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Off to a hot start

Welcome to 2024 and all that it promises. No one can say that we have missed out on summer this time round, with some sweltering nights and roasting days.

This is the first summer in three years during which my lawn has died off to the usual Wairarapa brown. As our gardening writer Barbara Thompson points out on Page 4, our gardens have taken a hiding.

Over the longer break between *Criers*, I have managed to get a new editor interested in taking on some of the workload. Michele Graham has worked away in my absence to prepare most of this issue of the *Crier*.

I'm afraid I abandoned her for several weeks while I travelled round the Other Island, so upon my return I was delighted to see the progress she had made.

We are also about to conduct interviews with potential advertising sales people who can take over the advertising side of the operation as part of our move to bring the *Crier* fully under the control of the Carterton Crier Society Incorporated – a not-for-profit group acting on the behalf of everyone in Carterton.

No matter what the weather brings, the future is looking bright for your *Crier*.

Paul Dykes, Editor

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Russell Geange QSM, in front of the Carterton indoor pool.
Photo Lucia Zanmonti

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A life dedicated to sports earns QSM

Fifty years of dedicated service to Carterton swimmers by Russ Geange has been recognised with a Queen's Service Medal in the 2024 New Year Honours List.

It took Russ and his club-mates four long and difficult years to build the pool. It was initially managed by the club, but eventually Russ was contracted to manage it after the responsibility proved too much for volunteers.

You may have read about Russ' long coaching career and numerous awards, but since those articles it has come to light that he also received a Paul Harris Fellowship award from Carterton Rotary in 2008 for services to the community.

A work day for Russ can start at 6am with the senior squad and sometimes end after 8pm.

Whether it's learn-to-swim, coaching, school groups, pool maintenance, key hire for lane swimmers, working bees or weekend events, Russ' day is never quiet.

And when someone leaves the pool covers off or lights on at night it's Russ who goes back to put things in order.

As daughter Olivia explains about Russ, "when he commits, he commits" and over that time he "always put swimming first". Olivia was delighted when she heard the QSM announcement and sees it as acknowledgement of his mana in the community. She adds that Russ' wife Pep "has supported him hugely" throughout these 50 years.

Another of Russ's daughters, Emma, said she "had to read it twice" in the paper to register the QSM announcement. She is aware the special attention has been awkward for Russ as "he doesn't like to make a big deal", adding he "left school at 15 to work at the freezing works".

Russ has taken his commitment to coaching and the pool so seriously he has only taken two short overseas holidays in those 50 years, both under orders from his family.

His third daughter Aroha is "very happy for him" but she is also "sad to see the state the pool is in" and can see the effect this has had on him personally. She says Russ' instinct was to decline the QSM out of modesty, but was persuaded to accept it on behalf of everyone who has contributed.

A decade past retirement age now, Russ is still showing up every day to keep the pool going for the many who benefit from its use. Many thanks to you Russell Geange, QSM.

Jason Markham



Russell Geange QSM. Photo Lucia Zanmonti

THE QSM CITATION

GEANGE, Mr Russell George

For services to swimming and rugby

Mr Russell Geange has dedicated 50 years to swimming and rugby in the Carterton area.

Mr Geange has taught generations to swim, to be confident in the water and training them to be their competitive best. He has served as a Carterton Swimming Club office bearer, fundraiser and builder of the club's indoor pool during the 1980s.

He has held positions of Club Captain, Chairman, and President with the Carterton Amateur Swim Club since 1980. He has organised Masters competitions and been selector, timekeeper, referee and judge.

He established Russell Geange Swim Academy in 1998, with several of the swim teams and individuals he has coached reaching success in regional, national and international competitions. He has been engaged by Carterton schools to provide learn to swim lessons for young children.

He was awarded a Service Award by Wairarapa Swimming in 1981, Life Member in 1996 and a Service Award from Swimming New Zealand in 2001. In 2023 he won Coach of the Year and People's Choice Award at the Wairarapa Sports Awards.

He has played rugby and coached for the Carterton Rugby club for several decades. Mr Geange was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Carterton Rugby Football Club in 2021.

How does your garden grow?



Gardens taking a hiding

Is the dry biting at your place? The green of early summer has faded fields and lawns yellow to brown. Any drop of rain, or a cool night, is welcomed.

The heat in January/February is difficult for most living things. Whatever you are, sunburn is not your friend. Natural evapotranspiration robs the ground long before midday of whatever moisture came by way of dew at night.

Feeding baleage to the cattle is a daily routine now. It takes top priority as green pick is slim. Our few sheep are also looking for green and forage the hedgerows where they can get to them. The farmer may be seen frequently armed with more battens than used in a relay race, "battening the hatches" as they say in rough sea.

The garden is of course taking a hiding. The weeds that came while we turned our backs to enjoy family over Christmas/New Year at the beach, are well established and remain to protect the soil from the killer sun.

The onions and leeks flowered and if I was growing for seed, I would be very happy. For the meantime though, they are perfectly ornamental!

Corn and cucumbers are in full production. Scallopini, tomatoes and main crop potatoes are abundant – keep water to the soil, not the leaves. There are cabbages aplenty for coleslaw and sauerkraut – the farmer makes around 8 litres of it this time of the year – that is about 10kg of cabbage, which lasts two of us through the winter.

In the orchard, nectarines have finished. Plums (except for Luisa) are ripening well. Another year with no greengages and the Red Beaut and Black Amber had just a handful each. Peaches, especially the Black Boys are filling out. I am looking forward to them in April.

We have an abundance of nashi, green and brown pears, and a host of apple varieties coming along, nicely. Peasgood's Nonsuch has been

dropping far from ripe, quite large apples, for many weeks, illustrating the shortcomings of my late spring fruit thinning. Note to self: continue to thin apples for a decent harvest.

This month, deadhead your flowers and pick plenty for the house. Plant winter cabbage, broccoli, leeks, onions, lettuce, carrots, radish. Pull rhubarb. Mulch everything you plant.

Preserve excess harvest or donate it to the needy. If you have no garden, shop at farmers' markets. These people grow and live local and love producing food sustainably for you.

Carry on gardening. Like farming, it is an act of faith.

Barbara Thompson



Summer abundance



Gone to seed

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Digital Seniors starts off again for 2024 on Tuesday 30 February at Carterton Library, see www.digitalseniors.co.nz

Greytown Music Group Sunday 7 April, Karen Batten's Amiki Trio – Karen on flute, soprano Barbara Paterson and pianist Rachel Thomson, including works by Delibes, Corigliano, Ravel, Reinecke and Schubert, for bookings, contact Ed and Juliet Cooke on 06 304 9497, or efjacooke@gmail.com

Hockey Wairarapa sees the start of an exciting 2024 with an Open Day 25 February 10am–2pm for anyone that would like to try their hand at hockey and get some information on our programmes and winter season

Meet the is Stream Team the Mangatarere Restoration Society (MRS) postponed its AGM until Wednesday 28 February at 7pm at the Carterton Courthouse in Holloway St, contact us at mangatarere.restoration@gmail.com or give Jill a call on 027 488 4376

Michael Jackson HIStory Show – The World's Premier MJ Tribute Show Sunday 25 February 7pm, tickets available from www.cartertonec.co.nz or through the ticket booth at Carterton Events Centre

Sunset Cinema Our screening Friday 23 February rates highly for giggles.

Shiva Baby is a comedy about Danielle, a young bisexual woman meandering through life. You can find us at the Rangatahi Hub behind the Event Centre. Our doors open at 7pm for tickets, tasty treats and a chat with the locals before the movie starts at 7:30pm

The Big Bike Film Night celebrates cycling in all its glorious shapes and forms, returning to Carterton on Monday 18 March with a feast of short films devised and designed for the two-wheel devotee, 7pm at the Carterton Events Centre, visit www.bigbikefilmmight.nz

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



A screen shot from Finding Balance

BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

A feast of short films

In its 10th year, The Big Bike Film Night will be celebrating cycling in all its glorious shapes and forms, returning to Carterton in the Wairarapa region on Monday 18 March with a programme proclaimed as a feast of short films devised and designed for the two-wheel devotee.

With its humble beginnings back in 2015, The Big Bike Film Night is now a much-anticipated Film Festival that brings a love of cycling to cinemas, presenting an array of international and New Zealand movies specifically selected by Taupō based Curator and "Film Pedlar", Brett Cotter.

