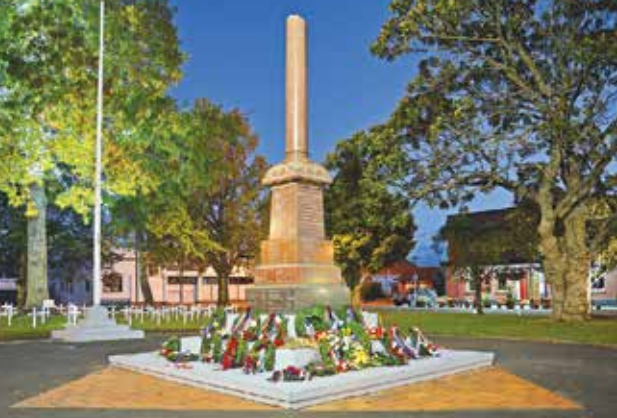


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Carterton Memorial 2016 by Jane Fletcher



Kotahitanga produces sculpture

Wai Art Trust, in conjunction with Hurunui O Rangi Marae, Carterton District Council, and Carterton Creative Communities were delighted to unveil Unity, a ferro-cement sculpture representing kotahitanga, working together. The sculpture was installed on the Carterton Events Centre forecourt which has been designated for the Marae.

At the official unveiling and blessing on Wednesday 22 March, Mayor John Booth said the sculpture was spectacular and very special to the community.

The creators of Wai Art's latest Carterton art installation were Mike Spink and Max Baylis. Mike the ferro-cement sculptor and Max the designer created this beautiful sculpture of a kumara leaf with a mokomoko (lizard).

Mike and Max gave a sculpture of the mokomoko to Hurunui O Rangi Marae representatives to mark the occasion.

Carterton School students performed a waiata and haka at the ceremony. Members of Council, Hurunui o Rangi Marae, Wai Art Trust and Creative Communities New Zealand were among those gathered to see the sculpture unveiled.

Wai Art trustees, John Gordon and Anna-Marie Kingsley, project-managed the sculpture.

"It is fantastic to have a Carterton designer and sculptor create this work," says Anna-Marie. "Being able to incorporate the mokomoko at the Marae's request was wonderful as it is very significant to Hurunui o Rangi."



*Reverend Mihi Namana blesses the Unity sculpture on the Events Centre forecourt.
Photo Rebekah Farr.*

Wai Art Trust thanks PJ Devonshire and Aunty Mihi and the Hurunui o Rangi Marae Committee for their support and encouragement as well as the Carterton Creative Communities Scheme for help with funding and Carterton council staff, especially Brian McWilliams, for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.

The project came in on time and just under the \$5,800 budget, paid for by Wai Art Trust and Creative Communities.

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Editorial

Culture, quakes and cats

The Unity sculpture represents the spirit of kotahitanga – working together. It is an attractive addition to the forecourt of the Carterton Events Centre and is the result of a close, collaborative process between Wai Art and Hurunui O Rangi Marae. The Marae chose the design, fine-tuned it, approved the artists and welcomed and blessed the sculpture onto the forecourt of the Events Centre – a place designated for the Marae. The work was supported by the Council and paid for from a Creative Communities grant.

Quakes

Carterton has had a rehearsal for an 8.1 earthquake. More than sixty people gathered at the Events Centre to be informed about an unfolding (fictional) disaster scenario in which houses were on fire, people were injured, trains were stopped with passengers on board and there were aftershocks and general chaos. The groups 'managing' the crisis learned of the town's resources and how to deal with such an emergency. It's good to live in a town that's prepared.

Cats

The SPCA has come up with a magnificent offer to Wairarapa cat owners. For three months – ending on 28 June – they will spay and chip your cat for only \$9. This process also puts your cat's chip on a national data base for easy recovery. It's very good news for cat lovers and extremely good news for local bird life, especially for native birds. The SPCA is supported by the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), two local councils and seven local veterinary practices including our Carterton one. Get your voucher from the vet.

Jan Farr, Editor



Artists Max Baylis and Mike Spink present a sculpture of the mokomoko to members of Hurunui o Rangi Marae.

Photo Anna Marie Kingsley.

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'We don't just have famous artists here'

It was the philosophy that attracted Gill Heath to volunteer for Toi Wairarapa, Heart of Arts.

"It's here for everybody. It's not a gallery where work gets vetted. It's for the community."

When previous manager – the much-loved and energetic Corrinne Oliver – left the job, Gill agreed to take it on until June.

She has turned a dingy back-room into a bright space for workshops and meetings. She has white-washed walls, decorated cupboards and shelving and found curtains, wall-hangings and posters in second-hand and op-shops. "It's more fun to do it that way!" she said.

Gill is particularly proud of the toilet door, broken when would-be thieves misguidedly hoped for access to the jeweller's. The door has been gorgeously transformed by versatile, local artist, Jen Magnus.

Heart of Arts is an active space: Jen Magnus and Carterton artists, Joan Desmond and Adair Davis, will hold a papier maché and paper exhibition there from 5-19 April. Artists who want to meet other artists congregate every second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome. Twenty-four volunteers hui fortnightly to plan ahead. Their most recent brainchild is a fundraising exhibition for Heart of Arts, to be called *I found it in the Wairarapa and I think it's art*.

Workshops are booked until September including a photographic workshop by Brian Scadden.

Ten minute bites will start up again in the winter.

Gill is happy to welcome new volunteers. "We don't just have famous artists here," she said, showing me the beautiful, miniature watercolours of 84-year-old, Matt Gellatly and an intricate drawing by 12-year-old Oscar Clarke.

Contact: Gill Heath, corrinne@toiwairarapa.co.nz, or drop into the shop at 47 High Street North. **Heart of Arts on Facebook.**



"Heart of Arts is here for everybody." Gill Heath.



The broken loo door, gorgeously transformed by Jen Magnus. Photos Jan Farr.

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Amalgamation: Carterton loses

The proposed Wairarapa amalgamation was unveiled by the Local Government Commission on 15 March. According to the LGC there are ten advantages and five disadvantages. A nice 2:1 in favour of amalgamation. Most of the advantages are weak and some of the disadvantages aren't a big deal either. However, there is one thing that is certain. Carterton township (and most of Wairarapa) will miss out badly on democratic representation.

Carterton has a Mayor, John Booth, and eight councillors. This means that any resident can have a 'hand-shake' relationship with someone on the Carterton council. Under the proposed amalgamation, Carterton, from the Ruamahanga to the mountains, (mainly the township) gets two councillors and the rest of Carterton (Ruamahanga to the sea) gets only one. Three councillors compared with a total of eight now. Of course Masterton and South Wairarapa also have a sharp decline in councillor numbers with the demise of the other two district councils.

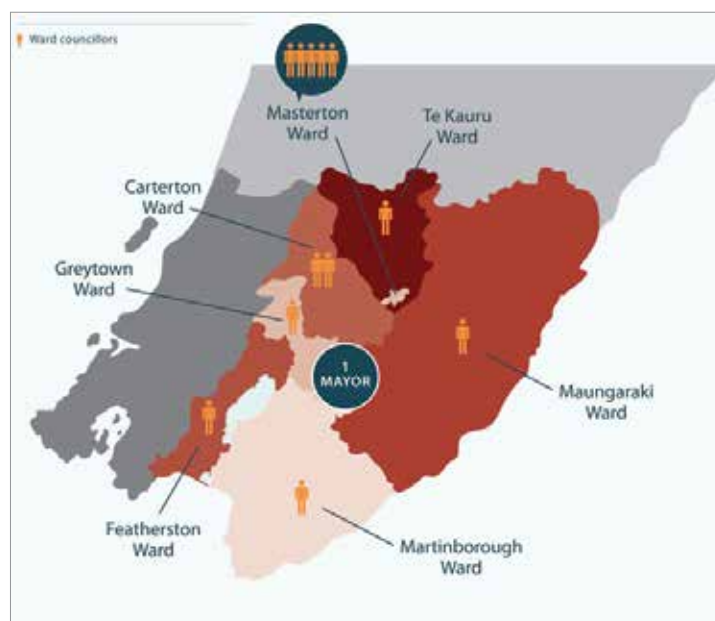
The LGC says that the large drop in effective representation will be made up for by the Community Board and the Rural Standing Committee. Unfortunately the community board and standing committee are powerless. They are advisory only. And even if the community board had real power it only has 4 members so is much smaller than the South Wairarapa boards on a population basis.

When you look at the way the LGC have divided up the much lower number of councillors we see that Carterton town-ship gets one councillor for around 4,000 voters. All other wards get their councillors for less than 3,300 votes except Masterton which has also

been shortchanged and needs around 3,800 voters per councillor.

You've probably seen the Public Information Days over the last week. You still have time to influence what the LGC has proposed. Submission forms are available at <http://www.lgc.govt.nz>

Ron Shaw



Wairarapa Voice: clarifying amalgamation

Last month people from our five main Wairarapa communities came together to form Wairarapa Voice. Our aim is to encourage an informed citizen response to the Local Government Commission (LGC) proposal to amalgamate the three Wairarapa Councils. The draft proposal is to be launched on Wednesday 15 March and will start the submission process which closes on Wednesday 10 May. For more information go to www.lgc.govt.nz.

We encourage all citizens to write a submission. We will organise a social media campaign and local meetings in each of our five communities so that everyone has a chance to understand what this proposal means for the future of the Wairarapa.

Once submissions have been received the LGC will consider whether the majority support it. If so, they will present the people of the Wairarapa with a Final Amalgamation Proposal. If ten per cent of voters from any one District Council request it then the final proposal will be subject to a poll.

