying open every Sunday up to Christmas Eve, restarting on 7 January.

If you intend to have a \$10 stall, contact Dan at info@cartertonmarket.co.nz

Henson's fabulous range of vegetables is available right over the Christmas and New Year period – every Sunday until 14 January. Wilfred will have peas, new potatoes, summer fruit and oranges, in addition to the regular vegetables, walnuts, and free-range eggs stocked.

Get your summer veggie garden up and running with seeds and commercial-quality seedlings, with gardening advice freely available.

Our regular stallholders have organic eggs, salad greens, leafy green veggies, and a selection of interesting plants. Watch out for radishes, beetroot, and zucchini in the coming weeks. There are a variety of chutneys, jams, and Helen's honey, to take to family or to give as a thank you.

"A Complete Cow" will be with us on Sunday 17 December, and monthly thereafter, with a great range of sausages, steaks, and mince for burgers, perfect for holiday BBQs or staying over with family. Their beautiful grass-fed cows are farmed chemically-free and butchered locally.

Also on Sunday 17, take a look at Graham's concrete garden sculptures and colourful resin



Making the most of a great Carterton asset

artworks. These add an interesting focal point in the garden or outside of your home.

In late October, the Annual Plant Sale, attracted 40+ stalls to fill Memorial Square. People came early for the best pick of the wide variety of plants on offer. Perennials, vegetable seedlings, tomatoes, native plants, and more

exotic ones, were for sale and, as always, of great quality at wholesale prices.

Gold-coin entry and donated items raised \$480 for Wellington Free Ambulance's Wairarapa Station

The next big plant sale is the Arbor Sale in May, book early for a stall.



ADVERTISING SALES / ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

The Carterton Crier Society Incorporated, publishers of the *Carterton Crier*, would like to appoint someone to sell advertising on behalf of the *Crier*, to liaise with advertisers, and to manage the production of invoices in Xero through to settlement.

The role would be part-time on a contract basis, with the successful candidate setting their own hours of work, while adhering to the monthly publishing deadlines of the *Crier*. The sales approaches in the Carterton area should be in person as much as possible.

A retainer would be paid monthly, and all new advertising secured would attract further commission payments. The terms will be agreed with the successful candidate.

This is a newly established role that will develop over time, but it is envisaged it would require about 20 hours a month initially.

If you are a self-starter who knows your way around Carterton, and its businesses, this role could be enjoyable and financially rewarding. You would also be helping the *Crier* survive as a community asset.

Please email crier.ed@gmail.com to lodge your interest in the role, and state briefly why it would play into your strengths.

All applicants will be contacted by the Society and interviews will be conducted with some of the candidates.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 9 February, 2024.





CARTERTON ROSE SOCIETY

Rose notes

Deadhead your roses

This month you should deadhead your roses after the first flush so they will continue to flower.

As the weather gets warmer make sure your rose beds are kept moist. When watering its best to deep water once a week and not sprinkle your beds.

Keep up the spraying to avoid fungal problems. There are organic sprays available that give good results.

Top up the beds with plenty of mulch this will keep the moisture in and stop evaporation. Pick up and burn leaves to prevent disease, rust or black spot and spray roses again.

You can save rose petals and dry them for pot pourri.

When cutting flowers do so early morning, then place them in a bucket of tepid water in a cool place for a few hours before arranging them. Flowers can also be cut late in the day when it is cooler and treat them the same way.

Phillippa Edwards, Carterton Rose Society



CARTERTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Open over Christmas

The members of the Carterton Senior Citizens group would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

We will not be closing down at all and if you are at a loose end you might like to join us on a Friday at the old Courthouse (next to the library) from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. We play cards (500) and Rummikub and if there are enough people interested we also play scrabble.

The weekly session costs \$4 and for that you get a cuppa and a biscuit as well as some great company and quite a few laughs. Occasionally, we will go out for lunch somewhere local before our Friday gathering.

We don't play seriously (most of the time anyway) and would welcome some new members.

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Meet the stream team

On Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 6.30pm, the Mangatarere Restoration Society (MRS) is hosting a public gathering at the Carterton Courthouse in Holloway St.

We invited the Upper Mangatarere River Care Group to join us, so they can obtain the benefits of applying for project funding as part of an incorporated society.

Our 10-minute AGM will start at 7pm followed by a presentation of what has happened over the past few years, where we have concentrated

our efforts on working on the flood hazard maps.

These were released to the Wairarapa District Plan Committee in July this year as part of the District Plan consultation process.

With the Daleton Farm Waste Water Treatment Project completed earlier this year, we look forward to partnering with Council on community-led care projects on this site.

For more information, please contact us at mangatarere.restoration@gmail.com or give Jill a call on 027 488 4376.



View looking north off Belvedere bridge in the floods last year

PING PONG PARKINSON'S

We build neurons

Wairarapa people living with Parkinson's now have a new activity to help keep them mobile – Ping Pong Parkinson's.

The Red Star Table Tennis Club in Herbert St, Masterton, has kindly opened its doors to provide instruction and support for those wanting to take up the sport.

Research is indicating that table tennis (ping pong) stimulates the part of the brain that affects balance, helps generate new brain cells and increases blood flow.

This is a new initiative for Parkinson's New Zealand. It is hoped that it will be taken up all around New Zealand after the great response received in Kapiti and now Wairarapa. This sport is gaining traction worldwide with 20 countries having established Ping Pong Parkinson's, with the motto

"We Build Neurons". This year hundreds of Parkinson's players attended a competition in Austria.

Ping Pong Parkinson's will be held on the last Tuesday of each month, with the option of playing more regularly by contacting Peter at the Red Star Table Tennis Club, 027 566 5664.

All our Parkinson's activities are now winding down for the festive season. Starting dates for 2024: Exercise Class Thursday 18 January; Singing Group Wednesday 24 January; Ping Pong Tuesday 30 January.

These activities are available to anyone who has Parkinson's or other neurological conditions that have affected their speech or coordination.

For further information about Parkinson's in the Wairarapa, visit our Facebook page ParkinsonsWairarapa or email wai.parkinsons@gmail.com





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CARTERTON KINDERGARTEN

A day in the bush

Some of our tamariki got to explore The New Forest school in Masterton recently.

The outdoor school was set in 240 acres of native forest. The terrain provided challenges of its own, as we dodged mud and blackberry bushes, climbed up and down hills and pathways.

We explored the mud kitchen with natural clay and an open fire to cook damper. Feeding the horses was a real highlight for many of the tamariki as well as hut building from sticks and swinging in the trees or a ride on the wooden sled. A wonderful, adventurous day for us all.