"Each year I set out with just one goal – to bring together the best cycling short films from around the world for our audiences, celebrating the fun, the adventure, and inspiration that bikes enable," says Brett.

"Our 2024 collection contains 10 mesmerising films that are as varied and diverse as you could hope for. This global programme contains a

strong contingent of Kiwi films, including a World premiere, alongside an assortment of international films having their New Zealand premiere here as well."

Double Everest, shot against Queenstown's panoramic backdrop, follows boundary-pushing rider Ben Hildred on his latest quest. "Everesting" is a feather few cyclists have in their caps and its concept is fiendishly simple: Pick any hill, anywhere in the world and complete repeats of it in a single ride until you climb 8,848m – the equivalent height of Mt Everest.

"The power of storytelling is at the forefront of what we offer, and the belief that the humble bicycle can improve our health, inspire and uplift people with where it can take us; connecting communities with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all- inspiring us to get out and ride," says Brett.

The Big Bike Film Night will be screening in Carterton on Monday 18 March, 7pm at the Carterton Events Centre. For more information and to buy tickets visit www.bigbikefilmmight.nz or buy your tickets on the night (subject to availability).

WHAT'S ON AT ... Carterton Events Centre



A MINDBLOWING STAGE PRODUCTION!

MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW THE WORLDS PREMIER MJ TRIBUTE

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.

Get the full Michael Jackson concert experience with triple-threat performer Garth Field – electrifying in his role as Jackson – plus a live band, choreographed dancers, authentic costumes, state-of-the-art sound and theatrical lighting, vision and effects.



Downton Adlib - Saturday 24 February 7:30pm

Like "Downton Abbey" – only funnier! Enjoy an evening with another lesser known aristocratic family as they face the challenges of early twentieth century life. We supply the characters, the audience gives the plot ingredients, and the result is drama as you've never seen it!



Les Femmes - Friday 1 March 7:30pm

This rip-roaring comedy cabaret drag extravaganza features live vocals from the stunning Les Femmes queens. They'll belt out all your favourite movie tunes such as songs from Hocus Pocus, Sister Act, Titanic, and of course Priscilla Queen Of The Desert!



Sherlock Holmes Sunday 21 April 1:00pm

Sherlock Holmes is the perfect event to entertain you, the kids and the grandkids in the first school holidays of the year! Join Holmes, Watson and The Pantaloons as they bring another great performance to the stage in this mystery packed pantomime!

For tickets to these events & more visit

www.cartertonec.co.nz | 06 379 4081

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The Big Swim fundraiser

Here is your chance to support replacing the Carterton Indoor Pool building. The pool tank has about 50 years of life left, but the building is dilapidated and if it is not replaced, the pool will close.

Suppliers will soon be submitting proposals to design and build a replacement building, so it's time to ramp up fundraising.

The Big Swim is a swimathon at the indoor pool over the weekend 7-10 March. The event goal is maximum participation so if you can't swim then aqua-walking will be just fine. Thursday 7 March is the Wairarapa Schools Day, Friday 8 March and Saturday 9 March are for general swimming and Sunday 10 March is the Community Day at the Carterton Outdoor Pool.

To book a time to swim or aqua-walk at the indoor pool email kiaora@createasplash.co.nz Go to the website www.thebigswim.nz to register and setup your fundraising link. Swims away from the Carterton pool at any time in March can also count towards the goal of a million metres; just follow the instructions on the website.

Thanks to Central ITM for their generous support, as well as Swimming Wellington, SPLASH, Printcraft, Go Media and The Wairarapa Times Age.

Jason Markham

FIRE BAN

No fires allowed at all

All of Wairarapa moved into a prohibited fire season from 8am on Tuesday 23 January, until further notice.

A prohibited fire season means no open-air fires are allowed and all fire permits are revoked.

People should take extra care as the dry weather continues and not carry out any activities that could pose a fire risk, like mowing, welding, and driving through long grass.

GO CARTERTON

It's all go for 2024

2023 was a big year for Go Carterton- your local business association. The committee kicked off the year with a planning session in February and came up with things we wanted to achieve including an ambitious membership target to expand and grow.

We ran many successful events, including A Very Carterton Christmas, supporting the Wairarapa Walking Festival, World Space Week and two successful marketing campaigns - all of which supported our local businesses.

For these campaigns we focused on getting our slice of the tourism dollar by implementing two targeted advertisement campaigns in January and April 2023. We are grateful to the businesses who helped support this. A strong business sector means jobs and stable incomes for our residents.

The Dark Sky of Wairarapa is a defining moment where we can add value and generate business and become known as Space Town. Charles Rooking Carter left a bequest, without which the National Observatory of New Zealand- now the Carter Observatory- would not exist.

Today, Carterton District makes up a third of the Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve. It is also home to two destination businesses; Milky Way Kiwi who offer a world class service in space science communication, stargazing at Star Safari and Astro tourism education, and Stonehenge Aotearoa who have a unique place in the Southern Hemisphere.

Watch this space (pun intended) particularly during Space Week October 4-10 2024 when we will be going all out with a focus on education, ensuring our young people are excited by the possibility of a career in the space industry.

As a member of Go Carterton you get access to like-minded individuals, a wealth of business experience and connections to Business Wairarapa. This membership is included in your fee, Martinborough Business Association, Destination Wairarapa, Māori in business Wairarapa and Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our socials and what's happening in business in Carterton and the Wairarapa. If you like what you see, please join from our website www.cartertonnz.com

Trace Higgins

HOCKEY WAIRARAPA

OPEN DAY

25 FEBRUARY 2024

10 AM - 2 PM

- *CLUB STALLS
- *HAVE A GO HOCKEY
- *BUY, SELL, EXCHANGE EQUIPMENT
- *PENALTY SHOOTOUT COMP
- *HW PROGRAMME

INFORMATION AND 2024 CALENDAR

HOCKEY WAIRARAPA

Open Day

Hockey Wairarapa sees the start of an exciting 2024 with an Open Day 25 February 10am-2pm for anyone that would like to try their hand at hockey and get some information on our programmes and winter season.

The playing season starts with a return to Indoor Hockey for Senior and College grades, Summer Academy for College players, and the introduction of the U16 representative space. HW are currently looking for coaches in the U18, U16 and NHC spaces.

The HW team consists of Sharon Gates as operations manager, Regan Fricker as Development Officer, and Carol Henson as finance officer.

Keep up to date with the hockey happenings through our Facebook page, website or Instagram.

CARTER COURT REST HOME

Modernising the rooms

The renovation of one of our oldest rest home wings is well under way at Carter Court.

The Deller wing - built in 1963 - is being renovated to modernise the rooms and to ensure they have en-suites and are more fit for purpose. Sam and the team at Tararua Builders are doing great work completing the job with as little disruption as possible for the existing residents of Carter Court.

As part of the upgrade, we are also refurbishing our current respite room. The upgrade of the room is funded by Hospice Wairarapa with the ongoing operational cost funded by Te Whatu Ora Wairarapa. This room will continue to be used for respite and will be the only dedicated palliative care bed in the Wairarapa. We are really looking forward to opening up and admitting residents into our six new rooms and the respite/palliative care room.

Carter Court Rest Home is a not-for-profit community-based aged residential care facility providing a range of services including hospital and rest home care, respite care, day activity program, palliative care and health recovery.

The incredible financial support from the Wairarapa community to assist us with this much needed upgrade is very much appreciated by the Carter Society executive, staff and residents of Carter Court.

St John is here to help

Hato Hone St John has a fresh focus on community health in the Wairarapa region, with the appointment of community engagement coordinator, Rosie Julou.

Rosie has worked in the non-profit sector for several years, running training and development company Exult. While she is new to the area – and loving life in Martinborough. She has jumped straight into meeting local organisations, and connecting with people to spread the word about Hato Hone St John’s community health programmes.

Rosie says, “Hato Hone St John volunteers have been established in the Wairarapa for over 100 years, and it has been so inspiring to see firsthand the work they do to run the health shuttles, support the wider community and train the next generation of paramedics via the St John Youth Cadets.”

“We have a unique situation in the Wairarapa, with Wellington Free Ambulance providing emergency ambulance services. This means that Hato Hone St John can focus exclusively on community health services in this area, which aim to help provide better access to health care, and ultimately reduce the need for urgent care services. Wellington Free Ambulance provide the frontline paramedics who respond to 111 calls; whereas Hato Hone St John will be there to offer access to community health.”