Wairarapa Voice spokesperson Mike Osborne said, "The aim of Wairarapa Voice is to give our citizens clear and accurate information about this proposal and what it means in terms of cost, representation and accountability for our local government service delivery throughout the Wairarapa into the future.

"Whether the LGC proceeds with a Final Proposal depends on the submissions it receives from the draft proposal. Amalgamation is a big deal but it's not a done deal. It has a multitude of impacts for all of us in the Wairarapa. It is up to us all to study the draft proposal either directly or through other people's analyses. Informed decision-making followed by action (making a submission) is at the heart of democracy."

More at www.wairarapavoice.nz, Facebook page www.fb.me/WairarapaVoice.

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Rehearsal for the big quake

A dry run for a communications hub in an 8.1 earthquake attracted about eighty people to the Events Centre late last month.

The scenario was detailed and alarmingly realistic. Power and sewerage systems knocked out, Waiohine and Waingawa bridges down, trains stopped, but one train with 58 passengers at the Carterton station, schools closed, confusion and information hard to come by.



The scenario was detailed and alarmingly realistic. Power and sewerage systems knocked out, Waiohine and Waingawa bridges down, trains stopped, confusion – and information hard to come by. Photo Don Farr.

Work groups, each with a specific role, began to handle the crisis – gathering and sharing information.

A picture of what was happening formed as runners brought in reports: “Three houses on fire in Tasman Crescent.” “I am a doctor off the train and have medical supplies. Where should I go?” “Six people trapped in a house in High Street.”

Then there was a ‘severe aftershock’ and the whole crowd dropped and held. I observed that from under the Event Centre’s front desk.

A real event would have different problems to tackle but the procedures and communication systems were well-practised and the resources available at the Events Centre well understood. The Centre is fully earthquake-resilient, has a secure water tank the size of a small swimming pool and enough diesel to generate the power needed to keep the whole place functioning until help arrives.

What you should do

In the event of a big quake people should go to their neighbourhood support meeting place where friends and family can find them and where food and supplies are shared. The Christchurch experience was that the first rescues of trapped or injured people came from neighbours.

To discover your nearest neighbourhood support group contact Sue Tennent, 027 938 6998, sue.tennent@cdc.govt.nz.

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Earth School to convert field to classroom

The launch of Wairarapa's first Earth School, Te Kura o Papatuanuku is underway, thanks to a government-funded programme, *Unlocking Curious Minds*.

Our project asks the question: Can students turn an empty school paddock into a space where science and technology can be investigated?

Students from three Wairarapa schools (South End, Kuranui and Makoura) will rise to

the challenge to research new technologies and design a science learning-hub and sustainable-farming enterprise on South End School's empty field. This project is a collaboration between the three schools, Project Wairarapa as part of Resilient Carterton and the Wairarapa Montessori Charitable Trust.

In the coming weeks we will invite students from each of the three schools to develop a blueprint for turning the paddock into a sustainable and financially viable science and agricultural learning-hub. The project promotes hands-on activities to fuel student curiosity and allow independent cross-curricular learning to take place inside and outside the classroom.

Students will investigate how to use the school field in a profit-making, sustainable-farming enterprise and how to design an eco-farm, school, science lab building run on renewable energy. Working in mixed age groups (6-15 years old), interested students from the three schools will decide what they want to grow and build by asking advice from local, expert mentors.

The final result will be a fully-costed business plan for the farming enterprise, architect's drawings and plans and a 3D model of the proposed science-hub building.

See Wairapaeearthschool on Facebook, Project coordinators Emilie Neubauer and Sarah Wright.

wairapaeearthschool@gmail.com

<http://www.curiousminds.nz/news/over-40-projects-funded-for-2017/>



Tending the food forest at South End School. Photo Lucia Zanmonti.

Carterton School

Gala, triathlons and preparation

Our annual gala was a huge success on 17 March. Thanks to everyone who put in such great efforts. Special thanks to all who came along to enjoy the fun and to our generous sponsors. Great job PTA! Fundraising efforts like this are so necessary nowadays with all schools needing extra financial help to provide learning support and activities for their students.

A Carterton School team of four senior students attended the Weetbix Triathlon in Palmerston North. They did really well and had a wonderful day. At school on 24 March we held our own annual Fun Tri/Biathlon. Teams or individuals swam, biked and ran at school and around Carrington Park. The aim was to have every child involved. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Thanks to the Red Cross every Carterton School class has had a day of first aid training



At school on 24 March we held our own annual Fun Tri/Biathlon.

with a specialist first aider. The *People Savers* courses are great fun and have proved very practical.

While we take part in a huge variety of activities, both in and out of school, our focus is on providing children with the academic, social and cultural skills and knowledge they need when moving forward at the end of Year Eight. Teachers and the school leadership team have been working hard together this term to get to know the children and to provide a differentiated learning programme to meet students' needs.



The BOT have identified that we have spaces in most age groups for 'out of zone' enrolments this year. If you have a child turning five at any time this year, or are looking for a school for a child of any age up to Year Eight, you are very welcome to come and see what we have to offer.

Alison Woollard,
Principal

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 5 March saw a Teddy Bear's Picnic held at Carrington Park. It was filled with fun activities: a bouncy castle, a storyteller, teddy bear judging and face painting. The children enjoyed a surprise visit from Freddy the Teddy Bear who took them on a bear hunt.

A big thank you to all who helped bring the event together: Carterton Toy Library, the story teller, New World, Video Ezy, the Carterton District Council volunteers and Plunket with parent volunteers.

Jasmine Turner, Plunket Volunteer



Cheryl Jaggard entertains with stories.



Joanne Wyszynski paints faces.



Ava McGilligan and her teddy.



Freddy the Teddy. Pictures Kayla Mackie.





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Swimmers and Council work together

The Carterton Swimming Club and District Council are investigating options for jointly improving the indoor and outdoor pool facilities.

Concerns were raised recently over the need for significant improvements to the Carterton Swimming Club's indoor pool and the need to replace the outdoor pool's changing facilities. The council and the club met to look for a solution, signing a memorandum of understanding and committing to working together for the benefit of the community.

The club's Rik Anderson and Russell Geange acknowledge that the indoor facility is in need of an upgrade and believe they will have the support of the community when the time comes for fundraising.

"The pool is a community treasure. The club has huge success spanning two decades. We need to improve it to keep it going for future generations," Rik said. Deputy Mayor Russell Keys agrees. "Recent comments on Facebook regarding the pool's current state were largely in favour of the community getting in behind fundraising to upgrade the pool – some mentioning a swim-a-thon. This will greatly reassure Rik and Russell."

Russell Keys said, "Council will continue to work with the club to ensure that the indoor pool facility can remain within our community."



Wellington LC Championships swimmers, back row, l. to r. Maddex Anderson, Samantha Duthie, James Lowe, middle row: Russell Geange(Coach), Bridget Allan, Hannah Moore, Kobe Edge, Ashley Lowe, Jasmine Moore, front row: Annabel McQueen, Mya Anderson and Maia Adams. Insert Skye Ryan, Ryan Irving, Jorja Younger, James Church, Jack Younger and Eli Adams.

Great results for our swimmers

It's been a season of fantastic achievement and awards for the Carterton Swimming Club's young competitive swimmers.

The team of 17 swimmers shone at the Wellington Long Course Championships winning 12 medals over the Wellington Anniversary weekend meet. All swimmers achieved personal bests. Both Samantha and Kobe again achieved NZ age group qualifying times. Hannah Moore, Ashley Lowe, Bridget Allan and Jorja Younger qualified for NZ Division 11.

In February, Carterton Swim Club junior swimmers were again impressive at the NZ Junior Festival – All Stars Zone in Wellington. The team won six medals and finished sixth overall out of 14 clubs. It was the highest placed team in the Wairarapa.

March has been a busy time with Ashley Lowe, Hannah Moore and Bridget Allan representing the club at 2017 NZ Division 11 competition held in Rotorua. Ashley won bronze in the 200m backstroke.

All Carterton swimmers, both competitive and non-competitive, were impressive at the Wairarapa Primary School Swimming Championships, achieving outstanding results.

Kobe Edge competed at the National Age Group Championships in Wellington last week. Unfortunately Samantha Duthie was unable to compete this year because of injury.

Upcoming events are the Division Three Championships in April and the Indoor Club Championships and Prizegiving.

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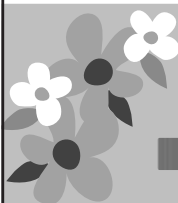
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Redbacks undefeated in pre-season tournament

On a sunny autumn Saturday, four Wairarapa football teams – Redbacks, Presidents, Greytown and Megabeans – met for a pre-season mini-tournament at Howard Booth Park. It was an afternoon of competitive but friendly football as players looked to shake off the rust of the off-season and work their way back towards match fitness.

One of the highlights was the range of ages in the teams. Each club is obviously looking to the future and bringing along young local players by surrounding them with encouraging veterans or, at the very least, convincing them to do all the running!

The efforts of Carterton FC and organiser Thomas

Westgarth to put the event on were greatly appreciated. More than sixty players, along with their friends and supporters, got a chance to get together and play some football on the Howard Booth grounds, catch up and share war stories and enjoy one of the nicer afternoons we've had after a fairly lacklustre summer.

No doubt they were pleased with the turnout as well as having their Carterton Redbacks' team come away from the day as the only undefeated side! We're sure everyone's looking forward to the season proper and seeing if that one aberration from the day can be corrected over the next few months.

Minty Hunter (who plays for Greytown)



Carterton Redbacks' team - the tournament's only undefeated side!

Awards for local riders

South Wairarapa riders, Molly Cardno and Jeremy Thurston, students of Wairarapa College, were recently awarded their B Certificate in Equestrian Riding and Horse Management.

