

13 September 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUEST 2021-86

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2021 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"...A part of my nursing assessment I am researching about a district and how the data I find out can impact on health and health behaviours. I was just looking at the annual report ending 30th June 2020 and noticed that of the \$13,747,597 received from rates, \$4,092,337 was allocated to community support. Are you please able to email me what 'community support' covers and a breakdown of where that sum of money was allocated?"

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to your request is provided in the table below which shows how the funds were allocated:

Community Support covers	
Community Services	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	972,013
EVENTS CENTRE	748,719
LIBRARY	735,060
Parks & reserves	
URBAN PARKS & RESERVES	1,074,799
RURAL RESERVES	71,179
FORESTRY	8,628
Community Amenities	
CEMETERY	183,473
SWIMMING BATHS	185,224
RESTROOMS	35,212
HOLIDAY PARK	78,030
	4,092,337

Attached as **Appendix 1**, a section of the 2020 annual report which explains what is included in the Community Support activity. You can find more information on the 2020, and previous, annual reports on the Carterton District Council website:

<https://cdc.govt.nz/your-council/publications/reports/>

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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Community support

This group of activities...

includes the following services and programmes:

Community development

- providing information, advice, and advocacy services to a wide range of people and community groups
- providing grants to initiatives that support our strategic objectives
- providing and supporting community facilities, amenities, and events
- supporting projects that encourage people to develop skills and increase employment opportunities
- supporting volunteer networks by providing volunteering opportunities.

Parks and reserves

- maintenance and ongoing development of Bird's, Carrington, Howard Booth, South End, Sparks, and Millennium Parks, Memorial Square, their facilities, and a number of small reserves
- acquisition of land for the extension of the parks and reserves network
- urban street mowing and maintenance of the various civic areas and recreation reserves scattered throughout the urban area
- maintenance and ongoing development of the district's rural reserves
- management of the Council's forestry assets at the Kaipaitangata and miscellaneous small roadside blocks.

Community amenities

- Carterton Events Centre
- Clareville Cemetery
- Outdoor Swimming Complex

- public toilets
- Carterton Holiday Park
- a number of Council-owned properties, some of which are leased.

...contributes to the community outcomes

A strong community

A prosperous economy

A healthy natural and built environment

A strong and effective Council

Quality fit for purpose infrastructure

Access to cultural and community development services builds social cohesion and contributes to overall cultural and social well-being. The Council contributes because it is part of the social fabric that makes the Carterton community vibrant and a great place to live in.

Providing grants supports a wide range of initiatives; encouraging healthy lifestyles, enhancing social cohesion, protecting people's health and safety, and ensuring people have access to basic needs.

Supporting volunteer networks retains knowledge, expertise and resources in the community.

Community facilities bring people together and help them to access opportunities. They also contribute to people's sense of belonging and pride.

Parks and reserves make an important contribution to the well-being and lifestyle of the community. They provide areas for relaxation, sporting activities, and green and attractive open spaces in built-up areas. The Council's continued involvement in parks and reserves is contained in the Reserves Management Act 1977, which requires the Council to preserve and manage for the benefit and enjoyment of the public land for recreational use whether active or passive.

Economic growth is vital to the development of the district and region. The Council contributes to economic development initiatives to support business growth, employment, and tourism to the district and region.

The maintenance and operation of a range of properties contributes to the overall well-being of the district's community, and is important to the economic and social fabric of the district.

Examples of Council activities that contributed to achieving outcomes

- Distribution of grants to community organisations that benefit Carterton residents
- Distributed small business grants to help local businesses to recover from the impacts of Covid-19
- Led the social wellbeing stream of the Covid-19 Recovery Plan
- Supported the Emergency Operations Centre to respond to Covid-19
- Continued our partnership provision of funding to Hurunui o Rangī Marae Partnership, Rangatahi ki Rangitira, Destination Wairarapa, Connecting Communities, Enviro-schools and the Youth in Education Training and Employment (REAP)
- Annual scholarships to UCOL and Outward Bound
- Facilitated community network meetings to encourage information sharing and collaboration to ensure comprehensive delivery of social services within Carterton
- Participated in the Youth, Employment, Training and Education (YETE) partnership
- Ran free school holiday programmes for youth and young adults
- Ran through the Library a coding club, watercolour painting club, book clubs for teens and adults and reading programmes for children to encourage wider reading and education, and a service to assist seniors to engage in the digital world
- Supported the community garden in collaboration with R2R, Resilient Carterton, , WaiArt and Wairarapa Herb Society
- Supported the Carterton Ka Pai committee to develop a community plan
- Completed the combined councils Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy
- Completed the combined councils Positive Ageing Strategy
- Continued support of the Waiwaste volunteer food rescue initiative
- Completed our Māori Engagement Action Plan to enhance Treaty obligations and partnerships
- Distributed funding to support local arts projects and supported place making projects
- Provided civic ceremonies to commemorate significant events and welcome new citizens
- Provided a free venue for the delivery of social services
- Provided community training for emergency preparedness
- Enhanced neighbourhood connections through the provision of Neighbourhood Support
- Provided affordable staging/lighting options for community events
- Managed the Carterton Community Courthouse allowing more affordable meeting spaces for community groups
- Supported the DHB with annual 'Big Latch On' and the following fundraising events: Wellington Free Ambulance, South Wairarapa Vets, Pukaha Mt Bruce, Rotary Book fair, St Mary's School Carterton School, Dalefield School , Age Concern Senior Expo , Kokomai , Meet the Candidates , Meet the Mayoral Candidates
- Initiated a free stage craft/technical workshop for college students in the Wairarapa held at the Events centre
- Ran craft events and hosting entertainers to encourage wider use of the library
- Managed the libraries and staff operations of the Wairarapa Library Service to ensure a cohesive and seamless service for customers
- 16 mature Eucalyptus trees were removed from the northern boundary of Clareville Cemetery and replacement trees were planted
- A new 2 burner BBQ and shelter were installed at Carrington Park
- Keep Carterton Beautiful Group (KCBG) continued to assist with hanging basket preparation, weeding and upkeep of reserves, painting assets and general maintenance
- 220 donated shrubs planted at West Taratahi Community Hall
- 3 fly dumping rubbish infringement notices were issued
- 3 remote location cameras were purchased to monitor remote reserves for trespassing and fly dumping.
- 800 shrubs donated by Peter Giddons as a carbon footprint mitigation contribution were planted at Clareville Cemetery, Mill Grove Reserve and at Wairaukau Rd.