Hato Hone St John has four health shuttles based in Masterton and Greytown, one of which is able to take wheelchairs. The 25 volunteer drivers can take clients to any health or wellbeing appointment and also to Wellington hospitals. To book, call 0800 589 630. The service is free however, koha is always appreciated.

Would you like the opportunity to make a new friend or someone to share your day with? A Caring Caller is someone who shares your interests and can call for a friendly chat whenever suits you, often resulting in lasting friendships. For more information call 0800 780 780 or visit www.stjohn.org.nz

Hato Hone St John has thriving youth divisions in Featherston, Carterton and Masterton, where children of all ages learn first aid, leadership and communication skills; how to respond in emergency



Rosie Julou

scenarios and the importance of giving back to their communities. Carterton Tuesday 7pm–8.30pm at the Carterton Events Centre, contact Ashleigh Bush 027 862 1416.

Please visit the Hato Hone St John website www.stjohn.org.nz for more details, or call Rosie Julou 027 468 9615. Email rosemary.julou@stjohn.org.nz

Just a reminder – if you want to support the Wellington Free Ambulance service fundraising for their new station in Masterton, you can contact Cheryl Watson:027 245 2861 or visit their website: www.buildwairapastation.org.nz

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Mark your calendars

Carterton's sportsmanship and community spirit took centre stage recently as Carterton Netball Club and Carterton Rugby Club joined forces for an exciting club day.

The event showcased the vibrant sports culture thriving within our community. The club day was a testament to the strong bonds between the netball and rugby enthusiasts in Carterton. Players and supporters gathered for a day filled with friendly matches, laughter and a shared love of sports.

The day was captured by Charlotte Kloeg (www.ckvisuals.co.nz) whose photographs show-cased the joy and enthusiasm of the participants highlighting the fun-filled atmosphere.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 24 February Club Open Day and Amazing Race. Netball and Rugby members are invited to a thrilling day starting at 9am featuring teams of three, engaging in fun challenges at local businesses around Carterton. Bikes are welcome for those who prefer wheels to running.

Tuesday 12 March Trial One. Head to the Carterton School courts for the first trial at 6pm.

Thursday 14 March Trial Two. The action continues at the Carterton School courts with the second trial, starting at 6pm.

Tuesday 26 March Carterton Netball Club AGM. Join us at the Carterton Netball & Rugby Clubrooms for the AGM at 7pm.

Saturday 6 April CNC Pre-season Tournament. Save the date for an exciting pre-season tournament; more details to come.

Saturday 20 April Housie Night. A night of fun and games, ensuring a memorable experience for all.

We are looking forward to these events, anticipation is building for a season packed with thrilling matches and friendly competition. Netball not only provides an avenue for exhilarating matches but also offers a fantastic opportunity to forge lasting friendships.

If you're keen on joining the Carterton Netball Club contact cartertonnetballclub@gmail.com or stay updated through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cartertonnetball and website www.sporty.co.nz/cartertonnc



Part of the funday event

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Applications close 29th February 2024



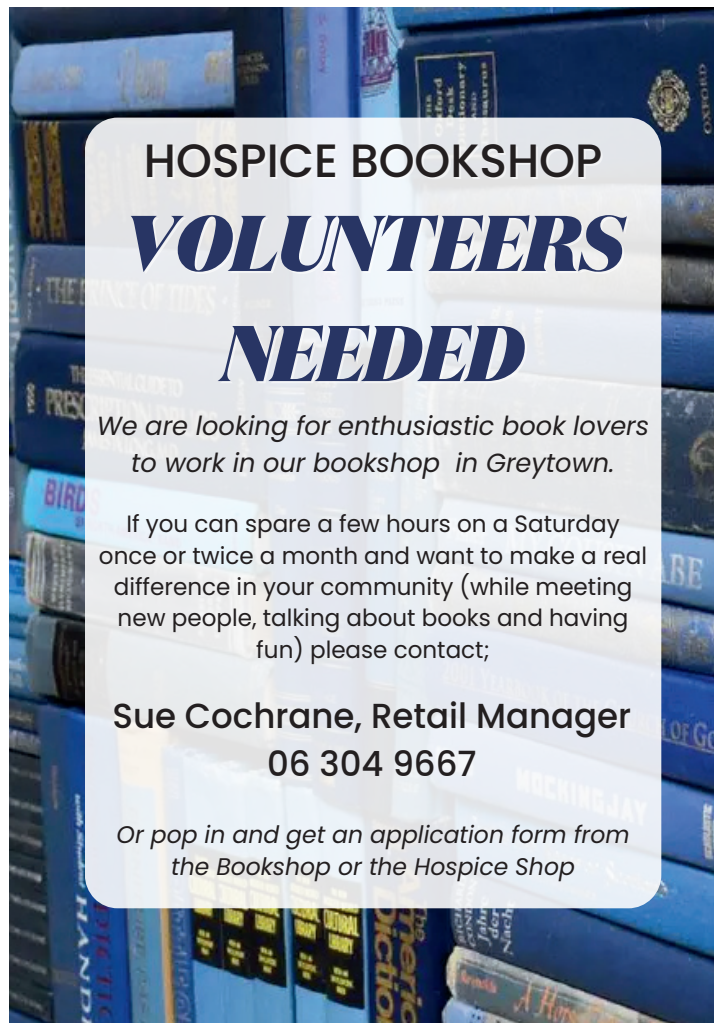
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Sue Cochrane, Retail Manager
06 304 9667

Or pop in and get an application form from the Bookshop or the Hospice Shop



Boom of the matuku

Years of restoration and predator control have given critically endangered native bird populations the chance to thrive in the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands.

The matuku-hūrepo or Australasian bittern's threat status is the last step before extinction, with fewer than 1,000 birds living in wetlands across Aotearoa. Nestled in the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands, these rare native birds meld into the grasses and raupō, found only by their booming call.

Matuku are secretive, stealthy and difficult to spot due to their camouflage. To count the birds, stand in the wetlands just before dawn or dusk, and listen for the booms of the males' call.

The best time to hear a bittern is between September and February during their breeding season. Roger Uys, senior environmental scientist at Greater Wellington, says more matuku have been heard at the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands than ever before.

"Not so long ago there was serious national concern that the bittern population was going backwards," says Uys. "Now I can confidently say the bittern are thriving at Wairarapa Moana. Both the bittern and spotless crane nest on the ground, where they're vulnerable with nests in easy reach of stoats and hedgehogs. Hearing the breeding matuku is a special sign that all the restoration efforts are working."

The Wairarapa Moana Wetlands are one of the few wetlands in Aotearoa recognised as a Ramsar site of international significance. Locally, Māori pūrākau and



Booming bittern. *Photo Fran Bell*

connection to the area run as deep as the lake.

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa kaiwhakahaere taiao Rawiri Smith belongs to the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands project. "In te ao Māori, the male matuku booms in loneliness and despair. The matuku and its calls were woven into waiata and kōrero to comfort people in their grief. The calls still hold that chilling feeling, as we grieve the loss of 97% of the repo (wetlands) that surrounded Wairarapa Moana."

It was Greater Wellington's Senior Biosecurity Officer Steve Playle who set up the intricate network of 470 traps in 2013. "I've known the wetlands for more than 40 years. I saw my role in leading the wetland's predator control as an opportunity to give back to the land. We've removed thousands of hedgehogs and rats, hundreds



Matthew's Lagoon on the eastern edge of Lake Wairarapa

of ferrets, feral cats and mice from the Wairarapa Moana. And now we're seeing endangered wildlife flourish."

Visitors to the Wairarapa Moana

may hear the booms bellowing across the wetlands, or see a matuku standing upright with its beak toward the sky, imitating the tall raupo.

CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Flood resilience funding secured

The Carterton District Council has secured support for innovative Flat Point Flood resilience project.

This is a further step towards improving coastline resilience against extreme weather and flooding as CDC continues to tackle climate change impacts and boost recovery from the aftermath of Cyclones Hales and Gabrielle.

CDC has successfully secured \$350,000 from the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-Investment Fund for its Flat Point Flood resilience project.

This funding injection will be channelled into enhancing flood resilience at Flat Point, the heart of Carterton District's coastal community, consisting of 100 properties frequently affected by surface water flooding during heavy rainfall.