This highly-regarded award is not easy to achieve, involving two examinations and requiring significant study. Examiners are brought in from out of the region and technical delegates work during the examining process to ensure compliance with the strict examination criteria. Riders frequently sit the two-part examinations separately. However, Jeremy and Molly have been working towards this certificate over the last twelve months and achieved both sections concurrently.

Several Wairarapa riders also sat and passed components of the exam. Caitlinn Perry and Emily Kozlowski achieved their horse management exam and, having previously passed the ridden section, they were also awarded the full certificate.

Rebecca Smith achieved her ridden part of the B qualification and Maisie Mann and Jessie Garret their horse management part.

Wairarapa now has more B Certificate endorsed riders than ever before. A testament to coaches Ginni Thurston and Rae McIntyre who invest a great deal of time into preparing students for their examinations.



Jeremy and Molly put their horses through technical dressage movements during their ridden examination at Clareville.



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Manuscript to book: the role of author, editor and publisher

Anyone interested in publishing a book might find this Wai Word session useful. Mary McCallum is an award-winning novelist turned publisher who has seen her Makaro Press titles make an impact on New Zealand bookshops. Just recently *Strip* by Sue Wootton and *Lewisville* by Alexandra Tidswell topped the bestseller list over a number of weeks and *Strip* was longlisted for the Ockham awards. Mary will talk about the role of authors, editors and publishers in shaping a manuscript into a book and discuss the various publisher options available – from the traditional relationship, to an author contribution model, to self-publishing.

Mary started up Makaro Press in Wellington four years ago and has already published 50 titles, mainly poetry and fiction with some memoir. She is the author of the award-winning novel, *The Blue* (Penguin 2007), a children's novel *Dappled Annie and the Tigrish* (Gecko 2014) and a chapbook of poetry, *The Tenderness of Light*. She is also a book reviewer and has worked as a bookseller and creative writing tutor.

Mary was an excellent judge for Wai Word's recent Flight competition in January, giving generous and insightful comments on everyone's work. Wai Word looks forward to welcoming her on Sunday, 7 May at 3pm at the Carterton Events Centre.

The 4 June session will be an open mike. For updates, visit Wairarapa Word on Facebook or stop into Almo's Books, open daily.



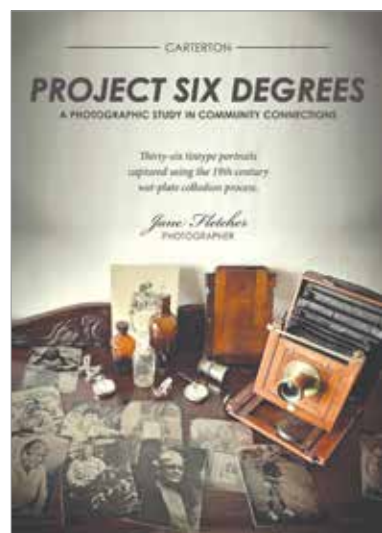
Publisher Mary McCallum and assistant publisher Paul Stewart at the NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults 2015 at Government House. Picture Makaro Press.

Project Six Degrees

Jane Fletcher's long-awaited book of the Carterton residents who took part in the tintype, photographic project last year will be released in May. The photographic project was a study in community connections – are we connected by six degrees or less? Her book demonstrates that we can be connected and yet not know the people we are connected to and that we are also a very diverse lot in our interests and relationships.

The collection is six series of six photographs, each series representing a randomly chosen demographic – child, youth, business, sport, iwi and the elderly.

Copies of the book will be lodged with the Carterton library as well as the National Library in Wellington as a resource for future research.



The cover design and book layout was done by Jane's sister, the proof reading was done by another Carterton resident Karen Mooney and te reo was proofed by Ra Smith of Hurunui o Rangi Marae.

Jane is now taking pre-orders for the \$27 book as it is a limited run. The 36 participants have been offered copies at a reduced rate. Contact Jane on 021 709140 or email jane@janefletcher.co.nz.

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Kahungunu exhibition fills Aratoi

Aratoi invites the public to participate in *Te Marae o Rongotaketake – Redressing our Kahungunu History* – the five-month-long exhibition, open daily from 10 am to 4:30 pm until 3 September.

It is the largest exhibition of Ngati Kahungunu taonga ever on display with a waka, items from Aratoi's collection, Gottfried Lindauer portraits of influential Kahungunu leaders, an intricately carved wahaika (hand weapon) on loan from the Fowler Museum in Los Angeles and taonga from museums throughout the country. The exhibition fills the entire museum.

"It is significant that this corresponds with the Treaty settlement between Ngati Kahungunu and the Crown. Aratoi Museum is incredibly honoured that after a thirty-year process the initialling of the deed will occur here," said Acting Director Susanna Shadbolt.

"While the exhibition has a strong historical link to Kahungunu's repudiation of the Crown's land purchases, with 2.5 million acres taken under duress, the exhibition is as much about the future as the past and is more about harmony than conflict. How can the Wairarapa community move forward with the settlement?"

The word Rongotaketake in the exhibition title translates as enduring peace. Haami Te Whaiti, curator of the exhibition as well as treaty negotiator with the Kahungunu said, "This peace speaks to our future

relationships with the Crown and the community here just as much as it did to our ancestors. The iwi has always been committed to non-violence. The visitor will discover key events of the historical period – the loss and disenfranchisement as well as the iwi's hopes and aspirations post-settlement."

In addition a three-day school holiday programme will run from 18 to 20 April and the museum will supply hoe (oars) for children to paint in the gallery.

**Contact: Susanna Shadbolt,
Acting Director, Aratoi Museum
Susanna.S@aratoi.org.nz, 370 0001.**



Giftng of Lake Wairarapa, Papawai, 13 January 1896. Wairarapa Archives.

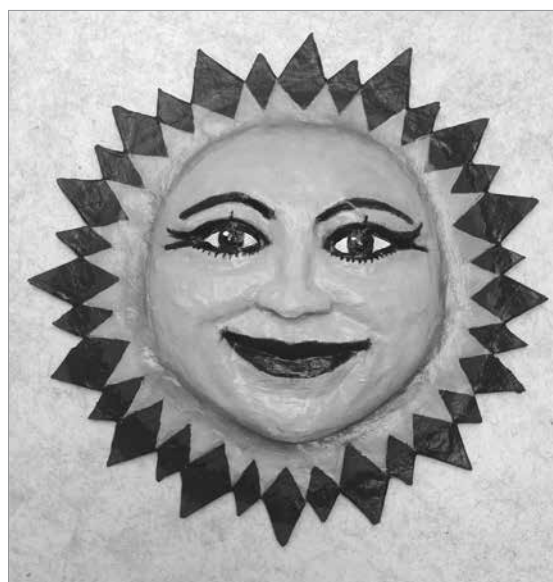
Papermalia – the kingdom of paper

Adair Davis, Joan Desmond and Jen Magnus reimagine paper in a variety of ways from papier mache to paper dolls in an exhibition that runs at Heart of Arts until April 18. It features vintage, everyday, repurposed and new papers made-over into magical items.

There will be a table set up between 10.30 am and noon on Wednesday and Thursday where kids of any age can create their own paper figure. A gold coin would be appreciated for this activity to help towards costs.

Found in the Wairarapa

Hard on the heels of Papermalia will be a fundraiser titled *FOUND in the Wairarapa (and I consider it to be art)*. This will open on Wednesday, 19 April and will run for two weeks as a cash and carry sale. This is 'found' art sourced from garage sales, church fairs, opportunity shops, skips and back sheds. It explores the perennial question *What is art?* and gives the public a chance to support our community gallery and maybe find a well-priced treasure as well. Come along to the opening on Wednesday 19 April at 6.30 pm, enjoy some supper and get the first chance to find those 'sleeper' art pieces.



Mask, by Adair Davis.

Helen's Honey

Ever since I can remember I have been interested in insects. One of my first memories is of collecting snails, only to have them crawl out of the pot while I was collecting more. I would let stick insects crawl over my face and watch monarch caterpillars turn into butterflies.

When my husband, Glen, bought me a book with beautiful pictures about beekeeping through the seasons I was hooked. I had to get bees.

Living in a flat in Palmerston North isn't the best place for keeping bees, but we did it with two hives, well sited so that they didn't disturb the neighbours. Friends had ten acres and two hives became four – and so on.

Once you produce honey, you need to do something with it. Selling honey has challenged me in many ways. I needed to think about regulations and marketing and cold-calling people about places to sell. Selling honey in Almo's Books led to an invitation to join the Farmers' Market. This was a great opportunity as it didn't interfere with family commitments. Two years on and we're now an established part of the market family, a truly welcoming, community place, even if it is hard to get out of bed some Sundays.

Bees have led me to meet lots of people I would not normally have met. I hear lots of different ideas about bees, honey and the environment and am often asked questions that challenge my thinking.



Honey maker, Helen Robertson, sells her manuka honey to Ange Boland 'Cat Whisperer' of Alcatraz Cattery, Masterton.

Glen and I believe that bees deserve our respect and a decent life. We manage our bees so that we get a crop of honey with minimal stress to the bees. Honey should also reflect their hard work and be of great quality and a reasonable price.

Helen Robertson

Adopt a kitten?

The SPCA's Adopt a Kitten event at the Events Centre drew a crowd of kitten fans, some dragging their parents with them.

"People have no idea of the sheer number of kittens that appear at this time of the year. November to March is the season for kittens," said SPCA organiser, Nicholas Taylor.

The SPCA would greatly prefer it if domestic cats were desexed but until that happens there is a seasonal crisis with over a hundred kittens at the SPCA's doorstep.

There is a cost for adopting a kitten but, as they are vet checked, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed and desexed, it's a bargain.

Wairarapa Community Kitties will run another Adopt a Kitten event at the Events Centre on 6 May.