This day was a great opportunity to learn Te Taiao- to be kaitiaki, respecting the environment, ourselves, and others in the New Forest.



Having fun with clay



Sticking to the basics

WORKIES WHISPERS

Awards night at the club

Last month, the club held the adjuncts' Trophy Night at which all the winners of the year received their trophies from their respective sports activities.

The main club trophies were the Club Achievers Award and Sportsperson of the Year. The winners, as nominated by the club members, were Wendy Wills for Club Achiever and Jack Lemon for Sportsperson.

Upcoming entertainment is "Just B" on New Year's Eve. They are from the Taranaki and will see the new year in.

The Club 60 year has come to an end and its next meeting will be on Monday 29 January 2024 at 1.30pm.



Wendy Wills and Jack Lemon with their trophies

A newly initiated pool competition was started last month between SWWMC and Club Wairarapa. It was won by Club Wairarapa, who have the honour of naming the trophy.

Jessica Clapp and Jack Lemon represented the club last month at the Chartered Club NZ 8-Ball Nationals held in Christchurch and came 3rd Equal in the Open Pairs Flights out of 120 pairs.

Club golfers recently attended the Chartered Club North Island Champs, although one day was washed out, they achieved 5th place out of a total of 60 teams.

> On behalf of South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club, we wish the readers of the Crier all the best for the coming season and New Year.



Carterton's Cosmic Leap

Hari and Sam from Milky-Way.Kiwi are space science communicators and planetarians. They run SpacewardBound.nz for schools country-wide, utilising "The Mars Blueberry" – their portable planetarium and Star Safari at their observatory on Ponatahi Rd.

Hari and Sam recently joined the Go Carterton executive. Hari is the national coordinator for the World Space Week in New Zealand and while Hari and Sam have been promoting World Space Week for many years, it was this October with the support from Go Carterton that they saw a stellar line up of events.

Under the banner of World Space Week, Carterton reached for the stars, embracing the theme of Space Entrepreneurship. Spearheaded by Go Carterton, the town buzzed with energy, showcasing an innovative blend of space-themed events and highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit within our local community.

Go Carterton members, renowned for their unwavering dedication to community development, outdid themselves by curating a series of events that not only celebrated the wonders of the cosmos but also underscored the importance of innovation and enterprise in space exploration.

The Space Nails event at Orly Boutique, the immersive Space Story Time at Almo's Books, the creative Space Colouring Competition hosted with Kāinga Eatery, and the engaging town-wide Space Scavenger Hunt were more than just festivities; they were embodiments of the entrepreneurial ethos that drives space exploration forward.

Go Carterton's role in orchestrating these events was pivotal. Reflecting on the success of these events, it's clear that Carterton is not just reaching for the stars in a literal sense, but is also nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit that could propel our community and future explorers towards new cosmic frontiers.

Lou Newman

Rockets were fun at World Space Week

KEEP CARTERTON BEAUTIFUL GROUP

Weather aids the weeds

Unfortunately, the weather has not played ball – with the rain and warm weather the weeds have certainly grown rampant along the walkway between Pembroke and Victoria Sts. This took two working bees to remove.

The weeds at the transfer station in Dalefield Rd plus Wyndham Street Park and the entranceway to Howard Booth Park, have also grown considerably, resulting in two big jobs to finish off our year.

Volunteers have spent approximately 800 hours during 2023, so a huge thank you to our volunteers.

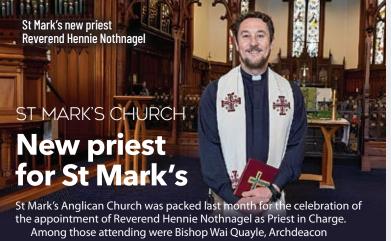
On behalf of our volunteers, we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas season. Follow us on our Facebook page to see what we have been up to.

Cath Rolls, secretary KCBG, 027 303 1838 or email keepcartertonbeautiful@gmail.com for more information.



Dealing to the weeds along the walkway





Among those attending were Bishop Wai Quayle, Archdeacon Pete Watson, a host of Anglican clergy from around the Wairarapa, representatives from the Catholic and Union parishes, and mayor Ron Mark

Reverend Hennie was Assistant Priest at Epiphany Church in Masterton, so a large group from that parish also attended.

Born in South Africa, Hennie has lived in New Zealand since 2005. He and his wife Sarah, also an Anglican minister, have two adult sons, Juan and Shaun.

Hennie says that he is delighted to have been called to St Mark's and is looking forward to supporting its efforts to serve the people of Carterton and to show and share God's love. "Together is a key word in my approach to ministry. A solo Christian is an isolated Christian."

St Mark's churchwardens are full of enthusiasm for Hennie's appointment. Kevin Jelley says, "I have known Hennie for the past three years. I have been impressed by his devotion to God and his love of all people. He displays great empathy and has a gentle caring nature." Don Baskerville agrees "I am drawn to Hennie's energy and enthusiasm and practical approach to life. He will love and support all those he meets, and we will grow both spiritually and as a community thanks to his influence."

Reverend Hennie began his ministry at St Mark's on Sunday 3 December.

CARTERTON SWIM CLUB

Patron leaves her legacy

It was with sadness the Carterton Swim Club observed the passing of its patron June Pinfold on 15 November aged 96.

June was born in Rhodes St Carterton and lived her whole life in the town area until moving into elderly care in Masterton six years ago. She swam with the club, first as a youngster and later with her husband Alan and four children, being awarded life membership of the club in 1981.

June's eldest daughter Christine remembers June's passion for kids' swimming and her enduring compassion for those less fortunate children of the district.

June "knew every kid in town", not just those who swam, so one gentle question from her was usually sufficient to keep them on track. The Carterton indoor pool's focus on learn-to-swim, school groups and younger swimmer development is part of her legacy.

June served the swim club for many years as a club officer and race official. She contributed financially to the swim club redevelopment project, just as she and her family's transport business has done for so many local sports clubs and charitable organisations.

It's hard to imagine how June could have given any more of herself. Her tireless energy and selfless dedication to others were common in her generation and borne from the great social sacrifices of the early and mid-1900s. The swim club could not have asked for a better role model.

Once in elderly care, June suggested handing over the patron duties to someone more physically capable and was jokingly advised it was acceptable to take the role to the grave. June accepted that, and nevertheless maintained an active and engaged interest in the club throughout her final years.

We are fortunate to have lived in her community.