The innovative initiative will investigate the construction of a planted earthen bund around Flat Point's northern and western boundaries, redirecting surface water into the ocean.

Cyclone debris will be redeployed in building this protective bund

with planted native flora also playing a part in resisting the flooding.

Geoff Hamilton, chief executive of CDC, expressed his delight in receiving support for this vital project, emphasising its alignment with the Fund's vision for climate change resilience.

"We are confident the work aligns with the vision behind the fund to ensure that our people, places, and systems are resilient and able to adapt to the effects of unavoidable climate change," he said.

"CDC remains committed to increasing resilience within our planning and for a more prepared future and fostering such partnerships with central Government and other stakeholders supports our planning"

The Cyclone Recovery Unit, part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet administers the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-Investment Fund. "We are grateful for the award and look forward to working together to safeguard one of our most vulnerable communities," Geoff said.

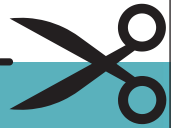
CDC will join forces with Crown Infrastructure Partners to plan and execute this project in the coming weeks and months.

We're celebrating our neighbours Over the Fence!



Carterton District Council wants to help inspire residents to connect, learn, and collaborate with their older neighbours. We're sharing the stories of four Cartertonians, Frances, Gary, Martin, and Gill, and their skills and experiences. Reach out to their older neighbours. Connect over a cuppa. Solid relationships fostered today can be vital in times of need.

Cut out the postcard below, fill in the details and pop it in your neighbour's mailbox. There's more postcards available to pick up from our Office, Events Centre, or visit cdc.govt.nz/overthefence.



Over the
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is an artist



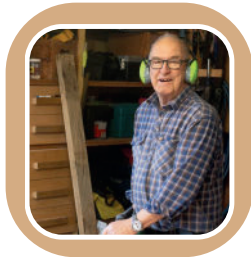
Our older and wiser neighbours have a lifetime of history, skills, and experience that are worth discovering.

Get to know each other over a cuppa. You never know when you might need each other.

Connect with your neighbours today.

Over the Fence is...

...a builder, like Gary



Building is in my blood, from a young school boy I knew my path in life was to create and build. From new houses to renovations, to household furniture for my kids and now my grandkids. My happy place is in the shed pottering away.

...he kai kōrero pūrākau a Nanny Francis



Been captured by stories?
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A joyous sharing for Life.

...a gardener, like Gill



For the last 30 years I have been lucky to have an acre in 2 different gardens in need of development. In retirement it has been marvellous to have the time to play doing more of what I love with the rewards of fresh food, flowers and a sense of wellbeing.

...an artist, like Martin



Art has been a valued aspect of my life always. My years in bureaucracy now feel like a forced marriage gone wrong. But doing creative art empowers me.



Kia ora neighbours

My name is _____

I live locally at _____

My phone number is _____

Over the fence is an artist... like Martin

"Art has been a valued aspect of my life always. My years in bureaucracy now feel like a forced marriage gone wrong. But doing creative art empowers me. It means I can decide what I draw, how I draw, and why I draw. Or paint. My stuff is a bit barbaric in many ways, but I like its values."



Magical fairy doors

Unlock the enchantment with our handcrafted Wooden Fairy Doors, brought to life by the creative, imaginative hands of Carterton Kindergarten's tamariki and Martin the toymaker.

During term one there will be workshops offered to schools and preschools throughout the Carterton area to make, create and be part of the fairy door magic.

These wonderful fairy doors, thanks to Carterton District Councils funding, will find their way to various parks, reserves and unexpected places around our town. Be on the look-out as they magically appear around your neighbourhood.

*Nelly Kendall-Carpenter
Teacher Carterton Kindergarten*



Detail from the exhibition 'Pastimes'. Photo Doll, Courtesy of Te Manawa Museums Trust



ARATOI ART

Aratoi is the place to be

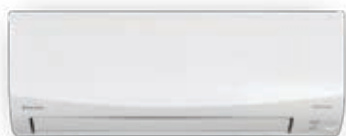
How do you top a year that included a 4m scale replica of the Moon, an exhibition of Rita Angus paintings and the New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Wairarapa Art Review? That is the challenge Aratoi is taking up in 2024.

This year Aratoi is celebrating 55 years of showcasing art and culture in the Wairarapa and will continue to highlight the best art from the region, the country and even the world. Exciting exhibitions this year include a deep dive into the fun history of games and leisure with the exhibition *Pastimes*, which is shaping up to be a family favourite over the winter of 2024.

Later in the year is Bev Moon's remarkable *Fortune*, which tells the history of Chinese migration and market gardens in the form of a knitted yum cha. King Street will take over the Wesley Wing in March to showcase their creative spirit and our annual Breadcraft Wairarapa Art will fill the gallery with joy in September.

Aratoi's collection will be pride of place in exhibitions of photography, taonga, and our regions social history. A highlight of the year will be an exhibition that brings renown Scottish artist Christine Borland to Aratoi.

Aratoi Director Sarah McClintock says "Aratoi is the place to be in 2024. Our exhibitions will tell forgotten stories of our history, reveal international connections, bring fun and games into the gallery space and showcase the talents of our local artists."



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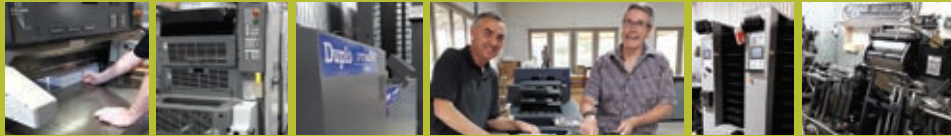
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The show must go on

It was a few weeks before Christmas when all through Carterton, the rain was pouring and on kids' faces a grin...

A Very Carterton Christmas proved to be a huge success, even with the wind, rain and a cancelled Christmas parade. We were lucky to have the Carterton Events Centre as a backup option, which really proved priceless as the wind warnings and downpours really took hold.

The show kicked off with the 54-piece Wairarapa Youth Orchestra playing a range of Christmas tunes and then Nick Tansley and his incredible band of merry helpers took the stage and really set the tone with five singers and a band managing to get even Santa up and dancing.

The free facepainting and nail polish both proved to be a huge hit with the kids, as did the variety of food offerings, ice creams, coffee and bake sales. Santa was on hand for photos, organised by the Carterton Indoor Pool project as a fundraising opportunity and a number of other community groups took the opportunity to raise funds and awareness at the event too.

A massive haul of non-perishable food and Christmas treats was collected under the Giving Tree as a koha for entry and thanks to a donation from New World Carterton. The team from the Carterton Food Bank were very grateful to collect this and be able to disperse to our community.

A Very Carterton Christmas would not be possible without



Take it away, girls



Santa set the tone

grant funding from Ka Pai Carterton, CDC, TrustHouse, Creative Communities and DIA's COGS.

We want to say a huge thank you to the wider Carterton community who helped make A Very Carterton Christmas a success

and we can't wait to celebrate with you all again this year (let's just hope for a sunny day).

Lou Newman, AVCC organiser

WHO INITIATIVE

Carterton goes age-friendly

Wairarapa's mayors have welcomed their districts' inclusion in the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities and Communities programme.

Carterton, Masterton, and South Wairarapa Districts have joined like-minded cities and communities across the world committed to becoming more age-friendly, and to facilitate the exchange of information, resources, and best practices.

Joining the programme signals our districts' intent to continue its journey towards becoming age-friendly through the work of Te Hōkai Nuku Wairarapa Region Positive Ageing Strategy 2019.

The WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities was established in 2010 to connect cities, communities and organisations who shared the common vision of making their community a great place to grow old in.

Carterton's mayor Ron Mark said older people are integral to our social and cultural fabric.

"I have grown up and old with many of Wairarapa's older people. They serve this community all their lives and continue to do so today. Whether they are reasonably new to Carterton and Wairarapa or they

are born and bred here, we cherish the experience, knowledge, and kindness they bring.

"The Wairarapa Positive Ageing Strategy is important to our work in Council to ensure access for everyone is considered across all our mahi. From branding guidelines to building guidance, our older people are one of the groups we consider first. We will continue to incorporate the strategy in our work and weave in the strands of the Age-Friendly City and Communities programme."

Lisa Matthews, Wairarapa Region Positive Aging Strategy co-ordinator, said joining the network would help Wairarapa councils with their age-friendly journey through greater access to information, resources and research.