See article adjacent for SPCA's \$9 snip'n'chip programme which runs in the Wairarapa until 28 June.

Don Farr



"I like this one." Mary Weddell holds a small black wriggler while SPCA volunteer Theo Mischefski watches on.

Snip'n'chip your cat for \$9

According to the SPCA, a single reproductive pair of cats can produce 420,000 kittens over seven years. As cats don't need humans for their existence this can result in large populations of undomesticated and feral cats which endanger our native bird species.

In order to help combat the problem Wellington SPCA has launched a **three month snip'n'chip programme** in the Wairarapa. They are supported by the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), two local councils and seven local veterinary practices.

The programme offers heavily discounted desexing and microchipping for cats. \$9 for desexing, microchipping and registration of the chip on the NZCAR. \$4 to have your cat microchipped and registered on the NZCAR.

Their aim is to reduce the number of unwanted kittens and cats, help owners find their lost cats and protect native wildlife.

You can get vouchers from your local participating vet or SPCA.

Participating vets:

South Wairarapa Vets: 8 High Street, *Carterton*, 379 6767; 63 Fox St, *Featherston*, 308 9197; 397 Queen Street, *Masterton*, 377 0456; 111 Jellicoe Street, *Martinborough*, 406 9311.

Vet Care: 148 Main Street, Greytown, 304 8037; 20 Chapel Street, Masterton, 377 7955.

Vet Services Wairarapa: 24 Lincoln Road, Masterton, 378 2662.

Hurry! The Wairarapa programme ends on 28 June.

Boomerang bags is a grass root initiative to try and reduce the use of plastic bags in our community. The idea is to use recycled fabric to make bags that people can borrow in the shops and then bring back in their own time.

Join the next Boomerang Bags' working bee!

Our group had its first gathering on 25 March at South End School. It was very successful with 30 people attending: 27 women, two men and one child! There was music, tea, delicious cake, biscuits and a really happy atmosphere! In one word, it was fun!

We cut 268 bag kits that are now ready to be sewn at our next workshop on Saturday 22 April at South End School from 1 pm to 4 pm. You are welcome to come along even for a short time or even just to pick up some bag kits or to donate and drop off some fabric or thread.

During this working bee we will do some sewing but we will also make more kits to sew. Please bring sewing scissors and pins if you can. If you wish to sew then please bring your sewing machine (and perhaps an extension cord.)

We are still looking for donations of strong, non-slippery fabric that is around a metre in length or more. Old sheets and duvet covers are ideal.

If you would like to donate some fabric or to sew some bags before the working bee, please contact me to arrange pick up or drop off of fabric and bag kits. You can also make a donation to: Boomerang bags Ctown 38-9004-0854970 05.



We are still looking for donations of strong, non-slippery fabric. Photo Lucia Zanmonti.

A huge thank you to all the lovely people who have donated fabric and attended the working bee. We hope to see you on 22 April.

Lucia Zanmonti, lucia.zanmonti@gmail.com, 021 0241 0165

Kokomai thanks its patrons

Kokomai's Garden Party for Patrons was held at beautiful Richmond Gardens in Carterton as part of Kokomai's Patron Programme. It took place on Sunday 19 March with a Frida Kahlo and Day of the Dead theme.

The generosity of the patrons allows the festival to secure international shows along with supporting New Zealand and local artists.

The Kokomai Creative Festival is Wairarapa's world class arts festival, held 13 to 22 October this year.

To support the festival go to kokomai.co.nz.

The 2017 programme will be announced in late August.

Heidi Holbrook



Kirsten Berry, Sarah Webster, Hayden Ray and Sean Crawford.



Heidi Holbrook. Photos Lucia Zanmonti.



Rebekah Farr as Frida Kahlo.

What's on April and May

Education, youth, children

Carterton Community Toy Library. Events Centre Holloway Street. Open library hours. Toy Hire for 0 to 8 years. Facebook: @carterton toy library.

Girl Guide Groups. Guides, Mondays 6–8 pm, Sharon Aston 379 6067. Brownies, Thursdays 6–7.30 pm, Sharon Aston 379 6067. Pippins, Thursdays 4.30–5.30 pm, Debbie Fryer 379 6588.

Incredible Families. Accepting enrolments for a behaviour-changing 15-week programme for parents of 3–8 year olds. Starting Thursday, 16 March, 9.30 am–12 noon, St David's Church Hall. Facilitators Susan Walker 021 0270 6398 and Janet Meehan 027 264 4172 or email jane@edresources.co.nz, 027 418 2671.

Kiddie Gym. Under threes. Wednesdays, term time, 9.30–11 am. St David's Church corner High and Victoria Streets. Lorna or Abby 379 8325

Kindergarten. 3 Victoria Street, 8.30–2.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Call in for an enrolment form. Over twos. Wait list. 379 8102. Facebook. carterton@wmkindergartens.org.nz

Longbush Playgroup. Wednesdays, term time, 9.30–12 noon. Under fives. 1135 Longbush Road. Eileen 372 7861.

Playcentre. Mondays, Wednesdays (new) and Thursdays 9–12 noon at Howard Booth Park, Belvedere Road and Tuesday Bush sessions. Find on us Facebook for more details or contact Liz Crow 022 312 0677

Rangatahi to Rangatira Youth Group. Free art workshops, Heart of Arts, 6.30 pm first Wednesday of month. Youth Centre, 5.30 pm, Wednesdays. Facebook: r2carterton.

Scout Group. Keas, Mondays 4–5 pm, Bronwyn Pogson 379 7068. Cubs, Mondays 6:30–8 pm, Josh Hunter 027 481 6523. Scouts, Thursdays 6:30–8:30 pm, Ben Laybourn 027 641 7249.

South End Kindergarten next to South End School. Monday–Friday 8.30 am–2.30 pm. Vacancies 2017 for over twos. 379 7723, southend@wmkindergartens.org.nz or call in.

St John. Penguins (6–9 year olds) Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm. Youth (8–18 year olds) Tuesdays 7–8:30 pm. Youth room, Events Centre. Maria Tankersley 379 6479.

Whanau Aroha Playgroup. Alison Dye's music and play for pre-schoolers, Thursdays, 9.30–11 am, term time, Salvation Army Hall, 210 High Street South.

Arts

Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History. www.aratoi.org.nz/exhibitions.

Book Club. Carterton District Council Library. Events Centre, last Monday of month. 10.30–11.30 am. Anne Hughes anne@cdc.govt.nz

Book Group. University of Third Age. Fourth Friday of month, 1.30 pm, The Village Hall

Rosevilla Drive. Sue Burns 379 6506.

Ceroc dance classes. Tuesdays 8 pm, Carterton School hall. Contact Mandy, 021 238 4230 or see Facebook group Ceroc Wairarapa for more.

Community Choir. Thursdays, 7.15–9 pm during school term, Carterton School Hall, \$4 unwaged, \$6 waged. cartertonsinging@gmail.com.

New Zealand Pacific Studio, Mt Bruce. A non-profit arts centre available for residencies. One week minimum, three months maximum. Fellowships available. www.artistresidency.org.nz/

Sunset Cinema. Sunset movies are now monthly on a Friday. www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/

Toi Wairarapa – Heart of Arts. 47 High Street North. Ten Minute Bites programme: Wednesdays at 12.10 pm, BYO sandwich. corrinne@toiwairarapa.co.nz, 021 121 0980.

Wai Art Group. First Monday of month, 10 am, Carterton Golf Club. Jane Giles 379 6559.

Wai Art Scape. For \$20 a month Jane Giles places artists' work in publicly accessible spaces. jcgiles@slingshot.co.nz, 379 6559.

Wairarapa Word. 7 May, Mary McCallum; 4 June, Open mike; 2 July, David Coventry, author; 6 August, James Brown, poet; 3 September Shirley Corlett, children's writer; 1 October Damien Wilkins, author, Director of IIML. 3 pm first Sunday of month, locations vary. Almo's Books, 42 High Street North, 379 7103.

Services

Adele Pentony-Graham wants information about Carterton ancestors buried at Featherston Military Cemetery or trained at Featherston for WWI. pentonygraham@xtra.co.nz

Aged Concern. Coffee Mornings: Carterton/Greytown, third Thursday of each month, 10 am Meeting Room, Carterton Events Centre, Carterton. Speaker on 16 March, Manager from Public Trust. Free transport available if required. Cost \$3. Raffle \$1. Contact Annette Peters, 377 0066.

Alcoholics Anonymous. 8 pm Mondays. Salvation Army community rooms, 210 High Street South. Dennis 377 5355, Martin 372 7764.

Carterton Baptist Church. Service 10 am, Sunday morning. Come and find a friendly home and meet our new minister, Wayne Poutoa. All welcome.

Carterton Community dinner. Reformed Congregation Church Hall, 6 Howard Street, 24 November, 6 pm. All welcome. RSVP 379 7937.

Carterton Free Soup night. Reformed Congregation Church Hall, 17 December, 5 pm. All welcome. 379 7937.

Carterton Foodbank: Answerphone: 379 4092

Central Lions. First and third Wednesdays, Club Carterton, 35 Broadway. First Wednesday, dinner meeting, 6 pm. Third Wednesday, supper meeting, 6.45 pm. Nita Edwards 027 247 8441.

Club Carterton. www.club-carterton.com Facebook.

Epilepsy Support Group. Mondays 11 am, Salvation Army office, 210 High Street South. 0800 20 21 22.

Justices of the Peace. Every Friday, 12 noon–2 pm, Carterton Library.

Lions Club: Second and fourth Wednesdays, Club Carterton, 35 Broadway. 5.45 pm, socialising. 6.30 pm meeting, followed by dinner. Contact: Des Heath 379 6483, 021 0237 5286.