Carterton & Districts Returned & Services Memorial Trust Tertiary Grant

Grant applications open 15th January 2024

Applications for the Carterton & Districts
Returned & Services Memorial Trust tertiary
grants are invited from residents of the
Carterton district who are direct descendants
of veterans and service personnel. The grants
are provided by the Trust to students under 25
years of age to assist with expenses related to
their tertiary education.

Smarty Grant application form is available from:

- Council website www.cdc.govt.nz/community/community funding
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Sunday 25th February from 7:00pm

Showtime presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson.

Celebrate Jackson's creative genius and unsurpassed talent with riveting live performances evoking his early days as a member of the Jackson 5, his groundbreaking theatrics in the 80s and his continued domination of Pop culture into the 21st century. Songs include Thriller, Billie Jean, Smooth Criminal, Bad, Beat It, ABC, Don't Stop Til You Get Enough, Human Nature, PYT, They Don't Really Care About Us and many more.

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Truly a mind-blowing stage production – not to be missed!







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We'll keep you in the loop and let you know about our upcoming events, updates and offers!

Scan the QR code with your phones camera to be taken to our sign up form.





FREE (Koha donation appreciated)

TIME: 11:30am on Christmas Day. Bookings Essential. WHERE: Carterton Events Centre

To book contact Sue Fleet on sue.fleet@xtra.co.nz or message via mobile on 027 481 8815. Please book in by 21st December.

For tickets to these events & more visit

www.cartertonec.co.nz | 06 379 4081





It is carol time again

I hope you are ready for Christmas? As we prepare ourselves with watching and waiting during Advent, the "big day" is finally on our doorstep.

It is quite a popular idea of "being ready for Christmas". We ponder on what this idea is really about and what it can mean to us individually or collectively.

Does it refer, to shopping, or perhaps, come to think of it, to decorating the house, writing cards, preparing the Christmas lunch... the list goes on. Or does it refer to "being ready" in a different way?

Might I suggest this year we take a fresh look at this very special Christian celebration. We have been preparing for weeks, but are we ready to listen attentively to, or share the story of the birth of Jesus, the light of the world, who calls us still to follow him and to shine as lights in a troubled world.

Let us ponder this year if we are brave enough to take to heart a new challenge, to be authentic, to live like He did, have compassion like He did

and love like He did.

This Christmas, we have an opportunity to kindle in our hearts the prayer that we will offer as we light the remaining candle on our Advent Wreath. As we share in the words printed below, may we declare that we are ready to welcome the Light of light, King of kings and to live by his example and bring the good news of the Christ child to the world.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas.

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest.

Revd. Hennie Nothnagel, Priest in Charge, St Mark's Carterton

REFORMED CONGREGATION

A blessed reflection

We all know how important love is. To love and to be loved in a genuine, faithful, sacrificial, pure, and wholesome way is the apex of joy.

But where does this love come from? Love does not really fit in the philosophy of the survival of the fittest. This past year our world has witnessed again that we are able to produce much hatred, oppressions, abuse, and neglect.

It is not only sad. It is maddening to witness what we people do to each other. After many centuries of living on this planet, we haven't become any more civilised than previous generations on this score.

We invite you warmly to join us for moment of reflection upon the ultimate hope for a better world. Each year we stop to consider the brightest point in our world's history: the birth of baby Jesus.

Though born as the Son of Mary, Jesus is the Son of God, mysteriously, entering into our human existence. One of Jesus' closest friends, the apostle John, wrote this amazing tribute to God: "In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

That was a costly way to love. To sacrifice your Son, the only One, by sending Him into a world which brutally killed Him, was not a thoughtless action.

It was God's way to telling us, "Even though you people have made a huge mess of yourself, and have turned My world into a place of sin and suffering, I have deep and personal thoughts of peace.

"I am not coming to condemn you though you deserve it for what you did and do. But I have come to bring salvation, restoration, a new beginning."

How He accomplished that through the birth and death of His Son is the great theme of the Bible.

Our prayer as Reformed Congregation is that we may all experience this peace of God that passes all understanding and definition. Have a blessed reflection on the love of God.

Reformed Congregation of Carterton (www.rcnz.org)

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

Christmas equals Jesus' birth

A time of great rejoicing! We read about it in the Bible – the timeless Word of God, 44 writers, inspired and authorised by God.

Jesus' conception – birth – life – death and resurrection were accurately recorded thousands of years before He was born, and confirmed by later biblical and historical writings.

Jesus, whose life split time between BC and AD and set our calendar ticking.

The babe of Bethlehem, whom angels joyfully declared would bring peace to all.

His teachings are simple – love your neighbour as you love yourself, do for others as you would have them do for you, don't worry about tomorrow, the Father knows what you need, He cares for you, forgive as I have forgiven you. For over 2000 years, His life has affected whole civilisations for good.

Jesus' name means "God saves". From Heaven He came, to Heaven He returned and sent His Holy Spirit – the "friend, helper and comforter" to dwell in us – if we invite Him in.

It's all a mystery, and yet His life brings transformation to all who call on His Name.

His power is made visible through extraordinary people like, Billy Graham, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, to name a few, and in the countless lives of everyday people who experience what Jesus came to give – peace, purpose, joy, love, freedom, healing and hope.

In a world filled with unrest, true peace comes through the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.

St David's Church family warmly invite you to attend our Christmas Celebration – 10am Sunday 24 December.

This year no service will be held on Christmas Day.





Why? Because we're good!

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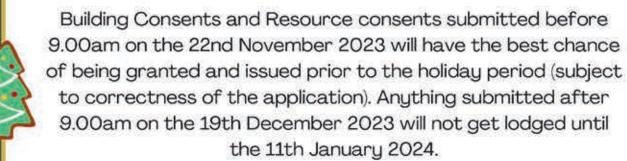
FROM EVERYONE AT THE CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL



LIBRARY AND COUNCIL OFFICE

Closes midday 22 December Reopens from Monday 8 January 2023

BUILDING



The last building inspection timeslot for 2023 will be 2.30pm on Thursday the 21st December 2023, and the first inspection time in the New Year will be at 9.00am on Tuesday the 9th January 2024.

The last day for submitting an application for a non-urgent Lim Report is Wednesday the 6th December 2023, and the last day for submitting an application for an urgent Lim Report is Wednesday the 13th December 2023. LIM's submitted outside these dates will not be lodged until the 11th January 2024.

The first day in the New Year for processing Building Consents, Resource Consents and LIM applications is Thursday the 11th January 2024.