"Drawing on a world of knowledge and experience through both national and international networks will be beneficial to the work of the Strategy. It also sends a strong message to our communities that we are committed to creating an age-friendly Wairarapa.

"We want people to spend their lives here in Wairarapa, and making the districts liveable for all will benefit all of us."



Rose notes

Watering is vital

With this hot weather, watering your roses is important.

A deep watering twice a week is best as the water will soak down into the root system and this is where it is needed most.

Keep dead-heading your roses and keep up the spraying. You can give your beds a light feed with fertiliser. Make sure the fertiliser is well watered in, spreading it just before rain is good.

Never put fertiliser on to dry soil, make sure the soil is well watered-in and hoed.

Keep the surface of your beds loose and weed free.

After a summer trim and dead-heading, your roses will generally flower again in 55 to 60 days. If you have a special date in mind, this gives you a rough guide as to what you can expect.

Phillippa Edwards, Carterton Rose Society

WORKIES WHISPERS

Good use of the decks

Here is wishing all readers a Happy New Year and trust you all had an enjoyable festive season. We've had good attendance on our club nights, especially on our draw nights and with the warm weather good use was made of the new decks.

New Years Eve was a good night with many in attendance. Our entertainer was Paula Story.

The Tuesday Club has been playing right through the festive season, with reasonable attendances. The bridge players are back from their break. We play every Tuesday at 1:30pm. The popular card games are Bolivia, Five Crowns, Phase 10 and new game of Pony Canasta. If you are unfamiliar with these games, come and join us for a friendly afternoon and learn.

Our next Club 60 meeting is Monday 26 February at 1:30pm, with our usual activities – Housie, cards and pool. Although we are the senior-orientated adjunct, you don't have to be a senior member to join us.

For our newer members, we meet on the last Monday of the month at 1:30pm-4pm. Due to lack of numbers over the past year, our reciprocal visits between the Upper Hutt Cossie Club and Petone Workingmen's Club are currently on hold, but with your support these can be recommenced. We are also in discussion with the Masterton Services Club "Young at Heart" adjunct.

The annual Roy Ingley Trophy will be held on Sunday 11 February at the Greytown Bowling Club. Roll-up is at 10am, entry fee \$10 – bring your own lunch. Competition is open to all club members and is always a very good day

Tuesday evenings Snooker is at 7pm. If you are interested and wish to play, please come along for an enjoyable evening.

Our next golf get-togethers are at Carterton on Sunday 18 February and a match against the Tararua Club on Sunday 17 March at the Pahiatua Golf Club. In the meantime, six pairs are participating in the Club NZ National Men's Pairs Tournament in Invercargill on 5 March.

Summer herb bonanza

Every evening when it's cool enough to go outside, I head into the garden and see which herbs are ready for harvesting – bergamot, basil, rosemary, calendula, comfrey, lavender; the list goes on.

Some herbs get turned into remedies, some get eaten, some given away and some are just left to their own devices. I dry and store a lot of herbs for later use and I tincture fresh plant material. I've also made a golden-coloured calendula oil. It really is an abundant time, even if you only have a small garden or pots.

If you want to get some ideas and information on growing and using herbs, please consider becoming a member of the Wairarapa Herb Society. For \$20 a year you will be sent our local newsletter (Chamomile), the Herb Federation newsletter as well as enjoy access to our meetings, garden visits, herb book library, sales table and events. You're welcome to drop in on a meeting and meet some of our relaxed and cheerful crew.

Each meet-up we have "herb of the month", recommended book of the month, a catch-up on what's on, and a presenter talking about their area of expertise. This includes topics as diverse as making herbal remedies, different gardening techniques, looking after your mitochondria and enviro-schools. At the end of each meeting, we share a tea and snack and a chat. We also arrange a garden visit about once a month. It's just amazing how many gorgeous and interesting gardens there are in the Wairarapa.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday at the Old Court House, next to the Carterton Event Centre. As you enter you will see the gold-coin donation sales table, often with potted herbs, a bit of fruit and veggies and other things garden and herbal. The herb book library will be set up and as a member you are welcome to borrow a book.

We are bubbling with ideas for 2024. The February meeting will include yarrow as herb of the month and a presentation on herbs for animals. There will be a special garden visit on Saturday 9 March, so please contact us if you would like more information.

If you would like to know more about using and growing herbs join us at one of our meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 20 February at 1:30pm. For any enquiries, please email waiherbs@gmail.com

Cindy Munn, Wairarapa Herb Society committee member

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

New Year's news

We meet at the Tom Bubb Lounge at Clareville Showgrounds and our season starts Monday 4 March at 7pm.

Our AGM will be held Monday 19 February 6.30pm at Down Town Pizza. Everybody is welcome. Enjoy a meal, meet the committee and the group.

On March 17 we are holding a gala at Hogg Crescent Masterton, starting at 1pm. If anyone is interested in this or would like more information, please contact Colleen Larkin 06 379 8399 or 021 042 6766.



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Chortle through 2024

In a time of much conflict in the world it is really important to remember to laugh. The Sunset team pulled out all the stops this year to snaffle up four comedies to keep us all chuckling.

Admittedly, the humour might be a smidge dark at times or come with a pinch of drama, but the films will certainly gladden your heart.

As usual, we offer films from all around the globe –Tunisia, South Korea, Germany, France, Iran, Egypt, America and a Kiwi classic “An Angel at My Table” (to mark Janet Frame’s birth centenary). We also have some thrillers to keep you on the edge of your seat, a French doco that will knock your socks off and drumroll please.... a Western.

If this sounds like your cup of tea, then you might like to buy a full membership for the year for \$80. Full membership grants you Friends with Benefits where you can bring a friend for free once during the year. We also offer 3-trip tickets for \$35 so you can tootle along to just the movies that thrill you. You can see the full line up of films and membership information at www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com. Our screenings are on the last Friday of the month so pencil that in your diary now.

Our first screening is Friday 23 February and rates highly for giggles. Shiva Baby is a comedy about Danielle, a young bisexual woman meandering through life. All her scattered paths collide when she has to attend a shiva alongside her parents, her ex-girlfriend, her Sugar Daddy, his wife and their screaming baby. Written and directed by Emma Seligman in her first feature film, it shows a great deal of promise for her future.

You can find us at the Rangatahi Hub behind the Event Centre – down the driveway beside the town clock. Our doors open at 7pm for tickets, tasty treats and a chat with the locals before the movie starts at 7:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Lucia, Jane, Minty, Odette, Jason, Pipi, Noel and Louise
– the Sunset Cinema Team

Delay to rating updates

Updated rating valuations for Carterton and South Wairarapa are now planned to be sent to property owners from 17 April 2024.

Revaluations of all properties across the two districts were due to be finalised in February 2024. However, the Office of the Valuer General (OVG), the government body that oversees all rating valuations, has agreed with Quotable Value (QV) that it should take more time to work on the district’s updated rating valuations before they are set to be finalised and released to the district’s property owners.

This is due to a range of factors that have impacted on the work of QV, New Zealand’s largest valuation and property services company, including Covid-19, changing regulatory requirements, and the complexity of the rural sector.

QV national revaluation manager Tim Gibson said this additional time will help to ensure greater accuracy of the rating valuations.

“The OVG’s audit is an important part of the rating revaluation process that does take a great deal of time and effort. It has been delayed this time because we still need to thoroughly review a number of values within the district,” he said.

“We are now taking the extra time required to do that before submitting it for independent audit. Due to OVG workloads, that will not be until early March.”

The new values will be based on the most likely selling price if the property had sold on the valuation date, which was 1 September 2023, and will be used to help inform rates for the 2024/2025 rating year. They are solely used for the purpose of determining the equitable share of rates are distributed fairly across property owners in the district, and are not intended to be used as market valuations.

As per the usual process, if owners do not agree with their new rating valuation once it has been notified, they have until 24 May to lodge an objection with QV.

The information regarding the objection process with QV will be sent along with the new valuations later this year. Your Council is not responsible for the new rating valuations.

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A link to the past

The first Carterton Golf Club resulted from a meeting initiated by Mr William Henry Booth, held on 9 May 1911 to discuss the formation of a golf club on land made available on his property on Andersons Line.

He provided two paddocks for the club's use, marked out the course and instructed members who had volunteered their services on how to prepare it. Play initially got underway in May and continued through 1912. Club accommodation was in the form of a shed offered by Mr Booth and was located by Mr R Wallis to the course for £3-10 shillings and reroofed for £1-10.