Masterton Toastmasters. Heart of Arts, 47 High Street. Every second Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Jill Greathead 379 6193.

Rotary Club. 6.15 pm Mondays. Club Carterton, 35 Broadway. Kevin Conroy 379 9304.

Senior Citizens. 150 High Street North. New members welcome. Yvonne 379 9298, Francie 379 7719. Hall hire \$10 per hour.

Silver Club. (Formerly Probus) Last Tuesday of month, 10 am, Events Centre. Jeanne 379 5444.

Social Services Hub – Haumanu House: Courts, Community Law, Wairarapa Free Budgeting, Care NZ, Pathways, Probation, Workwise, Hauora, Whaiaora, Inland Revenue. Entrance behind clock tower.

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

Fairs, markets

Farmers' Market. Sundays, 9–12.30 pm, Memorial Square. info@cartertonmarket.co.nz

Sport, fitness, movement

Basketball. Mondays 7 pm, Kuranui College gym. \$2 koha. Facebook: Wairarapa Basketball Society.

Carterton Bowling & Croquet Club. Bowls. Club days: Tuesdays and Saturdays 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm start. Association Croquet. Thursdays and Sundays 9.15 am for 9.30 am start. Golf Croquet. Wednesdays and Saturdays 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm start.

Clareville Badminton Club. Clareville Stadium. Racquets available. \$5 casual. \$100 for season. Steve Ruscoe 027 333 3975

Dalefield Hockey Club. Premier teams, men's and women's teams, school children's teams, Clareville. Leanne Percy 379 9096, Gail Miller, 379 8341.

Free Fit Club. Carrington Park. 6 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. 11 am Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays. All welcome. Di Bailey 027 498 7261.

Carterton Golf Club Inc: Veterans Men and Women Tuesdays 9.30 am tee-off; **Nine holes men and women** Tuesday 11.30 am. **Women 18 holes** Wednesdays 10.00 am tee-off, **9 holes** 11.00 am tee-off.

Greytown Community Gym. Work out for \$25 a month. Modern equipment, open 24/7, no joining fee. Andrew Baily Gibson 021 227 6634

HIIT classes. High Intensity Interval Training with Anaru and Dallas Te Rangi. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 am. Most weekdays 4.30 pm. Gain Momentum, Holloway Street. Facebook: HIIT FIIT, strength, cardio, circuit.

Indoor bowls. South Wairarapa WC Thursdays 7.30 pm Jackie Whittington 377 1512. Clareville Mondays 7.30 pm Tom Bubb rooms Clareville Showgrounds Colleen Larkin 379 8399.

Karate. South End School Hall, Thursdays 6 pm. Thomas Duncan 027 302 8923, 06 308 8844.

Ruamahanga Ramblers, social running and walking group. Tuesdays, 6.15 pm. www.sportsground.co.nz/ruamahangaramblers. In addition this summer we are trialling some weekend runs/walks (cross country followed by a BBQ). No charge. Paul Furkert 379 5355.

Squash Club. Wednesday and Friday evenings. howardboothsquash@gmail.com

Swimming Club. Outdoor pool open 1 February to 12 March, weekdays 2 pm–6 pm. Weekends and Public Holidays 10 am–6 pm. Russell Geange 379 7750, Rick Anderson 021 943 410. Water aerobics Monday to Thursday 10 am. Indoor pool and key hire, Grant Crawford 379 6431.

Tai Chi. Wednesday 9.30–10.30 am. St Mark's Hall, Richmond Rd. \$6 per session.

Tennis Club. Midweek: Tuesday 9 am–noon all year round. Google us. Facebook. New members welcome.

The Dance Shed. 450 Belvedere Road, rock'n'roll and line dancing. Wendy Walker 027 319 9814.

Wairarapa Dance Club. Club Carterton. Second Fridays, 7.30–10.30 pm. Russell 377 1609.

Wairarapa Dog Training Club. Rally-O, obedience and agility classes. Google us.

Yoga with Odette. Beginners, Wednesday 9 am. All levels. Monday 7 pm. 75 Brooklyn Road, Carterton. 021 180 9452. Classes \$10.

Special Interests

Garden Group. Every second Tuesday, 1.30 pm. Vicki Waller 379 9080, rvwaller@xtra.co.nz

Carterton District Historical Society Inc. 44 Broadway, archive and research room open Tuesday and Saturday, 2–4 pm. Contacts: Alison 379 7827 and Diane 379 7150 carterton.hist.soc@gmail.co.nz

Holdsworth Women's Institute. West Taratahi Hall, every first Thursday, 1.30 pm. Colleen Bunning 379 8002.

Mangatarere Society. Help breathe life into our river: mangatarere. restoration@gmail.com

Menzshed. Tuesdays 9 am–1 pm, Saturdays 9 am–1 pm, Clareville complex, A&P Showgrounds. Follow the signs.

Railway Museum. Station. Sundays 11 am–4 pm. www.CartertonRailwayMuseum.org.nz

Rose Society. Every third Monday. Graeme Renall 379 7065, Chris Stewart 379 5959.

Phoenix Astronomical Society, Stonehenge Aotearoa, open 10 am–4 pm Wednesday to Sunday; closed 24–26 December, open 27 December–29 January. Guided tours 11 am weekends and holidays.

The Wairarapa Woodworkers Guild meets 7 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at Carterton Menz Shed, Clareville Complex. All welcome. Secretary 379 9198 or email se_edwards@xtra.co.nz

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club. Every first Monday 7.30 pm, except statutory holidays, Clareville Showgrounds, Chester Road. Gary or Barbara Lang 372 7593.

Let us know what's on: crier.ed@gmail.com



Garden trail wants your help

The Carterton Town & Country Garden Trail will take a break until 2018. This year, in its place we will run a plant stall at Carterton Daffodil Day. If anyone can help us out with cuttings or seedlings we would be grateful. We can even come to you and take the cuttings or pot up the seedlings. Contact Maureen through the Carterton School office, 379 4010.

Greytown Concert – Old and New

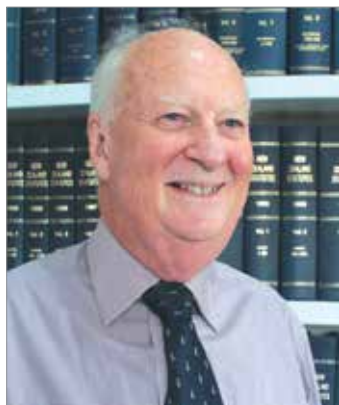
Virtuoso violinist, Professor Mark Menzies, originally from Hawke's Bay, has returned to New Zealand to take up the position of Head of Performance at the Canterbury University School of Music after twenty years in the States. He has established a world-wide reputation as a violinist, violist, pianist, composer, conductor and teacher and has specialised in contemporary music.

For this concert Mark plans to bring fellow musicians from Christchurch and play a varied range of music for strings and piano ranging from Biber and Bach to excerpts from his own composition *22 New Zealand Birds*, inspired by memories of birds from his rural upbringing.

The players will perform some of the music on violins, violas and cello made by Greytown lawyer-turned-luthier, Ed Cooke.

To book, ring Ed and Juliet Cooke on 06 304 9497 after 10 April. Admission \$25, students \$10.

Mark Menzies concert, 57 Wood Street, Greytown at 4 pm on Sunday 23 April.



At Mark Menzies concert on 23 April the players will perform some of the music on violins, violas and cello made by host and Greytown lawyer-turned-luthier, Ed Cooke. Photo WCM Legal, Carterton.

The South Wairarapa Bridge Club

There's an activity in town that draws people in and, some would say, is so seductive that it makes them obsessive. Adrenaline levels rush, emotions flare and the heart can thump with excitement and occasionally fear. And all this happens sitting down.

Twice weekly, on Monday and Thursday nights, up to 52 people, aged from early teens to nearly 90, hunch over tables in the Greytown Town Centre. Through a series of clues they work hard to make their partners (usually not marital) understand what wonderful potential lies in the 13 cards they clench in their hands. With a successful understanding a partnership can make magic almost equivalent to winning Lotto. If not, then the misery is re-enacted in the mind over and over at 2 am. Whatever the outcome this is called *The Best Game in Town* or duplicate bridge with the South Wairarapa Bridge Club.

If you already have some knowledge then join us now and, if you want to learn, lessons for 2017 will start on 25 July.

Membership secretary, Helen, 304 8685, swbridge@xtra.co.nz



Carterton midwife, Marilyn Smethurst, relaxes, playing bridge.

Equinox and visions of the cosmos

The autumn equinox occurred on Monday 20 March. Equinox means equal day equal night and around the world on this day the sun was above the horizon for exactly 12 hours. At the equator at noon the sun passed directly overhead and cast no shadows. Also on this day the sun rose due east and set due west which it does on only two days of the year – the spring and autumn equinoxes.

The equinoxes were celebrated from the earliest of times, and from culture to culture every major religious festival around the world is identified with a solstice or an equinox. For example, Matariki was originally identified with the spring equinox.

At Stonehenge Aotearoa, visitors were able to observe the sun set on the equinox heelstone which it does on the two equinoxes. Before sunset there was a special presentation on the ancient tales of the equinox – the origins of Easter, Halloween, and the meaning of the *Dance of the Seven Veils*. Following sunset we had a shared meal, and did we have a feast! The autumn equinox is past, Persephone and Tamuz have returned to the underworld and thus, winter is on its way.

In April, at Stonehenge Aotearoa, we travel from the ancient world to the modern frontiers of astronomy. Come with us and explore the wonders of the universe as seen through the giant eye of the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Tuesday 25 April is the 27th anniversary of the launch of the HST. Starting at 7 pm we have a special visual presentation of its discoveries followed by observing through our large telescope, weather permitting.