Period	Open days	Open hours
25 November to 24 December 2023	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday	2:00pm - 6:00pm 10:00am - 6:00pm
25 December 2023 (Christmas Day)	Closed	Closed
26 December 2023 (Boxing Day) and 1 January 2024 (New Years Day)	Both Days	12:00pm - 6:00pm
27 December 2023 to 4 February 2024	Everyday	10:00am - 6:00pm
5 February 2024 to 17 March 2024	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday Public Holidays	2:00pm - 6:00pm 10:00am - 6:00pm 10:00am - 6:00pm
Extended open hours	There are 16 Days avaliable, t until 8:00pm. The Days for the weather conditions and will b	hese hours are flexible due to
Closed private event	Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 Marc	h

RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION





JANUARY 2024

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O Normal collection: 2nd & 3rd Jan

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TRANSFER STATION

Closed: Christmas Day, New Years Day





2023 Volunteers' Exhibition

To celebrate our dedicated, talented volunteers, we are having an exhibition of work by those volunteers who are also contributing artists.

Heart of Arts relies on our volunteers who give their time in the gallery and on the committee. At present, we have a good number of volunteers who work weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

We appreciate whatever time people can give and work together to cover shifts when someone can't make it. Being a volunteer at Heart of Arts means you can share your interest in art, in communicating with visitors and being part of and promoting our vibrant creative community.

One of our volunteers, Lynda, says "being a volunteer opened my eyes to the creative talents of so many people. It's a great place to



Flowers by Janet Atkinson

be involved because of the non-judgement of work. I find talking to people browsing fascinating sometimes because of the memories some artists can awaken in them."

The Volunteers' Exhibition opened on Friday



A bluebird by Maria Viljoen

8 December with a function at the gallery. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteer, please contact us via email at coordinator.hoa@mail.com

Leanne Taylor, Roster/volunteer management

ARATOI ARTS

Home is where the heart is

Two local artists are showcased over summer at Aratoi – Tatyana Kulida and Kathy Bartlett.

Tatyana Kulida's Wairarapa Felt is running until 10 March. The exhibition is a reflection of the scenes, objects and experiences from the Wairarapa region that she now calls home. "Home is where the heart is and this exhibition is a testament to me finding my heart here in the Wairarapa."

Kathy Bartlett's *Teas Light Lunches* is on until 18 February. The small oil paintings continue her eclectic and often light-hearted exploration of belonging and home that can be found in the simple things – a chipped enamel colander, a favourite fish 'n' chip shop sign and the immense Wairarapa skies.

All welcome to the Summer Gallery Opening on 15 December, 5.30pm-Artist Talks accompany these exhibitions, see Aratoi website for details.



Tatyana Kulida, Wairarapa Summer Harvest, 2023, oil on linen

CARTERTON NETBALL

Season's greetings

We are anticipating the return of everyone in 2024 with great enthusiasm.

There are thrilling events on the horizon, including twilight, exciting club nights, and much more to look forward to.

Have a great Christmas and see you all in the New Year.





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CARTERTON SCHOOL

We are getting the chop

Carterton School is back in the barber seat and raising some funds for Camp Quality.

Two Year-8 students, Trevahn and Angus, and one kaiako, Kristi Hiles, lost their locks on Friday 8 December at our school's assembly with the whole school supporting them.

Last year, we managed to raise more than \$2500 for Camp Quality and we are hoping to beat that this year.

Miss Hiles has a close personal motivation as to why she is taking part in this fundraiser. Tane, her nephew, has recently been diagnosed with cancer and has undergone multiple surgeries and treatments to beat it.

"I have always had long hair and did not want to cut it, but this feels right. Tane didn't lose his hair through his treatments, so I will be cutting it short rather than doing a full shave."

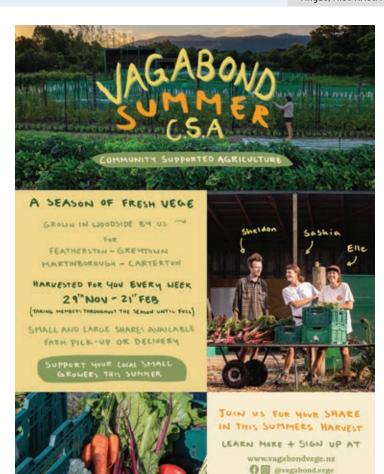
After signing up to this fundraiser, Miss Hiles found out that Tane will be attending Camp Quality next year and is thrilled that he along with many children living with cancer will get to have time to just be kids, play, have fun and experience an action-packed camp.

"Tane has been so brave and kept his spirits and positivity high throughout his diagnosis and I am so proud to be able to give back to Camp Quality."

If you would like to donate to our Give-A-Little page or share among the community please do, the link is https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/shave-for-camp-quality. Every little bit makes a difference.



Angus, Miss Kristi Hiles and Trevahn are cutting their hair for Camp Quality





SAFETY ON OUR RURAL ROADS

The rural road network is the deadliest by way of road type. In 2019, 73% of NZ road deaths occurred on local roads.

A lot of our Wairarapa rural roads have seen deaths and serious injuries from crashes. The main reasons are inappropriate speed, loss of control, distraction and impairment.

Rural roads are different to State Highways and motorways, which often have median and side barriers, hard 'shoulders' and passing lanes on long straight stretches of road. Rural country roads are often winding and narrow with little room for error, with trees, ditches and fences next to the road, narrow bridges, hidden driveways, uneven surfaces and unexpected stock and large, slow agricultural vehicles.

The Wairarapa Road Safety Council hopes this article will remind drivers to slow down, drive to the conditions and be alert to the hazards on our rural country roads.

Bruce Pauling Manager - Wairarapa Road Safety Council



SPEEDS



Drive at a speed that matches the conditions. A lot of Wairarapa narrow, winding country roads have inappropriate 100km/h posted speeds, so you'll need to drive slower. Some don't have centre lines. The law states that when driving on a road with no centre line, you need to be able to stop in ½ the distance of clear road you can see in front of you. You don't know what is coming towards you around that upcoming blind corner! (Slow down and keep as far left as safely possible). On gravel roads, slow considerably, so as to remain in control and to stop spraying gravel over your vehicle and other vehicles.

VISIBILITY



- Constantly moving from bright sunlight into shaded areas from trees and hills causes visibility issues - slower speeds enable you to react safely.
- You cannot see around corners, so slow down on your approach.
- Winter conditions mean foggy conditions, limit visibility, so again, slow down.

HAZARDS



- Soft road shoulders country roads often have no 'hard' sealed shoulders. If wheels leave the sealed roadway, a loss of control can occur, especially in Winter.
- Uneven road surfaces.
- Loose gravel dragged onto the road from rural driveways.
- Stock being moved to different areas of a farm.
- Deep drains just off the roadway.
- Narrow or one way bridges, (obey the Give Way signs for your direction of travel).
- Permanently shaded areas in winter, which are potentially "icy".