A professional coach, Mr McEwan, was available, charging two shillings and sixpence per lesson. The course was used until early 1913 when a deputation from met with executives of the Carterton Racing Club to negotiate the possible formation of a golf course on property owned by the Racing Club. Permission was granted with the initial year being rent free and subsequent years by negotiation.

Following a concerted effort by members volunteering to prepare the course in accordance with the layout, again planned by Mr Booth, opening day occurred on 5 April 1913.

World War 1 ended the club's activities until the early 1920s, with equipment being held in storage. By 1922, fairways and greens were prepared following initial work by volunteers using rollers brought in from Middlerun.

In the 1920s the club made moves to become more



Club house 1947, and today

professional, applying for membership of the New Zealand Union (Golf) in 1924 and the New Zealand Golf Association Ladies Golf Union in 1926. The Club's Constitution was drafted by Mr DL Taverner and approved by the committee.

War again impacted the club, with the decision being taken in 1942 to go into recess and again put the equipment into storage as the Racing Club's property was being occupied by the military for training purposes.

By 1945 the decision to look to purchasing land to form the

club's own course had been taken with the investigating committee of Messrs Clarke, Broadbent, Harrington, Dudson, Whitwell and Goodin suggesting the Smith's Estate on Chester Rd, being 120 acres at an asking price of £3,250 as a suitable option.

The purchase was finalised by way of donations and debentures and during 1946-1947 the first 13 holes were developed with predominantly voluntary labour of club members and hiring trucks from local Councils. The official opening occurred on 31 May 1947, with the course increasing to 15

holes in 1948 and to a full 18 holes in 1949. Sadly, Mr Booth, who had such an influence on the club from its early days, passed away shortly before the official opening.

Since then, the course has been lengthened to almost 6000 yards, with various improvements made to the clubhouse and the facility continues to be a major asset to Carterton as well as a tribute to the volunteers whose input made it possible.

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Longbush Cottage

Award for 4-star garden

Longbush Cottage has been awarded a prestigious 4-star Garden of Significance rating from the NZ Gardens Trust.



Luke in his winning garden
Photo Credit Paul McCredie

Owners Luke Gardener and Ben Quay are thrilled to receive the rating after a recent visit and assessment by the Trust. "Since beginning this garden from a bare paddock when we arrived eight years ago, we've strived to develop a flower-filled modern cottage garden with plenty for visitors to explore and discover", says Luke.

As head gardener and creative force, Luke has skilfully crafted a series of "garden rooms" radiating from the charming 1890s cottage, encompassing over a hectare of land at Longbush.

The NZ Gardens Trust promotes the best in New Zealand gardens and horticulture, via a system of assessment of all registered gardens. Their team of assessors is made up of highly-qualified horticulturists and landscape architects.

"The NZ Gardens Trust is delighted to welcome Luke and Ben and their Longbush Garden to our portfolio of Aotearoa's best gardens as a 4-star Garden of Significance," noted Trust chair Wendy Palmer. Assessment by the Trust guarantees a quality visitor experience.

A 4-star rated garden must display a good degree of design and plantsmanship. "Being awarded a 4-star rating with a garden that is only eight years old is a fantastic achievement," says Wendy. The assessors were inspired by the focus on sections such as the Pinot Noir garden and the use of natives especially the totara used as hedging. They also noted the very healthy flourishing planting.

There are over 100 listed New Zealand Gardens Trust member gardens in New Zealand, with six in the Wellington region. Longbush is the sole Wairarapa garden rated. Bookings to view the garden can be made through their website www.longbushcottage.co.nz, [facebook.com/Longbush Cottage](https://facebook.com/LongbushCottage) or phone 021 245 6481.

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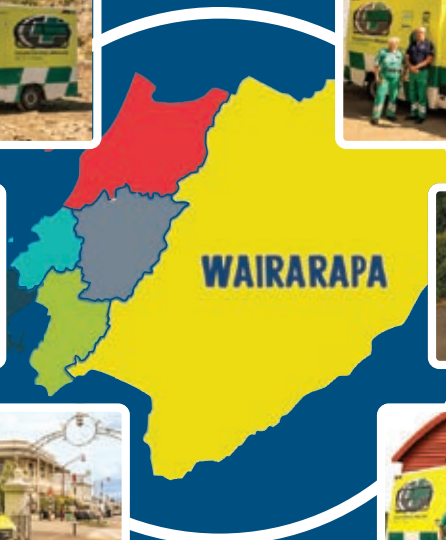
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Scott, James, Alan and Mark, making good use of the shed facilities

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as there are skilled supervisors and members on hand to show you how. You can make you own or get involved with repairs and made-to-order items ready to go.

Or just come down for coffee and a chat if that's all you require – no commitments, no set time. For more information email cartertonshed@gmail.com

Thanks to our wonderful community

A heartfelt thanks to everybody who contributed so generously to the call for funds to provide Christmas food parcels to families in need. We put out a call for \$5000 to provide Christmas parcels and Bingo! – there was Christmas magic.

This money provided 50 food parcels with the essentials for a traditional Christmas celebration.

The Carterton Foodbank starts 2024 with enthusiasm and renewed resolve to better meet the needs of our community as demand for food soars here and elsewhere. We will soon be announcing plans to improve our service.

We would like to thank these businesses and community groups for their financial and food donations: G&C Diggers, Braiden International Ltd, Carterton Dollar Mart, Park Road Dental, Centreway Fish and Chips, Carterton Crafts, Nicky Moran for proceeds from music event at Chapelli's, Carterton Council for donation from Christmas in the Park, B Hammond Ltd, Numb1Z Ltd Pool Construction, Odette Rowe food donations from the yoga group, Carterton New World, Gain Momentum food donations from the Pilates community, Premier Beehive, Robyn and John Abbott Spray Free Vegetables, Pinehaven Orchard, The Warehouse Masterton, Whittaker Chocolates and a number of individual Carterton residents who made anonymous financial donations.

A couple of requests as we launch into the new year – donations of surplus garden produce are welcomed and help us reduce our food-buying costs. Please bring donations to the Foodbank between 10 and 11 on weekday mornings (our opening hours). We are in Haumanu



Jan Thomas, Claire McKay and grandson Jasper assembling a parcel

House, the pink brick building behind the clock tower.

We will be looking for financial help going forward. Next month's *Crier* will outline our plans for the future. Please give a thought to supporting us. The need has never been more urgent.

Sabrina Sullivan



Education, Youth, Children

Carterton Community Playgroup

Contact Amanda 027 316 6099

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

Website 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

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

Book Club

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

Book Group

U3A Sue Burns 06 379 6506

Carterton Craft Market

Open 7 days from 10am-3pm.

Call Desley 027 787 8558

Greytown Music Group

Ed and Juliet Cooke, phone 06 304 9497,

email efjacooke@gmail.com.

Heart of Arts Wairarapa 47 High

St North Carterton. Open

Wednesday-Sunday 10am-4pm

Jonáš Koukl's music classes

and drumming group. Contact

Jonáš at jonas@connecting-arts.com 021 0842 1552

NZ Pacific Studio Residency

Programme visit www.artistresidency.org.nz

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

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Contact Kris 027 383 1285

Wai Art Group For information

phone Anthea Crozier 06 377 1261

Wairarapa Music Co-Creation

Meetups www.connecting-music.nz, 021 0842 1552

Wairarapa Word

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talks with writers, since 2012.