Bookings essential. 377 1600, www.stonehenge-aotearoa.co.nz.

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at Stonehenge Aotearoa - 7pm Tuesday April 25
phone (06) 377 1600

Read the book or see the film?

We kicked off this month's book club meeting with a reading from Fredrik Backman's recent novella, *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer*, which deals with an elderly mathematician's struggles as he and his family deal with his progressive memory loss. Warm, touching and funny, the novella is much in the same vein as Backman's previous books which deal with strong and eccentric characters.

Several members had read Backman's first book, *A Man Called Ove*, which led to a discussion of book versus film. The room was divided over whether one should read the book first or see the film adaptation first. Some members prefer to read the book first so they can enjoy it without their reading being coloured by a director's or actor's interpretation of the work. Others prefer to watch the film first because, as the book is invariably better, why bother seeing the film? We talked about other film adaptations of books, looking at how and why stories might be changed in order to make them suitable for film.

Going around the table we talked about our favourite reads this month. Recommendations included Peter James's thrillers, particularly the Roy Grace series, Lesley Pearce's Australian-set saga *Trust Me*, which deals with orphans transported to Australia in the 1950s and how they cope with the harsh new life they are dropped into, and Guy Clapshaw's *Tasman Echo Alpha* which recounts the writer's experiences working for TEAL and Air New Zealand in the golden years of airline travel.

**Anne Hughes, Library Services Manager,
Carterton Library**



And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer by the writer of A Man Called Ove.

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Council Clippings

Work on Hinau Gully Bridge

Some of the timber decking on the Hinau Gully bridge failed last year leading to a temporary patch. Council has now received plans for a new concrete deck. The work will close the bridge for twelve days. The closure should be timed to coincide with school holidays so as to minimise disruption, but no date has yet been set.

Storm devastates water catchment

The February storm had devastating effects on Carterton's water catchment area in the Kaipaitangata river. It was heavy rain by any measure but the narrow confines of the river-bed and gully compounded the problem. The Regional Council's rain-measuring devices in the vicinity showed the hour of rain as not particularly heavy but in the Kaipaitangata river-bed that downpour was probably over a thirty minute period, making it around a one-in-sixty-year event. The flood washed away two, concrete, water intake structures and for a period Carterton was dependent upon bore water supplies.

Small community, strongly engaged

The Council's public workshops on urban growth were reported to the Policy and Strategy Committee. The two consistent themes were heavy traffic and parking. Housing development out to the east was favoured by the groups and suggestions that Clareville become a more



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intensive light-industry area were generally rejected. Sixty people attended the workshops. Someone commented that if the same proportion of the public attended a similar meeting in the Auckland, their council would need a venue seating 10,000. The committee meeting was held on the day of the announcement of plans for combining the local councils so one wonders what the turnout would be post merger. Councillor Deller commented, "Smaller communities are often more engaged."

Don Farr

Council to consult on rates rise

Council adopted the draft annual plan for 2017/18 in March and will consult on issues that have a financial impact on rate payers. Details and submission forms are in the consultation document available from www.cdc.govt.nz and distributed to all Carterton households with the *Wairarapa Midweek* newspaper. Extra copies are available at the council offices and library on Holloway Street.

Average rates in Carterton are set to rise by 3.6% due to the sewage treatment upgrade at Daleton Farm; however Mayor John Booth is happy that council officers have kept the cost of maintaining council activities other than sewerage to a 0.8% increase.

"Transparency for ratepayers is key," he said. "Our biggest issue is finding a way to eventually discharge all our treated effluent water to land in a way that is affordable for our small community."

Council's objective is to put in place an affordable regime that minimises the discharge of effluent to the Mangatarere Stream, and achieves swimmable water flows downstream of the discharge point.

"From an environmental and cultural perspective, we believe that it is the right thing to do, but it will come at a cost to urban rate payers", says Mayor Booth. The draft document proposes to reduce the rates increase impact by deferring the reservoir at Daleton Farm for twelve months.

The consultation period ends on Monday 24 April.



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Carterton Central Lions

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Carterton Central Lions recently held their annual Bubbly Breakfast. It was well supported by the community of Carterton with 109 people attending. We also baked cakes which were auctioned by Robin Parker along with the table flower arrangements which had been created by Margaret Doyle. The auction was well received and entertaining with some cakes reaching as much as \$65. A total of \$426 was raised from the auction with a further \$314 from the raffle. A total of \$2,000 was raised for the Life Flight Trust. Thank you to everybody who attended. It was a great way to spend a Sunday morning with good fellowship and proceeds going to a great cause.

Nita Edwards



Central Lions' Bubbly Breakfast where some cakes reached an auction price of \$65.

Lions Club of Carterton

Ears to you

Liz Kirkland, ear health nurse from *Ears to you*, Wairarapa Ear Health Clinic, gave a thorough ear examination to Lions Club of Carterton members at a recent meeting.

After Lion, Alan James, found out for himself what a tremendous job Liz does of clearing wax from ears he asked her to speak at one of our regular tea meetings and she jumped at the opportunity. She enjoyed giving some members a ribbing for putting items like cotton buds, pens and skewers in their ears.

Liz examined our members individually for excess wax or ear complaints and joked that some of us could have worked on *The Hobbit* movies with the excess hair growing out of their ear canals. She spent a good 45 minutes of her time looking through an Otoscope, with quite a number of our members needing to make a future appointment with an ear health nurse.

She mentioned the importance of getting your ears checked regularly by a qualified ear health nurse who can sometimes detect serious underlying health issues.

We thank Liz for taking time out to visit our club.

Steve Cretney



Lion, Pascoe Reynolds, receives his ear check up.

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Continuing Part 1 of Carl Reller's A Natural History of the Wairarapa: The Land Before People

Indigenous Flora, Fauna and Peoples BC (before cows)

Starting at the top in the Tararuas, New Zealand's first Forest Conservation Park, three main types of vegetation cloak the land: alpine tussock and scrub, subalpine silver beech forest, and lowland conifer-broadleaf forest. The 'climax forest' is conifer-broadleaf and beech.

Mountain habitat is home to korimako, tui, kakariki, piwakawaka, ruru, kereru and extinct huia. The long- and short-tailed bat, tree weta, skinks, geckos and Wainua snail also live there.

Lowlands habitats around Lake Wairarapa shelter ducks, shags, gulls and terns. Birds found there include the tete, pukeko and kaki.

Coastal areas comprised of open rocky coast without harbours and few tidal inlets shelter tarapunga, kawau, tuturiwhata and katipo spider. Fur seals have re-established a breeding colony at Cape Palliser.

Māori first settled in Palliser Bay in the 14th century. Later, people from the Rangitane, Ngāti Ira and Ngāti Kahungunu tribes established a strong presence in the region.

Rangitane migrated south from Heretaunga (around Hastings) to occupy Tamakinui-a-Rua (Dannevirke) and Wairarapa. Ngāti Ira left Tolaga Bay when their leader Te Whakaumu decided to join Wairarapa relatives. Te Whakaumu married Hineiputerangi, the daughter of the Rangitane leader Te Whakamana, and settled in Palliser Bay. Their descendants later moved to Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington).

Ngāti Kahungunu arrived after their leader Rakaiverohia died in battle. Fearing further losses, his son Te Rangitawhanga led the tribe

from Heretaunga to family living at Lake Ōnoke. Wanting to settle, they offered the Rangitane leader Te Rerewa patu, mere and garments in exchange for land. He replied, 'I will not part with my home for your cloaks, but I should do so for the canoes of your ancestors.' A swap took place, and Te Rerewa moved to the South Island with some of his people. This roughly coincides with the migration from Palliser Bay in the 1600s.



The Tararuas, New Zealand's first Forest Conservation Park.

The old steam flour mill

No-one coming into Carterton can avoid seeing the old steam flour mill – a remarkable four-story, wooden building and unique, historic structure on the corner of High and Wakelin Streets. E.L.Wakelin set up a mill beside the Mangatarere stream in 1863, its machinery presumably driven by water power. In 1881 the machinery was shifted to the current building. The steam engine was on the ground floor and it drove belts which operated plant right up to the top floor.

The system also relied on gravity which meant that newly arrived bags of wheat had to be carried by mill workers right up to the top floor where the wheat was cleaned and then fed into shafts to begin its downward drop; first to the third floor where the wheat was stone ground, then in bags to the second floor for storage and loading onto trucks through an external chute.

It wasn't until 1926 that the plant was driven by electricity and those bag carriers who had survived the daily grind could retire. Wheat was still sent to the top floor but by an electrically-powered worm drive shaft.

Wakelin, who had previously worked as a baker, also built and owned a bakery which was next door to the mill on the Wakelin Street corner.

Don Farr



In the old flour mill's heyday, bags of wheat had to be carried to the top floor where the wheat was cleaned and then fed into shafts to begin its downward drop. Picture Don Farr.

This article is part of the Carterton Sustainable Homes Showcase and Tour, www.projectwairarapa.org.nz.

Recycling wastewater into clean water

Tracey and her partner Jim's house in Admiral Road, Gladstone, was built with sustainability in mind. They run five-star-lodge accommodation from their home so there needs to be spare capacity, as paying guests may not share their energy and water saving ideals.

Gladstone can get very dry in summer and the house is not connected to a town water supply. Four water tanks give them 110,000 litres of water storage for those long, dry, summer months. They have low-water-use toilets, showers and washing machine. Only their courtyard and food gardens get watered from the tanks. Any trees Tracey plants are drought tolerant and must go it alone. She will plant and mulch and what does well she plants more of.