Either way it's 20k

The legal speed limit to drive past a stopped school bus is 20km/hr in BOTH directions.

Children waiting for the school bus on rural roads are often hard to see. School buses are en route from early mornings and late afternoons.

BUS USERS: Never cross the road until the bus has moved off down the road and you can CLEARLY see the way is clear in both directions.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

- "Please slow down around our rural bus stops and schools" Nathan Hill, Whareama School Principal
- "Please slow down as much as possible when passing stationary buses at our rural school bus stops our kids don't have a choice, but you do." - Georgie Butler, rural school Mum





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Carterton heritage plaque project

As an outcome of a meeting by the CDC's Arts, Cultural and Heritage Advisory Group in April 2021, Carterton District Historical Society (CDHS), was asked to provide a list of historical buildings and heritage sites and their addresses by June that year.

This was done, and while four sites were owned by CDC, one by Greater Wellington Regional Council and the balance held in private ownership, the information unearthed and the receipt of a grant from CDC allowed the project to take its first tentative steps.

Given the extent of the research involved and the need to maintain the property owner(s) privacy, work was started on both fronts. Firstly, a schedule of properties, including the five not in private ownership, was compiled and submitted to CDC. Confirmation was received from CDC that the schedule was accepted and funding was approved for the project.

Sites were graded 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important. The basic design for the plaques was undertaken by the CDHS Committee and quotes for the supply and installation were obtained from three local companies.

One of the more difficult aspects of the design was getting an accurate description of the history of each of the premises, from

residential to commercial premises to heritage sites, contained in a story of 130 to 150 words.

By April 2022, the building/site owners were emailed with the wording for their individual plaque, asking for confirmation to proceed by 30 April 2022.

Once the responses were received, and the wording agreed upon, the plaques were produced and contact details of the owners were supplied to Lamb-Peters Print so the plaques could be installed where the owners had indicated.

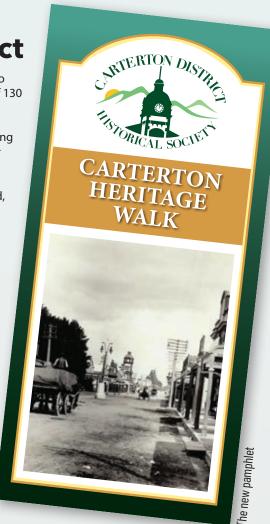
The following year, the Historical Society applied for funding from CDC to produce a pamphlet to go with the plaques.

With the help of Lamb-Peters Print, we now have the Carterton Heritage Walk pamphlet.

Copies are available from the Information Centre and our rooms

Carterton District Historical Society, 142 High St North, Carterton

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Education, Youth, Children

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Carterton Community Toy Library Facebook:@ cartertontoylibrary

Carterton Kindergarten Phone 379 8102 or call in to enrol. Website wmkindergartens. org.nz Email: carterton@ wmkindergartens.org.nz/

Carterton Playcentre Email carterton@playcentre.org. nz, and on Facebook

Carterton Scout Group Keas, Cubs and Scouts. Contact Sylvia Morgan 06 379 7153 or 027 249 3395 **Girl Guide Groups** Guides and Brownies, Sharon Aston 021 033 0550. Pippins, Debbie Fryer 06 379 6588

He Pounamu Early Nurture See Facebook, or email admin@hepounamu.co.nz

Kiddie Gym Joan 06 379 8325 Longbush Playgroup We run 9am-noon Wednesdays during term time. Search Facebook for

Longbush Playgroup for more info

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

St John Maria Tankersley 06 379 6479

Wairarapa Kids Choir Fridays from 3.50-4.50pm term time at the Courthouse, Carterton Events Centre, ages 7+. 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

Services

Book Club Carterton District Library, library@cdc. govt.nz. 06 379 4080

Book Group U3A Sue Burns 06 379 6506

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

Greytown Music Group Ed and Juliet Cooke, phone 06 304 9497, email efjacooke@gmail.com.

Heart of Arts Wairarapa 47 High St North Carterton. Open Wednesday–Sunday 10am–4pm

Jonáš Koukl's music classes and drumming group. Contact Jonáš at jonas@connectingarts.com 021 0842 1552

NZ Pacific Studio Residency Programme visit www. artistresidency.org.nz

Off Track Arts Handcrafted

jewellery, sculptures and art knives by Benjamin Madden and Marisa McLuckie. Home gallery open by appointment, offtrackarts@gmail.com, www.offtrackarts.nz

South End Strummers friendly, fun and informal ukulele group. Players of all levels and singers welcome. Contact Kris 027 383 1285

Wai Art Group For information phone Anthea Crozier 06 377 1261

Wairarapa Music Co-Creation Meetups www.connectingmusic.nz, 021 0842 1552

Wairarapa Word Presentations and workshops, talks with writers, since 2012. Dates and times vary. Find us on Facebook and YouTube. Contact events. waiword@gmail.com

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Age Concern Contact 06 377 0066 for more information

Alcoholics Anonymous Bob 021 042 2947 and Martin 06 372 7764

Carterton Community Dinner All welcome. \$6. RSVP 06 379 7937

Carterton Foodbank Answerphone 06 379 4092

Carterton Friendship Club Jeanne 06 379 5444

Carterton District Historical Society 142 High St North, 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 Secretary 022 340 7418

Central Lions Nita Edwards 027 247 8441

Clareville Cemetery tour organiser taphophile and researcher. Contact:06 379 6402, pentonygraham@xtra.co.nz

Club Carterton Club Carterton on Facebook. 35–77 Broadway, Carterton

Diabetes contact

Georgina Kilmister, Chris. georgina@yahoo.com

Digital Seniors Free technology coaching sessions and support for over 65s, Carterton Library, Tuesdays 9.30am–11.30am, contact@digitalseniors. co.nz or 0800 373 646

Epilepsy Support Group 0800 202 122

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 Contact Colin Slade, secretary, phone 021 369 797, email colin@ ckslade.nz Membership and meal cancellation phone John Keating on 021 335 844

Parkinson's Singing Group every Wednesday 10.30am at South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club, Main St, Greytown, phone Marguerite 06 379 5376

Parkinson's Exercise Class every Thursday 1.30pm at Wairarapa Boxing Academy, Dixon St, Masterton. Phone Roslyn 027 264 8623

Personal Development CoachesMaree McManaway, and her
team of coaches: Chris, Business;

Heather, Law of Attraction; Karen, Menopause Empowerment; Wendy health/recovery, Justine, relationships – call 027 248 8660, www.lyf4u.co.nz