Dates and times vary. Find us on

Facebook and YouTube. Contact

events. waiword@gmail.com

Services

3Mile

Sign up via our Facebook or Meetup pages

Age Concern

Contact 06 377 0066 for more information

Alcoholics Anonymous

Bob 021 042 2947 and

Martin 06 372 7764

Carterton Community Dinner

All welcome. \$6. RSVP 06 379 7937

Carterton 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 Foodbank

Answerphone 06 379 4092

Carterton Friendship Club

Jeanne 06 379 5444

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 McNulty

Kieran. McNulty@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

NZ Red Cross Masterton Migration Programmes

Hanschen. Venter@redcross.org.nz

027 261 5731, 0800 REDCROSS

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

Parkinson's Exercise Class

every Thursday 1.30pm at

Wairarapa Boxing Academy,

Dixon St, Masterton. Phone

Roslyn 027 264 8623

Parkinson's Singing Group

every Wednesday 10.30am at

South Wairarapa Workingmen's

Club, Main St, Greytown, phone

Marguerite 06 379 5376

Personal Development Coaches

Maree 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

Reformed Congregation of Carterton

6 Howard St. Worship times

10am and 6pm. All services live-streamed

at www.rcnz.org Phone Pastor

Arnoud Vergunst 027 920 1327

Senior Citizens

Yvonne Brown 022 140 6671

South Wairarapa Rebus Club

Contact John Reeve 06 379 9379,

southwairaraparebus.com

South Wairarapa Working Men's Club

06 304 9449, 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 Bible Church

265 High St South, Carterton.

Sunday morning Worship 10am

(includes Sunday School). Email

wairarapabilechurch@gmail.com

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 Salvation Army

Carterton Centre, 210 High St

Sth. Church service at 10:30am

Sundays. Phone 06 378 7316

or email sarah-ann.grove@salvationarmy.org.nz

Sport, Fitness, Movement

Basketball Facebook:
Wairarapa Basketball Society

Carrington Bowling & Croquet Club Association Croquet Robin Brasell 06 222 4000, Golf Croquet Helen Waldron 379 5671, Bowls Pauline Hodgson 021 406 6728

Carterton 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 Deanna Wadham: cartertonswimracesecretary@gmail.com. Water aerobics, indoor

pool, key hire, Russell Geange 027 755 5636

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

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

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

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

Free Fit Club Di Bailey 027 498 7261

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

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

Karate Jacqui Malcolm 027 325 3370

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

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

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

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

Squash Club howardboothsquash@gmail.com

Swimming lessons and club activities, all ages, Carterton Swimming Club, Pembroke St. Heated indoor pool. Contact

Cynthia Lowe, cartertonswimrace secretary@gmail.com

Taoist Tai Chi Wednesdays from 5:30pm at St Mark's Church Hall, 185 High St, Carterton, contact www.taoistaichi.org for more information

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 Fawdry 027 395 5001 email baseball@spitfires.nz

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

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

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

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

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

Holdsworth Women's Institute Call Denise Richardson 06 379 8339

Knit and Natter Group Keitha Roberts 021 061 7720

Mah Jong Contact Margaret Stevens 06 379 8681

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

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

Railway Museum website cartertonrailwaymuseum.org.nz

South Wairarapa Bridge Club Contact Katherine 027 243 3495

Stonehenge Aotearoa Open

10am-4pm 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Jackson HIStory show

Showtime presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson at Carterton Events Centre on Sunday, 25 February at 7pm.

The show celebrates 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.

Get the full Michael Jackson concert experience with triple-threat performer Garth Field – electrifying in his role as Jackson – plus a live band, choreographed dancers, authentic costumes, state-of-the-art sound and theatrical lighting, vision and effects.

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GREYTOWN MUSIC GROUP

Concert series set to amaze

Ed and Juliet Cooke, the organisers of the annual Greytown Music Group concert series, are pleased and excited to have this year's concerts settled and brochures sent off to the printer.

Juliet says "It is wonderful to have old favourites back, especially Donald Armstrong's Amici- Ensemble, this year a string quintet and to finish with the Kugels Klezmer Group."

Ed says "As a violinist myself, my favourite for the year will be Andrew Beer, down from Auckland with harpist Ingrid Bauer."

Concert dates are as follows:

Sunday 7 April: Karen Batten's Amiki Trio – Karen on flute, soprano Barbara Paterson and pianist Rachel Thomson. Their programme will include works by Delibes, Corigliano, Ravel, Reinecke and Schubert.

Sunday 28 April: Amici Ensemble – this time made up of violinists Donald Armstrong and Malavika Gopal, Andrew Thomson and Alexander McFarlane on viola and cellist Andrew Joyce, playing Mozart and Brahms string quintets.

Sunday 26 May: Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao—a piano duo combination, playing Bach, Schubert, Ravel, John Psathas, Rachmaninov and Strauss. Look them up on YouTube if you haven't heard them play.

Saturday 22 June: Andrew Beer and Ingrid Bauer, violin and harp—programme includes works by Piazzolla, Debussy, Saint-Saens and Kenneth Young.

Sunday 22 September: NZTrio: 'Triptych 2-Untrodden Ways' – Mendelssohn, Jelleman/Bach, Higdon and Babadjanian.

Sunday 13 October: The Kugels Klezmer group led by Debbie Rawson and Ross Harris— they were very popular here two years ago with wild and haunting tunes of traditional Klezmer combined with original works by composer Ross Harris.

All concerts are at 57 Wood St, Greytown, at 4pm. Note that the June concert is a Saturday. Contact the Cookes if you would like a concert brochure emailed to you: efacooke@gmail.com, or phone 06 304 9497.

Lessons for all

Bridge lessons are starting at the South Wairarapa Bridge Club, 20 February at the Greytown Town Hall, starting 7pm.

Angie Smith, newly elected president commented that "We are planning to have a super year. We have 90 active members, an enthusiastic committee, and supportive sponsors." Bridge is the world's most popular card game and every year the club has lessons for prospective new members.

"The attractions are obvious. It is a team game that you play with a partner. It is challenging, fun and a wonderful way to engage with the Wairarapa community."

Tutor Gareth Rapson is also excited about the lessons. "The teaching programme that has been developed by NZ Bridge is easy to follow and a terrific introduction to the game. The first two lessons are free."

To register, either text or contact Gareth on 027 666 6427, or come along on the night.



Bridge tutor Gareth Rapson

Reserve celebrates 75 years



At a dawn ceremony in January, Kaipaitangata marked its 75th birthday with the release of another six kōkako.

After a traditional welcome and karakia from iwi, the new kōkako were released into the reserve by students from the Kaipaitangata Forest School.

Anne Rexwood from Kaipaitangata eco-village then spoke. "The local community helped establish the reserve 75 years ago. We have morphed into a co-operative, gradually buying land at the top of Kaipaitangata Rd and so creating a vibrant community. We are proud to have provided a base for the reserve trust over the years, and of the many volunteer hours we have put in to make Kaipaitangata such a special place."

Tribute was paid to the mayor and councillors who, 75 years ago, agreed to the establishment of the reserve on 300 hectares of council land, downstream from the water supply intake. It was not an obvious choice for a scrubby bit of land. And there has been a huge spin-off benefit for Carterton. The reserve is a wonderful recreational asset, and a big boost to the local tourist industry.

John Cody, chair of the Kaipaitangata Trust which manages the reserve, lauded both the vision of the locals who campaigned to establish the reserve and to the volunteers who have maintained the reserve and the predator-proof fence over the years.

Cody also thanked Forest and Bird for allowing the Trust to manage Fensham Reserve as well, so providing access to the income from the leased land at Fensham. "I should also note that as Kaipaitangata opened up as a recreational place for locals, it has taken the pressure off Fensham Reserve which, 75 years ago, was being loved to death."

Pat McLean

BALLOON FESTIVAL

Lift off this Easter

The much-loved Wairarapa Balloon Festival will return this year, with a five-day festival of flying that delights locals, and draws in crowds from around the country.

As one of the region's flagship events, the festival will again take place over Easter, running from 28 March to 1 April, with New Zealand and international balloons taking to the skies, providing a spectacular visual display.

The lift-offs, known as "ascensions" in the ballooning world, will be over Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, and Martinborough, wrapping up with a mystery location on Easter Monday. The ticketed "Night Glow" event will take a break next year, returning in 2025.

Ballooning Wairarapa president Dean O'Brien says it's exciting to be able to provide an event that everyone can look forward to over Easter.

"The Wairarapa's big, wide-open spaces and settled weather make our region one of the best-suited and most popular ballooning regions in the country. We're excited to be able to bring back this free part of our festival again

next year, where families and friends come together to see the magic and beauty in the skies above.

We encourage everyone to make the most of it, by having a picnic in their garden or in a nearby park, and creating some great memories."



Another fun element to the festival will be the balloon competitions, where balloonists use their technical skills to complete a series of challenges. There will also be the chance to have the experience of a lifetime, with Ballooning Canterbury offering Hot Air Balloon flights over Wairarapa.

Destination Wairarapa general manager Anna Nielson says that the festival is always a much-anticipated event on the Wairarapa events calendar.