Tracey and Jim recycle their used water through a sequential four-chamber



Tracey O'Callaghan and Dexter check the sequential four-chamber grey and blackwater system. Photo Marty Sebire.

grey and blackwater system. Each chamber consecutively sloshes, aerates, and uses beneficial microorganisms to break down the waste which is then pumped to the next chamber to be further refined. In theory, the water coming out of the fourth chamber is good enough

to drink. Tracey and Jim won't put this to the test but instead use the water to irrigate trees planted on their boundary.

Other sustainable features include: fourteen grid-linked solar panels generating up to twenty-five units a day in summer; double glazing; double burning, high efficiency jetmaster fires; infinity gas hot water so that water is only heated as it is needed; a fully insulated house with polystyrene under the floor and in the walls; and wool insulation in walls and ceilings.

Marty Sebire

New, free budgeting-service for Wairarapa

Building Financial Capability is a new budgeting-service being delivered by Connecting Communities Wairarapa. It's for individuals and families who may be experiencing financial hardship or need some help with their financial situation.

The new budgeting service matches financial mentors to clients and helps support them to develop a budget, set financial goals and create a tailored plan to work towards financial independence.

Volunteers needed

Connecting Communities is looking for volunteers to take up financial mentor roles. Having a great understanding of finance is not the priority; we are looking for volunteer mentors who are great at getting along with people and are able to support clients to be confident to achieve their financial goals. The needs of the clients, their families and whanau are at the centre of our service and you will be helping us to make sure that they receive the right support.

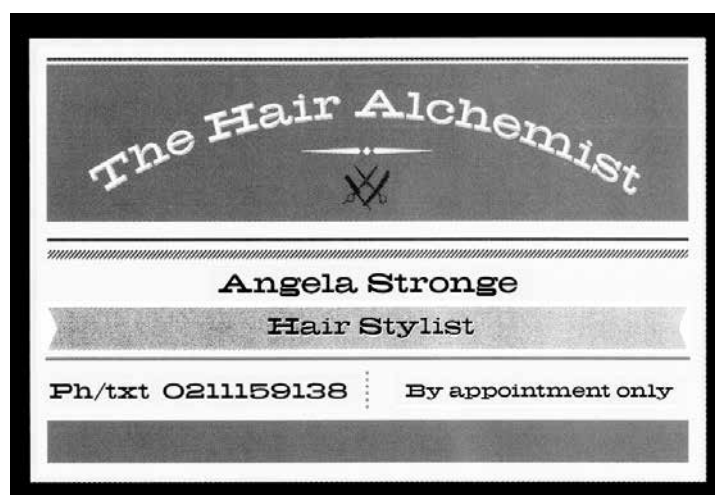
Volunteers will work with clients one-on-one either at a client's home or at the Connecting Communities office in Masterton. We have some great user-friendly material to support your work.

Training will be given to all volunteers and hours are flexible to suit you and your client.

We are excited about this new service and have first-hand experience of the real difference it makes for a family when they have the confidence to manage their finances well.

Contact: Glenda Seville, coordinator – Connecting Communities Wairarapa, 41 Perry Street, Masterton 377 3115, 027 308 719, glenda@connectingcommunities.org.nz, www.connectingcommunities.org.nz/building-financial-capabilities

Rachael Dell



Eco options at Carterton Playcentre

Carterton Playcentre has been considering their impact on the environment lately and the parents have reached agreement on some new initiatives.

This autumn they are getting ready to develop an orchard at the south-west of the building supported by a Carterton District Council funding grant.

Following the footsteps of 'boomerang bags' Playcentre families want to reduce the use of plastic bags by sewing up 'wet bags' for parents to take home wet clothes and laundry in. The bags can then be washed with the laundry and returned for another use.

They have also started offering Eco-Store product refills such as dishwash liquid, multi-cleaner and hand soap. People can come in with their empty bottles and get products at a reduced rate for refilling while also contributing to Playcentre fundraising and helping the environment by reducing plastic bottles. They also have access to the full range of Eco-Store products that are not always available in supermarkets but which can be ordered through the Playcentre.



James-Lawrence at work at Carterton Playcentre.

We are beside Howard Booth Park on Belvedere Road.

We're open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for people to come and purchase Eco-Store refill products.

Littlies go to Te Papa

Nursery rhymes and children's music played while we drove over the hill. We waited as traffic reduced to one lane and we got to watch cherry pickers and workers pruning the trees back. We waved to the man controlling the traffic and rolled on towards Wellington. Lisa kept up with the children's questions and observations while Anita concentrated on the road. In the Te Papa car park we got out the fluoro jackets, name badges and lunch-boxes. Daringly, we took the escalator to the first floor. Next we rode in the elevator.

The entrance to the bug exhibition was dark. The music was eerie and the place a little mystical as our eyes adjusted. Praying mantises were camouflaged to look like giant pink orchids. They struck a majestic and slightly intimidating pose. There were dancing dragonflies and hopping frogs.

We headed downstairs to see the sea creatures, then had another snack before we hit the road again. We waved goodbye to the city, full of talk about our favourite parts of Te Papa.



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South End Kindergarten

Kids take part in safety talks

The children of South End Kindergarten are enjoying the benefits of our new shade-sail which now protects our safety surface in the outdoors environment.

The poles for the sail were erected during session time and the children were able to observe the construction work being carried out and used this occasion as a learning experience.

The children contributed to ideas about how to keep safe from harm during the process and some even wore their high visibility apparel and safety helmets on the day.

An area that once was hot and exposed is now a welcoming space, very well utilised by all of our tamariki.

Cindy Cooper, Teacher



A welcoming space – well used by the tamariki.

Top health award for Carterton Kindy

Carterton Kindergarten has held Healthy Heart Awards for the last seven years but this is the first time we have achieved the top Pa-Harakeke award. To gain this, children and families have been recognising the importance of healthy food and exercise to promote healthy hearts.

Helen Waldron, Head Teacher, 379 8102



Kindy children wear red to receive the Pa-Harakeke award.

Rose Society notes

Autumn blooms

In established gardens there will be a glorious flush of blooms from summer-trimmed roses. The blooms are of better colour and will last much longer than the spring flowers and there are more of them, too, as the plants are bigger.

Keep spraying to catch any late aphids as they can cause sooty mould: a black fungus which grows on the exuded honeydew.

For new beds, add lime to acid soil and gypsum to alkaline soil and add compost to improve the content. Dig over if you like but you can just spread these additives onto the surface and let the rain and worms do the rest.

Decide on any plants to be replaced and remove them as soon as possible.

Cuttings can be taken now with a good chance of success. To be certain of getting some to strike take a few regularly from now until July pruning time.

Graeme Renall, Rose Society, 379 7065



Autumn roses



South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club

Workies Whispers

Club News: Credence Clearwater Revival Tribute band will perform on Saturday 29 April in the Russell Lounge. Tickets \$15.00, available at the club bar.

Snooker: Opening night, Tuesday 18 April, 7 p.m. New players most welcome.

Outdoor Bowls: The Roy Ingle Trophy was held at the end of February. Trophy winners were Darren Meyrik and Gary Jonis.

Club 60: Meets on the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday 24 April at 1.30 pm with pool, cards, housie (not for money). We end the afternoon with a chat over a cuppa.

Petone WMC will visit on Wednesday 19 April, arriving around 11 am. Our caterers are putting on a two-course lunch. We look forward to a good turnout of our members to welcome and entertain our visitors.

Fishing: A nine-member team travelled to the Coromandel on the 6 March for the Annual North v South fishing competition. Unfortunately the northern storms put an end to activities and they returned home after a day to avoid getting trapped up there.

Darts: We fielded 28 players at the Chartered Club's North Island Darts Tournament hosted by the Porirua Club. Moko and Shona Namana were fifth equal in the women's plate pairs and Shona was ninth equal in the women's singles.

Pool: Our Adjunct member Bill Hemi entered the Chartered Club Master Pool Singles last month in Hamilton and came runner-up in the Plate Competition. Well done Bill!

An Alien Rocket is landing

The Wairarapa Balloon Festival announces the Alien Rocket – a new balloon that will land at various locations at Easter. At a height of 29 metres, the balloon is as tall as a ten-storey building and will be at the Wairarapa festival from 13-17 April.

Designed and built by the pilot, Canadian Alain Bard, it will join High Kitty and 24 other hot air balloons for the festival. Bard is excited to be visiting New Zealand. "I've travelled to over 40 countries so far," he says, "I am really looking forward to flying the Alien Rocket over the Wairarapa and hopefully inspiring a new generation of kids to find out more about space, astronomy and to learn about our fragile existence on this planet."

Check Alain out on FB <http://facebook.com/alienrocket>. Visit www.nzballoons.co.nz for further information and like us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Contact: Robyn Cherry-Campbell,
021 155 6821,
wairarapaballoons@gmail.com



The Alien Rocket was designed and built by the pilot, Canadian Alain Bard who will accompany it to New Zealand at the Easter Balloon Festival.

Club Carterton

Anyone for Mahjong?

As the weather cools and the nights draw in, there is lots to do at the club. Join us for Housie on a Monday at 7 pm. If you have a free afternoon try out Mahjong on Tuesdays and cards on Wednesday. The darts adjunct meets on Sundays at 1 pm and the indoor bowls season has recently started.

Club nights are on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, contact Ray, 379 8242. Both adjuncts welcome new members of all abilities. We also offer free pool and snooker.

Lions and Rotary hold their meetings at the club. Contact us for more information. Look out for information of live music and other events.

Club nights are on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and meals are available on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The club is available for private functions seven days a week. If you have a celebration coming up contact us. We will work with you to make it an event to remember.

2017/2018 memberships are available now, 06 379 8069, email carterton.club@xtra.co.nz or visit our website and Facebook page.

Support your local club. You can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome.

Chris Lisle



Try out Mahjong on Tuesdays.