Red Cross psychological first aid (PFA) initial emotional and practical support following a traumatic event, psychological first aid online courses, www.redcross.org.nz

NZ Red Cross Masterton Migration Programmes Hanschen. Venter@redcross.org. nz 027 261 5731, 0800 REDCROSS

Reformed Congregation of Carterton, 6 Howard St. Worship times 10am and 6pm. All services live-streamed at www.rcnz.org Phone Pastor Arnoud Vergunst 027 920 1327

(733 276), www.redcross.org.nz

Senior Citizens Yvonne Brown 022 140 6671

South Wairarapa Rebus Club Contact John Reeve 06 379 9379, southwairaraparebus.com

South Wairarapa Working Men's Club 06 304 9449, swwmc. org.nz, swwmc@wise.net.nz

St David's Presbyterian Church 164 High St South, Carterton. Sunday services 10am. Phone 06 379 8325, email st.david@xtra.co.nz

St Mark's Anglican Church 185 High St South, Carterton. Worship every Sunday 9.30am and every Thursday 10am. Monthly 8am Sunday service. Email office@ stmarkscarterton.co.nz or phone 06 379 8371 or 021 541 618

Toastmasters Wairarapa meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, 210 High St South, Carterton, contact Wayne on 027 335 5825

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 wairarapabiblechurch@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

Community Directory

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 Cycling Group for all bikes, meets Wednesdays, phone Irene Price 027 634 9167 or Lesley 021 299 6389

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 Netball Club email Cartertonnetballclub@gmail. com, phone 027 427 7332, website https://www.sporty. co.nz/cartertonnc

Carterton Scottish Country Dance Club Contact Michael 06 377 0322, 021 535 897, website: dancescottish.org.nz

Carterton Swimming Club Cynthia Lowe:
cartertonswimracesecretary@

gmail.com. Water aerobics, indoor pool, key hire, Russell Geange 06 379 7750

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

Clareville Badminton Club Steve Ruscoe, 027 333 3975

Cycling Irene Price 027 634 9167 or Lesley 021 299 6389

Dalefield Hockey Club Gail Miller, secretary, 06 379 8341

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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 RamblersFull 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, cartertonswimrace secretary@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 BorderlandzPaintball.co.nz

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

Cards On Wednesdays at the old courthouse next to the library, phone Faye 021 606 637

Carterton Community Choir 7–9pm at St David's Presbyterian Church Youth Wing, 164, High Street South, Carterton, 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

Friday Night Food Trucks Second Friday of each month at Carrington Park 4:30–7:30pm. Come along for awesome street food, live music and places to relax. Follow our Facebook page for updates

Carterton Menzshed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am–1pm, at A&P showgrounds, Clareville. New members welcome, phone 027 313 6901 or email cartertonshed@gmail.com

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@ qmail.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 Wednesdays to Sundays. Guided tours and Night Sky tours anytime or day by arrangement

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 woodturning, scroll sawing and carving. Woodturning and scroll sawing classes on Saturdays and Wednesday afternoons, phone 06 379 9238 or email woodturing2022@ gmail.com. Meetings last Thursday of the month

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club contact Kevin Sullivan, phone 022 377 8443

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

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

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

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



We have had another wonderful year and have certainly had lots of fun along the way. This year has seen us get behind local clubs and charities and we aim to continue this great work in 2024. Exciting news! Jo-Kelly & Co are proud to be the main sponsor of the Hospice Wairarapa Golf Tournament taking place in March 2024.

With a record number of houses sold by our team this year and a property management portfolio that is growing daily, we are extremely grateful to our clients and customers for their support throughout 2023. Bringing people and property together is what we love to do.

The holiday period is a time for family and friends, however if you are thinking about a real estate move in 2024 our team are on deck throughout the holidays, so feel free to get in touch if we can be of assistance.









Call us on 0800 222 171 or 06 379 5184 E: jo@jokellyandco.nz W: jokellyandco.nz

CARTERTON MENZSHED

Workspace gets a makeover

The Shed will close 21 December and reopen 9 January. We would like to wish a merry Christmas and safe new year to all who read the Crier and the volunteers who do a such wonderful job in creating and delivering such a quality publication.

Saturday morning attendances lately have not been that flash, so 17 December is the last one for this year. We would have to see a better turn up to continue in the new year so if you are interested and would like to see it continue, better get

We were fortunate to get the A+P show stall right outside our door this year. This made setting up much easier and allowed a good number of patrons taking the opportunity to case out the place, asking questions and generally being very impressed with what they saw.

The long-awaited shed floor reorganisation has happened. Work benches are now situated across the centre of the pavilion enabling members to work both sides of the bench, effectively doubling the available space. Equipment such as docking saws and sanders are situated against the wall. Planers, thicknessers and bench saws that need more working space are all down one end.

As well as creating a better working area it also allows us to give the place a thorough clean.

Coffins are now available to order or make your own for the joining fee of only \$50.

If you need a repair or something made, we have the means and skills to do most jobs in wood or metal.

We are located at the A+P showgrounds off Chester Rd. Open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Contact Stephen on 027 488 7155 or email cartertonshed@ gmail.com



ABOVE: Jo using the new layout. BELOW: Aidan, Alan and Caddy fixing the band saw.



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Council's monthly projects newsletter

Project Pulse



Gold card or Community Services Card holder? Go in the draw to win 1 of 30 free water tanks!

We know this summer is going to be hot and dry, so to help people prepare for restrictions, we're offering 30 free 200L water tanks to gold card and community services card holders who live in Carterton.

There will be weekly draws between 1 December and 26 January. Tanks can be collected from our office on Holloway Street or delivered to your address. Our waters team can even help you install it if you need help! There are two colour options (green and grey) but this is subject to availability.

All you need to do to go in the draw is fill out the online form at www.cdc.govt.nz/freewatertanks or the form attached below and show us your card and proof of address to confirm eligibility.

- Easy installation
- Easy transportation, will fit into most cars
- Food grade, UV resistant plastic
- All fittings, including a diverter kit (not shown in photo), strapping, bung and brass tap
- 10-year warranty for the tank and 1-year warranty for the diverter kit





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Please tick one:	
Gold card holder	Community Services card holder
Do you need your tank	delivered to your address?
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Return your completed form to 28
Holloway Street or post it to
PO Box 9, Carterton, 5743
Full terms and conditions available at
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have read and agree to the terms and
conditions

One word, one year, after another



Peter Stevenson

In 2023, we have had poets, playwrights, novelists, songwriters, filmmakers, and children's writers; memoirists, farmers, friends of nature, of China, and more – sharing the pleasures and power of words with Wairarapa residents and visitors.