"The balloon festival is firmly linked in people's memories to Wairarapa's big open skies, and a wonderful drawcard for attracting visitors from surrounding regions. This festival, coupled with the other attractions we have to offer, make Wairarapa a perfect place for visitors over the extended long weekend."

The full programme for 2024 will be announced soon.

For more information head to www.nzballoons.co.nz



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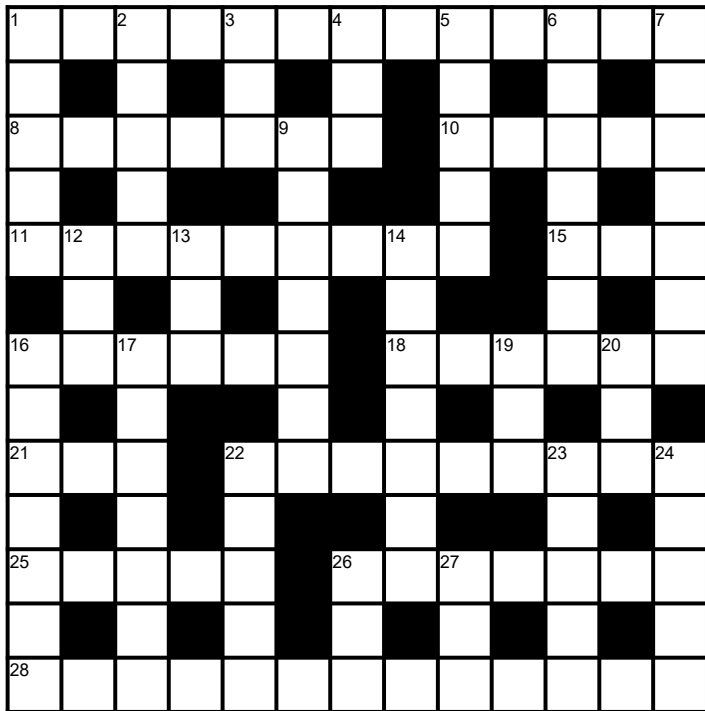


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Crossword



ACROSS

1. Rich stew or soup made from fish and vegetables (French) (13)
8. One who takes over or appropriates (7)
10. From a bit of lichen, Naomi can produce red hair colouring (Cryptic) (5)
11. NZ national men's cricket team (9)
15. Parson bird (3)
16. Carterton District councillor (6)
18. Carterton District councillor (6)
21. Type of knot (3)
22. I'll see you again (Te Reo) (2,4,3)
25. Very small piece of bread (5)
26. Confectionery containing nuts and caramelized sugar (7)
28. Large organisation, institution or system (13)

DOWN

1. Promotional description found esp. on book jackets (5)
2. Cemetery (Te Reo) (5)
3. Chop (3)
4. Distinctive manner or bearing (3)
5. Small garden insect pest (5)
6. Holy or sacred place (7)
7. Joyfulness of spirit (7)
9. Once popular, but now defunct Microsoft digital encyclopedia originally supplied on CD-Rom (7)
12. Side away from the direction of the wind (3)
13. Low section between 2 mountain peaks (3)
14. Type of bag usually slung as a pair either side of the back wheel of a bicycle (7)
16. Disastrous defeat (7)
17. Court proceeding (7)
19. Misery (3)
20. Own (Scottish) (3)
22. Turkish dish consisting of meat and vegetables on a skewer (5)
23. Nimble (5)
24. Swinging voter was quite explicit (Cryptic) (5)
26. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
27. Fire residue (3)

Crossword courtesy of Bruce Caddy

Dear Agony Aunt ...

Dear AA,

My partner got a new e-bike for Christmas and is pressuring me to go out for a cycle with him.

Now, I have seen couples out cycling, and the male is always out in front, sometimes by hundreds of metres, with the poor damsel bringing up the rear.

This is particularly unacceptable to me, as I am fitter than my partner and could easily beat him home. However, I feel that decorum dictates that I should know my place and let him have his Alpha male day.

What would you do, dear AA, in such a situation? We haven't even got to discussing what Lycra he will wear.

Leading from the rear

Dear LFTR,

Horrors! I can't imagine what it must be like to go cycling! Having to scrunch my hair into one of those silly helmets has been enough to keep me away from the pastime.

But you are right – the man is always out in front, cycling for victory. I have wondered why the two go out for a cycle together in the first place, since the man is clearly not interested in being with his female partner for conversation and mutual support.

If you can't get out of it, I suggest you say you need a couple of practice rides on your own first. Go out for a couple of hours (go see a friend for a cuppa) and come back fresh faced as if the long ride was no bother.

I suspect he will reconsider going out with such a good cyclist, as this could end in him losing face.

Let's not even consider the question of him in Lycra.

AA

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

Your Letters ...

Dear editor,

I read that Carterton District Council will soon add four million litres of additional water storage, with two new reservoirs boosting our community's resilience.

That is to be applauded – it's far better than doing nothing while allowing new housing to proliferate. But will it overcome the need for water-use restrictions each summer?

Even if it does (no promises yet) we are still left with the same old shoddy delivery system that has held us back as the community grew.

It's time we started replacing the piping infrastructure, some of which is more than 50 years in the ground. At that age, it's old technology in a harsh environment. It won't last forever.

Given Wellington's water woes, the defunct Three Waters legislation is starting to look attractive.

Toby Shaw, Carterton

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Fensham's a winner



KIDS CORNER

Peter Pan going strong

We went to see Peter Pan the pantomime at the Carterton Events Centre last school holidays. They bring a new show each school holidays and they are such a fun thing to do.

We loved Peter Pan; the characters wore cool costumes and it seemed really realistic with the videos and photos in the background. The show is funny because they make silly jokes, especially Cookie and the Pirates. They sing and dance and kept all the kids happy. At the end you can meet the actors and take photos with them

I like doing the big walk at Fensham with my brother Henry and Mum. When we are quiet, we can hear all the birds. We like to run on some bits and pretend it's a roller coaster. Henry likes doing exercise in Fensham and counting our steps. Sometimes there are painted rocks there and you can find them and then rehide them for the next people to find.

You can learn about nature by looking at the trees and reading the signs. There are two bridges and we like to see if we can spot any bugs or fish in there. Fensham is a good place for exploring. There are no pukeko that we have seen, but there are lots of piwakawaka that follow you through the forest.

Dad sometimes takes us at night with torches and we like looking for nocturnal birds and having adventures in the dark.

Ellie Newman

NO.23 GALLERY

Bauer art auction a winner

Our Carole Bauer estate art auction was a resounding success with 99% of paintings sold.

The funds raised will go a long way in helping us to weather whatever 2024 has in store for us.

Graeme Burnard, our erstwhile auctioneer, got to cross off another thing on his bucket list.

"I was surprised to be asked to be the auctioneer for the Carole Bauer estate art auction at No.23 Gallery. It is now on my Bucket List and crossed off. I've been lots of things, but never an auctioneer.

"Was it because I come across as eloquent and confident, or just simply a bit gobby? I had hoped all three, and I was very touched to be asked by my friends, Greg Bauer and Viv Walker in their fundraising efforts.

"I was provided with plenty of info on the artist and potential bidders had had plenty of time to view the artworks up for auction. We even had two phone bidders from out of town.

"The hardest thing for me was making sure I didn't miss a bid and at the same time, making sure my wife didn't bid. We had been on a cruise that featured an art auction and through a simple arm movement, my wife became the proud owner of a sketch of Winnie the Pooh. She had strict instructions at the Bauer estate auction, but we still managed to come home with three paintings!"

Graeme Burnard, Retired Art Auctioneer



Graeme Burnard reads the room

The gallery is now back to business, opening (volunteers permitting) Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 3pm and Sunday 11am to 2:30pm. If you wish a private viewing, we would be most happy to accommodate you as convenient.

Crossword Solution

Across: 1. Bouillabaisse, 8. Usurper, 10. Henna, 11. Blackcaps, 15. Tui, 16. Deller, 18. Newman, 21. Bow, 22. Ka kite ano, 25. Crumb, 26. Praline, 28. Establishment.
Down: 1. Blurp, 2. Urupa, 3. Lop, 4. Air, 5. Aphis, 6. Sanctum, 7. Elation, 9. Encarta, 12. Lee, 13. Col, 14. Pannier, 16. Debate, 17. Lawsuit, 19. Woe, 20. Ain, 22. Kebab, 23. Agile, 24. Overt, 26. Psi, 27. Ash.

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