Beware: zebra crossing!

It has been a long time coming but with constant requests to the Council, and from the Council to the Transport Agency, a zebra crossing across High Street outside the Carterton Medical Centre has been approved.

We can't call it a pedestrian crossing (although we all will) because that is the TANZ term for a crossing with traffic lights, so zebra crossing it is.

The crossing will have a slight hump in it, a rise of 50mm to make it more obvious to highway traffic and also to encourage slow-down.

The Council committee meeting confirming the crossing also discussed the possible loss of a car park outside the Medical Centre to provide clear space and sight lines. The good news is that safe access across the road will open up safer access to parking space on the western side of High Street.

The kerb on each side of the road will be built out so that waiting pedestrians can be seen by motorists, but not so far as to hinder cyclists.

Don Farr



This is where the new crossing will go. Picture Jan Farr.

The facts about microchipping your dog

There are five categories of dogs that must be microchipped: All dogs registered in New Zealand for the first time from July 1, 2006, except working farm dogs. All classified dangerous dogs, classified menacing dogs and dogs impounded for the second time, including working farm dogs. Working dogs are defined in the Dog Control Act 1996 as 'any dog kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or driving stock'.

Dogs must be registered first before chipping. Owners are required to have their dog chipped within two months of registering.

Failure to cause your dog to be microchipped may result in an infringement fine of \$300.00.

Microchipping is a simple life-long way of identifying dogs and linking them to their owner, making dog control easier and more effective. It can also save the dog owner the costs of impounding if the dog can be identified and returned to its owner.

The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is inserted into the scruff of your dog's neck. It contains a number that belongs only to your dog. Owners are required to provide the microchip number to their local council dog control so the number can be uploaded onto the National Dog Database (NDD).

Officers carry microchip readers to scan dogs. The readers show only the number and not the owner's contact details. Officers must enter the number into the NDD for the owner's contact details which can only be found if the owner has advised dog control of the microchip number.

Karen Schischka, Animal and Dog Control Officer, Carterton



Clear your driveway for firefighters

Last month saw the brigade respond to a medical emergency on a rural property with a long driveway to the house. Trees and foliage growing over the driveway prevented both the fire appliance and ambulance access up the drive resulting in a delayed time for the patient to receive help. Please take the time to check that your driveway has enough room to drive a truck up. If not you may need to do some pruning. Those extra seconds or minutes it takes to carry equipment on foot instead of driving to the door may just be the difference we need to prevent loss from fire or flooding or even to save a life!

Letter box numbers

While you check the driveway also have a look at the numbers on your letter box and those of your neighbours. Are they there and clearly visible? You would be surprised how many letterboxes or gates have no numbers. This also makes it difficult to find your property in a hurry.

Clean chimneys

With the short-lived summer over and colder months ahead, now is also the time to get your chimney cleaned. Professionals will sweep the chimney and perform a safety check of your flu and firebox to reduce the chance of a chimney fire and make them more efficient.

Waterways team

The Carterton waterway teams have had a busy



few months. The four-man team had another successful season, winning the Wairarapa Sub Association and Region 2 competitions. They came second at the North Island's competition and third at the Nationals held up in Kamo. The newer two-man team has also made progress taking out the Wairarapa sub-association cup and moving up a few spots at the Nationals. A social team has just also returned from competing in Bendigo, Australia.

Stay safe.

Gary McMillen, Senior Firefighter



Please take the time to check that your driveway has enough room to drive a truck up.

Rail collection grows

Recently we had an enquiry from the daughter of a railway enthusiast in Raumati asking if the Carterton Railway Museum would be interested in her father's considerable collection of railway books and magazines. She wanted it to go somewhere where it would be appreciated and though she had approached other similar organisations closer to home no one was interested. We were more than happy to provide a home for the collection. We arranged a time to receive the material and showed the donors around the railway station and museum.

Name the children

Help still required identifying unnamed children from the last ever Wairarapa school train photo. If you can help us fill in the missing names, drop into the Carterton Railway station on a Sunday between 11 am – 4 pm.

Don Hodge, Carterton Railway Museum



The rail museum benefits from Raumati collection of railway books donated by two members of the Mill family and a close family friend.

Wairarapa Road Safety Council Easter travel

Here are some popular excuses for bad driving and our answers.

We crash because of our terrible roads. We have challenging geography with a long roading network, much of it rural. It's common sense to slow down and drive to the conditions.

The speed limit on this road is wrong. A recently completed speed review means that some speeds limits may change. Until then, don't speed. Travelling too fast for the conditions accounts for a third of all fatal crashes.

The Police are revenue collectors. Any money from speed cameras and tickets goes to the government, not the police.

Drivers of motor-homes cause crashes and police do nothing. Some larger vehicles legally have to travel slower so be patient. Most owners are courteous but, if not, use the Police *555 system.

Texting and calling is 'safe as': This is rubbish...distracted drivers are 23 times more likely to crash than drivers concentrating on the road.

I drive better after a couple of drinks. Does anyone still believe this? If you plan on drinking, plan ahead for a sober driver or alternative transport. If you drink to the small hours you may be over the legal level the following day.


I can drive the whole way without a stop and get there early. Why risk losing concentration or falling asleep? Share the driving, have regular stops, snacks and water, and get plenty of rest before the trip.

Our three Ps:

- **Plan** your journey – route, stops and driver changes
- A little bit of **Patience** makes a safe journey
- Take **Personal responsibility** – no phones, drugs, excessive speed or risky driving behaviour.

And always wear a seatbelt. We wish you a safe and happy Easter.

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Dear Agony Aunty...



My friend is forgetful

Dear AA,

I have a dear, older friend, as we all should. We once worked together.

She is in her late 70s (I am in my late 50s) and I have noticed her memory slips are becoming more frequent.

I don't have a problem with that, it's normal, but it gets tricky when she insists that she didn't forget. I have to bite my tongue to stop from correcting her or showing her phone messages to prove to her that the misunderstanding was on her part.

I feel awful and almost treacherous thinking these thoughts and I don't want us to have meaningless falling out at this late stage. Any tips for me going forward?

Short Term Memories

Dear STM,

You are, in my opinion, doing everything right. Be graceful and kind. Vent your frustration if you need to, in a trusted and discreet way, but continue to make every effort not to snap at someone who is experiencing the effects of age.

If it becomes really confronting then you may need to find a calm and kind way to indicate to your friend that the missed connection may have originated with her but try to avoid a moment where you produce a file of evidence that shows it's her fault. Lean towards a more collegial tone where you say, "I wonder if my phone's not working. Could we check what you sent me in case I need to get it fixed?"

I try to behave like this with my elderly relatives in the fervent hope that people will return the favour when my memory is collapsing like a brittle meringue while I wrestle with new technology!

Agony Aunty

Please send your questions for Agony Aunty to:
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Letters

Ellen Dougherty

– world's first registered nurse

I have a strong interest in the Early Settlers' Cemetery. In 1999 we found the grave of the first registered nurse in the world: Ellen Dougherty. I was so enthralled with that that I approached the Nursing Council in Wellington. They asked me to get a quote for the restoration of the grave and said that they would pay for it. When it was blessed we held a gathering there for the Centenary of Nursing. I was also able to attend celebrations down at Parliament with the then President of the Carterton District Historical Society.

In my opinion the Historical Society is incorrect in saying that Peg Boden (obituary, March issue) was their member for 30 years. I believe it was more like 17 years. My husband had passed away in 2000 (22 March) and that Christmas Peg Boden invited me and a friend to Christmas dinner with her family. She was a new member of the Historical Society and although I hardly knew her we had a lovely Christmas with her and her family.

I would also like people to remember the late Lottie Warrington who died before Christmas. She was a founder member of the Carterton District Historical Society and is now up at Clareville Cemetery. She kept in touch with us all after moving to Auckland over the years and always remembered the society. She had worked with husband Roland at R J Warrington – South End Garage. They built that business. RIP Lottie!

I loved reading about James Cox in Miles Fairburn's book. Sadly his grave in Greytown was without a headstone so I paid for one some years ago. If anyone is interested I can take you there.

Adele Pentony-Graham, Carterton



The first registered nurse in the world: Ellen Dougherty – buried in the Early Settlers' Cemetery.



Wairarapa Vintage Car Club

Rex Porter Memorial Rally

On 11 March we held our major event of the year, the Rex Porter Memorial Rally. The route took 29 competitors over a varied route through Ponatahi to Martinborough and back through the Longbush Valley to Tauerau and then on to Masterton.

Members had a picnic lunch at the Masterton Men's Shed. Some of our members are involved in Men's Shed activities and it was an opportunity to inspect the work at this valued facility.

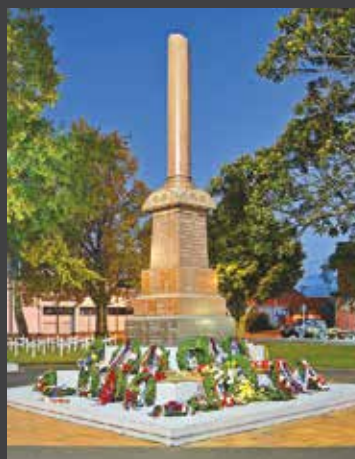
In the afternoon the event travelled to Mauriceville through the Whangaehu Valley before returning to our Clareville clubrooms for afternoon tea.

Two very interesting cars on the rally were Francis Pointon's newly restored 1934 Ford V8 Coupe – directly from the Bonnie and Clyde era – and a 1924 Dodge truck as seen in the Depression era in the Midwest U.S.

Enquiries – Barbara or Gary Lang, Tel 06 372 7593



Francis and Gaye Pointon in their Ford V8 Coupe at the Rex Porter Memorial Rally. Photo Kevin Ball



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