And lots of lovely books and inspiring workshops, too.

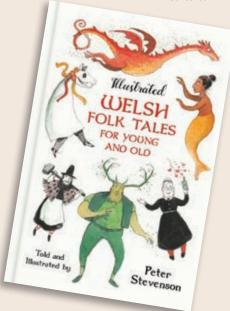
The 2023 Wairarapa Word season opened with the Wairarapa debut of the Poet Laureate Chris Tse. Dubbed "the beloved pop idol of Aotearoa poetry" by *The Spinoff*, he delivered an inspiring writing workshop in the morning,

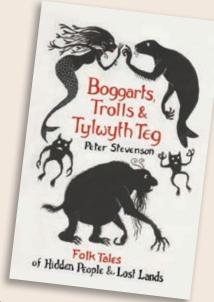
and a memorable performance in the afternoon, including the premiere of the poem titled Cantonese.

The year also brought an Australian storyteller who survived the bushfires, a witty poet-playwright, an author of the fantastical, a poet-farmer, renowned Sinologist, celebration of the life of Robin Hyde, Inside The Song concert, writing competition judged by two Cartertonians, a magazine editor, and in December: Short, Shorter, with two Māori shortand micro-fiction authors.

These events were all possible through partnerships with Almo's Books, Carterton Creative Communities,

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What's ahead in 2024? A session on true crime, the story of an international publisher, writing the memoir, how to do research, the life of an environmental scientist, and more.

The 2024 season will open with "Tales from Wales" – a day for the young and old, with Peter Stevenson, a Welsh illustrator, author and story encyclopaedia. Save the date – Saturday, 24 February.

As Peter would say: Pob hwyl am y tro – a happy goodbye. For now. And a happy summer.

The Wai Word Team –

Jan, Jill, Madeleine, Philippa, Steve, Tania

LIBRARY SERVICE

Enhance your browsing experience



We've rearranged our collection and furniture at Carterton Library to enhance your browsing experience.

Previously tucked-away collections such as adult and junior Māori, as well as graphic novels for young adults and adults, are now more prominently placed.

There's now space for our new bookclub sets to be displayed so you can see at a glance what's available for borrowing. More seating and reading areas are scattered throughout to encourage

leisurely browsing. We've already received

a thumbs-up from a happy customer who sent us a note (see photo).

Please note our holiday hours: Carterton Library will close at noon on
Friday 22 December, and re-open 9.30am on Monday 8 January 2024.

Our after-hours returns slot will be closed during that period so please keep all borrowed items until 8 January – don't worry, no overdue fees will be charged for any late returns.

We wish all our customers a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Crossword Solution

Another happy customer

20. Negate, 21. see 16 down. **Down:** 1. Weather-beaten, 2. Extrabold, 3. Upstart, 5. Incas, 6. Ire, 7. Insensitivity, 8. Dodo, 11. Bobby sock, 13. Chateau, 14. Cent, 16. and 21 across, Roast turkey, 19. Pig.

Across: 1. Whenua, 4. Tiriti, 8. Dickens, 9. Ratio, 10. Dustbin, 12. Embargo, 14. Cohabit, 15. Endorse, 17. Notes, 18. Topmast,



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Decks-Fences - Sheds - Kit set or full build

Garden Bag service

Any other small jobs considered

Peter Bennett 021 305 161

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Since launching the Build Wairarapa Ambulance Station campaign in January this year we have been humbled and thrilled by the generosity of the Wairarapa community.

Donations have poured in and we are well on the way to the total needed to build a dedicated ambulance station for the Wairarapa community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, your support is hugely important and will help create this vital facility for the only emergency ambulance service in the region.

Groundwork has started on site and our fundraising continues.

We must reach our \$7million target to ensure this facility is fully equipped to meet the needs of our team and the community.



DONATE TODAY AT BUILDWAIRARAPASTATION.ORG.NZ

Dear Agony Aunt ...

Dear AA

The Carterton weather is getting me down. I'm too sad for SAD (Seasonal affective disorder) and my beef is not with the Almighty.

What is it with our weather forecasters? It doesn't seem to be in them to deliver a positive forecast, even when rain is least likely. If there is a 40% chance of rain, say, they will show the rain symbol all day, bringing me down with their pessimism.

Surely, in such cases there's a 60% chance of no rain, unless the laws of mathematics are wrong? Why don't they show a sun symbol in such cases instead of the rain clouds?

I have called off my outdoor plans many times based on their forecasts only for the sun to shine instead.

The last week of November was rain, rain, rain, they predicted (my friends' phones all had similar dire predictions) yet the days were nice enough for autumn. One friend even seemed to take delight in the possibility of a frost.

I ask you this because people tell me you have wisdom beyond your years. How can we rein them in?

Weather-warn, Carterton

Dear WW,

My Pop had a great system for telling the weather. He would just look out the window and analyse the scene using his years of experience.

On the day I write this, the weather was to be rain in the morning, rain in the afternoon. Not a drop has fallen... The only other profession that can get away with being wrong so often must be the horse-racing tipsters.

According to the experts, SAD symptoms include fatigue, depression, hopelessness and social withdrawal. Sounds like another General Election is upon us.

My advice to you is carpe diem – seize the day. Make your own decisions based on what your experience is telling you. Step outside and go boldly wherever you want, despite the finnicky forecasts. It's in your power (but take a light raincoat, just in case).

AA

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

Your Letters ...

Dear editor.

There's a special date coming up – 10 January 2024 – it's the anniversary of when Ellen Dougherty became the first registered nurse in the world

Ellen was a Kiwi, born and bred. She began her training at Wellington Hospital at the age of 40 and became the first matron at Palmerston North Hospital.

I remember visiting Wellington Hospital Nurses' Chapel and seeing her medal. Ellen died 3 November 1919, at the home of her sister Sarah Telford.

Despite Florence Nightingale's contributions to the profession, England didn't begin to register nurses until 1919.

I am conducting a cemetery tour to Ellen's grave on 10 January at 2pm. I will have a folder with me containing photographs of the centenary of Ellen's registration. Contact me on (06) 379 6402 if you'd like to join us.

Adele Pentony-Graham, Clareville taphophile (abridged)

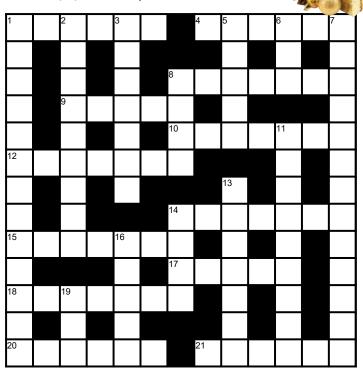
The Carterton Crier welcomes Letters to the Editor of 200 words or less.

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.

Do you have a great story for The Carterton Crier?

Contact the Editor at crier.ed@gmail.com

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Ground, country (Te Reo) (6)
- 4. Treaty (Te Reo) (6)
- 8. Author of "A Christmas Carol" (7)
- 9. Measure of relative size (5)
- 10. Rubbish receptacle (7)
- 12. Commercial or political restraint or prohibition (7)
- 14. Live together (7)
- 15. Give sanction (7)
- **17.** Jottings (5)
- **18.** Upper spar on a sailing vessel (7)
- **20.** Contradict the scatty teenager without hesitation (Cryptic) (6)
- **21.** see 16 Down

DOWN

- **1.** Hardened by the weather (7-6)
- 2. Typeface with very heavy character (9)
- **3.** Presumptuous person (7)
- **5.** Members of an historic South American empire centred on Peru (5)
- **6.** Anger (3)
- 7. Lack of feeling (13)
- 8. Party, party bird! (Cryptic) (4)
- 11. Ankle length sock (5,4)
- 13. Grand, French manor house (7)
- 14. Small decimal coin (4)
- **16, 21 Across.** What you might find on your Christmas dinner table (5,6)
- 19. Porcine animal (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy

Summer splash worth the dash

The free outdoor pool is open now and I am so excited! It is so much fun to go there after school when it is hot and there are always friends to play with down there.

Mum says the pools are cold, but they are always warm for me. It's great that you can take some kai and eat it there.

There are three pools; a big one, a middle one and a little one. My sister likes the little pool because she is only little, but I like to dive in the big one from the diving board; it is so deep that I can't touch the bottom!

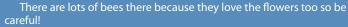
There are two slides and I like the little one because the big one is a bit scary. It is awesome that Molly raised the money for the big rainbow one.

Lavender Abbey is open for Lavender picking over the summer and we love going there each year. There is a big field of lavender and you can go

down the rows and cut your own flowers to take home.

The lavender smells really nice and I like to get a

little vase and put some next to my bed.



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Kids Corner

Lavender Abbey, \$5 entry and \$5 PYO bunch, https://www.lavenderabbey.co.nz/

Carterton Pool, Free, Pembroke St



Enjoying the slide

2024: YEAR 7 & 8 @ CARTERTON SCHOOL

Carterton School is excited to offer our new Year 7 & 8 Programme for 2024. Team Kahikatea will be exclusively Year 7 & 8's providing distinctive opportunities for our senior students. This will undoubtedly enrich their education journey.

Team Kahikatea will be made up of two Year 7 and 8 classes creating an 'intermediate setting' within the supportive primary school environment.

2024 will involve:

- smaller class sizes with a mix of Year 7 & 8 in each class
- specialist teachers to assist with particular parts of the curriculum
- diverse sporting, cultural and learning options
- plenty of leadership opportunities

We look forward to our seniors exploring their learning fully and giving them plenty of space to grow as young people while still having a strong connection to their kura, kaiako and younger peers.









Carterton School provides leadership, fun, diversity, opportunities for all ākonga. We acknowledge that each student is an indiviual on their own unique path. Our supportive kaiako know and encourage them to grow and succeed.

ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

For more info check out our website <u>carterton.school.nz</u> or pop into chat to our Team Kahikatea kaiako in Rooms 12, 13 & 14

Happy and proud at year end

This year Team Kahikatea was spread out into three different classes. Two classes were filled with Years 6 and 7s and one class with just Year

The focus this year was about finding yourself, showing respect, developing independence, and also striving to be the best we can be in all areas and aspects of school life.

For 2023, the Team Kahikatea programme was designed to provide a wide range of opportunities alongside developing leadership skills. This year students had many responsibilities across the school, such as being part of the Student Leadership group, Enviro group, Kaitiaki Fuss Busters, Road Patrol, PE shed and the Student Council.

During 2023, the Year 7 and 8 programme saw students involved in Technology at Makoura College, Science Days at Kuranui College and the Year 7 and 8 Schools Day.

Team Kahikatea attended camp at Tukino Ski Field and it was an experience students will remember for a very long time. Also, our Year 8 annual Powell Hut excursion was a highlight, with the students showing determination and teamwork as they completed this annual challenge in their final year at Carterton School.

The students put on a fantastic performance of their show in term four – which was amazing! As students we are very proud of what we have achieved this year.

As the Year 8s bid farewell to primary school and embark on their new journey to college, we want to express our gratitude for the wonderful memories and valuable lessons we've gathered along the way during our primary school years.

We're excited to embrace the challenges and opportunities that await us in college, and we'll always cherish the friendships and experiences we've shared in our primary school years. Here's to new beginnings and a bright future ahead!

Henare Kerehi, on behalf of the 2023 Year 8s Room 14

SUNSET CINEMA

The Christmas Goose stuffing for next year

Our final screening for the year is possibly the most un-Christmassy movie we could show. All Grinches can safely attend with confidence that there will be no Mariah Carey or Snoopy's Christmas to set your teeth on edge.

However *Wild Goose* Lake is a Chinese neo-noir thriller that might get your jaw slowly clenching anyway. Gang warfare, bathing beauties at the lake massage parlour, police rewards and delicious noodle restaurants will transport your mind from meal planning and wrapping presents.

Please note that our final screening for 2023 is on Friday 15
December. Slide on in to the Rangatahi Hub for treats and drinks from
7pm, and the movie starting at 7.30 as usual. Lots of parking at ITM
(previously Carters) and the bowls club. For further details about tickets,
please go to www.sunset cinema carterton.com

Early December is the busiest time of the year for the Sunset team. We spend a few weeks watching many film trailers from all around the world and then sit down to squabble over what we think our viewers might like best.

We are the smallest Film Society in NZ, but somehow we manage to snaffle the best of what is available from the NZ Film Federation. Our final selection of films will be released in early January and you can hop onto www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com to take a gander.

We have two options for membership, \$80 for a full year with 11 movies (and we even have "Friends with Benefits" where you can bring a friend for free once.) We also offer a 3-trip sampler membership so that you can pick and choose the films that fit your preference and schedule. Why not block out the last Friday of the month in your calendar for 2024 so that you can come along and join us. Our first screening for 2024 is on Friday 23 February.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing our regular crew and newbies too in 2024.

Lucia, Pipi, Jason, Odette, Louise, Noel, Minty and Jane





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